



/// 2023/2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

INTRODUCTION

The City of Clearwater, Florida, has completed the planning process for the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of the Annual Action Plan is to identify anticipated resources and proposed projects to address the goals, objectives, and strategies of the City's Consolidated Plan spanning program years 2020/2021-2024/2025. The Consolidated Plan guides the use of City resources to address housing and community development needs over a five-year period. The 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan covers the fourth year of the five-year period.

The Annual Action Plan is developed in a manner specified by HUD, and the City has followed the prescribed format in completing the plan. During the planning process, the City published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and conducted a subrecipient grant application workshop (i.e., technical assistance meeting) that specifically consulted housing and public service providers. The City also convened meetings of the Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board (NAHAB) and Technical Review Committee to consider federal allocations and project applications and held public hearings with the NAHAB and City Council to approve the Annual Action Plan. The purpose of this process was to facilitate the submittal of applications for projects that will address the goals, objectives, and strategies during the fourth year of the Consolidated Plan's five-year period.

There are four (4) major areas of focus in the Consolidated Plan: Housing, Homelessness, Non-Housing Community Development and Non-Homeless Special Needs. The Annual Action Plan process requires the City to identify anticipated resources and proposed projects to address the priority needs for each area of focus. The planning process was critical in selecting projects to effectively address these priority needs.

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 City of Clearwater Consolidated Plan is structured around seven (7) goals in administering the City's housing and community development programs. Each goal is accompanied by corresponding objectives toward meeting that goal. These goals and objectives are as follows:

GOAL: PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTER THE CITY OF CLEARWATER'S FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT PROGRAMS TO IMPLEMENT THE GOALS OF THE FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN.

GOAL: HOUSING

PROVIDE AVAILABILITY OF, AND ACCESSIBILITY TO, DECENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER.

Objective 1: Preserve the existing housing stock.

Objective 2: Increase the availability of affordable housing units.

Objective 3: Assist qualified low- and moderate-income households to become homeowners through supporting agencies that provide housing counseling.

Objective 4: Provide mortgage assistance for low- and moderate-income homebuyers.

Objective 5: Provide rental and utility assistance for low- and moderate-income persons.

GOAL: HOMELESSNESS

HELP TO PREVENT AND REDUCE HOMELESSNESS WITHIN THE CITY OF CLEARWATER.

Objective 1: Support programs that offer shelter facilities and beds for the homeless.

Objective 2: Assist agencies that engage in homeless prevention and service programs.

GOAL: NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS

EXPAND THE ACCESSIBILITY AND COORDINATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO CITY OF CLEARWATER SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS.

Objective 1: Support construction, expansion, and improvement of facilities that assist the elderly, frail elderly, disabled, veterans, and other populations with special needs.

Objective 2: Support programs to assist the elderly, frail elderly, disabled, veterans, and other populations with special needs.

GOAL: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC SERVICES

ENHANCE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR PERSONS IN LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME AREAS THROUGH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS, AND ELIMINATION OF BLIGHT.

Objective 1: Support the construction, expansion, and improvement of public facilities in low- and moderate-income areas.

Objective 2: Encourage and support programs that promote neighborhood safety and security, youth accountability and mentoring, and community outreach to underserved populations in low- and moderate-income areas.

Objective 3: Support agencies that offer meal and/or food bank services for persons and families of low- and moderate-income.

Objective 4: Support the construction, expansion, and improvement of public parks, infrastructure, and utilities in low- and moderate-income areas.

Objective 5: Eliminate blighted conditions through code enforcement and demolition in low- and moderate-income areas.

GOAL: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT CREATE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, PARTICULARLY FOR PERSONS OF LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME AND IN NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREAS.

Objective 1: Support building façade programs in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas and low- and moderate-income areas.

Objective 2: Support non-profit organizations in developing facilities that support the local economy.

Objective 3: Support programs that create economic opportunity for low- to moderate-income persons, such as job training and entrepreneurship, small-business start-ups and incubators, and other economic development activities.

GOAL: EMERGENCY/DISASTER RESPONSE

PROVIDE ASSISTANCE PRIOR TO, DURING AND AFTER A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY AND/OR DISASTER EVENT TO PREPARE FOR AND/OR MITIGATE LOSS, PROTECT DURING AN EVENT, AND AID WITH RECOVERY.

Objective 1: Provide assistance for activities that meet a particular urgent need or to prepare for, respond to, and recover from an event triggering a local, state, or national emergency declaration.

EVALUATION OF PAST PERFORMANCE

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The Economic Development and Housing Department oversees implementation of the CDBG and HOME programs. The previous Annual Action Plan covered the third year of the City's Consolidated Plan. The previous year has shown considerable progress in the City's efforts to implement HUD entitlement

programs. The City is compliant with HUD regulations and continues to deliver housing and community development services in an efficient manner. For the previous program year, the City received an annual allocation of \$897,475 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and \$509,528 in HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds. With those funds, approximately 10,480 people, 470 households, and 60 businesses are estimated to have been assisted during program year 2022/2023.

With these funds, the Economic Development and Housing Department offered an array of housing programs and services providing the foundation needed to aid in promoting homeownership and/or sustainable neighborhoods:

- Homeowner rehabilitation, including emergency repairs and accessibility retrofitting for persons with disabilities
- Down payment and closing cost assistance for homebuyers
- Acquisition/new construction for affordable housing
- Fair housing activities
- Funding to grant subrecipients for public services, including activities that serve the homeless, persons with special needs, or persons of low and moderate income
- Funding for public facilities and infrastructure projects benefitting low- and moderate-income neighborhoods
- Economic development activities

The City has been successful in implementing these programs in the past and anticipates the continuation of such programs in the future. Over the next year, the City will use CDBG and HOME funds to meet the goals and objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan.

SUMMARY OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS AND CONSULTATION PROCESS

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Comments and concerns raised during the citizen participation process were taken into consideration when developing the Annual Action Plan's anticipated resources and proposed projects. The Annual Action Plan is a collaborative process that involves a NOFA, subrecipient applications, City staff and advisory board consideration of federal allocations and proposed projects, and identification of strategies for improved coordination and delivery. As part of this process, the City sought to identify projects and strategies to address the priority needs of the Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan. Such priority needs were identified during the Consolidated Plan process based on past program performance, available housing and demographic data, public input, housing and service provider consultation, and community meetings and surveys. In addition, the City provided opportunity for citizen participation and comment, including public notices, a 30-day comment period, and solicited input and direction from City Departments, the NAHAB, and the City Council to establish action items for the fourth year.

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.

Although there are many issues that are important to City of Clearwater residents, the following priority needs were identified in the Consolidated Plan and guided the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan and projects selected:

- Affordable housing, housing rehabilitation, and alternative housing options
- Rental, down payment, and utilities assistance
- Housing, facilities, and services for the homeless
- Facilities and services for persons with special needs, including behavioral/mental health counseling and/or substance abuse treatment
- Services for populations that fall into “service gaps” such as youth aging out of foster care and the transportation disadvantaged
- Public facility improvements (e.g., parks, libraries, and community cultural/resource centers)
- Public infrastructure improvements (e.g., utilities, public safety, and transportation)
- Blight elimination/code enforcement
- Economic development (e.g., support for neighborhood-level commercial, incentives and financial assistance for small businesses and start-ups, façade improvements)

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS OR VIEWS NOT ACCEPTED AND THE REASONS FOR NOT ACCEPTING THEM

All comments received by the City of Clearwater were considered and are, generally or specifically, addressed by the Annual Action Plan. Documentation of all comments received is included as an attachment (PDF format) to the Consolidated Plan submittal.

SUMMARY

The goals, objectives, and strategies of the 2020/2021-2024/2025 Consolidated Plan were identified through an extensive citizen participation process that involved neighborhood residents, local housing and service providers, and regional partners. The Consolidated Plan guides the City’s use of CDBG resources through seven (7) goals. These goals are summarized as Program Administration, Housing, Homelessness, Non-Homeless Special Needs, Community Development and Public Services, Economic Development, and Emergency/Disaster Response. The 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan identifies anticipated resources and proposed projects to address those goals. Over the fourth year of the Consolidated Plan, the City will continue to deliver housing and community development activities that support housing rehabilitation and assistance, public facility and infrastructure improvements, economic development initiatives, and partnerships with an array of housing and public service providers.

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

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.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	City of Clearwater, FL	Economic Development and Housing Department/Housing Division

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

NARRATIVE (OPTIONAL)

The City of Clearwater, Florida, is the lead agency responsible for overseeing the development of the Annual Action Plan. The Economic Development and Housing Department is the internal department that is responsible for the day-to-day administration of CDBG and HOME funding (see **Table 1**). However, the Economic Development and Housing Department worked closely with both the City Council and the NAHAB in addition to residents and subrecipients to develop a meaningful document.

The development of the Annual Action Plan was based on the previous Annual Action Plan, associated Consolidated Plan, and other relevant studies, plans and reports. Some of the primary documents included the City’s Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) documents, Local Housing Incentives Strategy (LHIS) and Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP), and Strategic Plan, and the Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Alliance (HLA)’s reporting documents, among others.

To maximize citizen participation, City staff published a NOFA, held a grant application workshop (i.e., technical assistance meeting), convened the NAHAB and Technical Review Committee to consider anticipated resources and proposed projects, held a 30-day public comment period, and held a public hearing with the City Council to approve the Annual Action Plan. As part of these efforts, low- and moderate-income residents, as well as service providers, were encouraged to provide input on the Annual Action Plan, anticipated resources, and proposed projects.

CONSOLIDATED PLAN PUBLIC CONTACT INFORMATION

Inquiries, comments, or complaints concerning the Plan, any amendments, or performance reports, can be conveyed by contacting City staff at:

*City of Clearwater Economic Development and Housing Department
600 Cleveland St, Suite 600 (6th Floor)
Clearwater, FL 33755
Telephone: (727) 562-4032
Fax: (727) 562-4037*

irin.gomez@myclearwater.com

Business hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Written complaints may also be made to the Jacksonville Field Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at the following address:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Community Planning and Development Division

400 West Bay St., Ste. 1015

Jacksonville, FL 32202

Phone: (904) 232-2627

Fax: (904) 232-3759

Business hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

INTRODUCTION

Partnering with other local, public, and private entities is vital to addressing the identified priority needs related to affordable housing, homelessness, special needs, and community development. Clearwater's Citizen Participation Plan incorporates the goals, policies, and implementation strategies that the City will undertake to encourage and ensure adequate citizen participation in the development of the Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plan, any substantial amendments to the Plans, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Citizen participation provides a means of involving the citizens of Clearwater in an advisory capacity in all phases of HUD programs. Citizen participation in such efforts is essential if the activities to be undertaken are to be truly successful and responsive to the needs and concerns of the community. The Citizen Participation Plan provides for and encourages residents to explain their needs and voice their concerns. Emphasis is placed on persons of low- and moderate-income who are residents of low- and moderate-income areas in which funds are proposed to be used. However, at the same time, residents are reminded that their input is advisory and that final authority for decision-making rests with the City Council, who is responsible to both the citizens of Clearwater and the Federal government.

To promote citizen participation, the City published a NOFA, held a subrecipient grant application workshop (i.e., Technical Assistance Meeting), convened the NAHAB and Technical Review Committee to consider anticipated resources and proposed projects, published the draft Annual Action Plan for a 30-day public comment period, and held public hearings with the NAHAB and City Council to approve the Annual Action Plan.

The NOFA, subrecipient grant application workshop, and 30-day public comment period provided opportunities for citizens and interested parties to become knowledgeable about Clearwater's housing and community development programs and eligibility requirements. Participants were asked to provide input on how funds should be allocated to programs and projects related to affordable housing, homelessness, special needs, and community development.

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))

Institutional coordination of the Annual Action Plan establishes a unified vision for community development. The City uses a collaborative process to shape various programs into effective, coordinated strategies. This process also facilitates the opportunity for planning and citizen participation to take place in a comprehensive context, attempting to reduce duplication of effort at the local level.

The City will implement this Annual Action Plan in coordination with public, private, and nonprofit agencies. Nonprofit agencies may include, but are not limited to, service providers and community housing development organizations. Private sector partners may include, but are not limited to, local

financial institutions, developers, and local businesses. The City works closely with its partners to design programs that address identified needs.

Table 2 outlines the types of agencies and organizations consulted throughout the program year and during the development of the Annual Action Plan. Organizations consulted included various service providers, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), Clearwater Housing Authority (CHA), Pinellas County HLA, City Departments, NAHAB, and the City Council, among others.

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.

The City coordinated with the Pinellas County HLA during development of the Consolidated Plan and through its most recent PIT and Homeless Assessment reports and with residents through community meetings. This consultation was pivotal in preparing the Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan components of the Consolidated Plan, which collectively inform the selection of projects for the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan. The CHA was also consulted during the development of the Consolidated Plan through its most recent Public Housing Authority (PHA) Plan and other HUD reports, which also inform the selection of projects for inclusion in the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan.

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

The City of Clearwater does not receive or administer an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. During the development of the Consolidated Plan, consultation with the Continuum of Care (CoC) included research of the Pinellas County HLA annual reports and plans, community meetings, public hearings, and notices. The Consolidated Plan establishes goals, objectives, and strategies to address homelessness, which inform the selection of projects for inclusion in the Annual Action Plan.

The HLA, as the lead agency for the area's CoC, utilizes the following system performance measures and procedural documents: HUD System Performance Measures, HUD CoC Project Priority Application Ranking System, NAEH Rapid Rehousing Performance Benchmarks and Program Standards, Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data, Annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Report, Housing Inventory Count, and other documents including the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

The HLA is comprised of 27 members, nine elected officials, and 16 community leaders/representatives. The Board consists of two councils, the Providers Council and Funders Council, who work together to identify concerns and make policies and recommendations on homeless issues. The mission of the HLA is to coordinate all community partners, systems, and resources available with the goal of helping individuals and families to prevent, divert, and end homelessness in Pinellas County.

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

Agency / Group / Organization	Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
Arts 4 Life Academy, Inc.	Services-Children/Services-Education	Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Boys & Girls Club of the Suncoast	Services-Children/Services-Education	Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Bright Community Trust	Housing	Housing Needs Assessment/Market Analysis	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Invited), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg	Housing/Services-Homeless/Services-Health/Services-Employment/Other (Services-Mental Health)	All Sections	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Invited), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
City of Clearwater, City Council	Government – Local/Civic Leaders	All Sections	Government/Local Officials, Approval of Advisory Board Recommendations and Action Plan
City of Clearwater, Economic Development and Housing Department	Other (City Departments)/ Grantee Department	All Sections	Internal Meetings with Economic Development and Housing Department Staff, Technical Review Committee Facilitation
City of Clearwater, Neighborhood and Housing Advisory Board (NAHAB)	Other (Advisory Board)	All Sections	Advisory Board, Recommendations regarding project selection and funding allocations
Clearwater Housing Authority	PHA	Public Housing Needs/Market Analysis	Consultation, Research of Annual and 5-Year PHA Plans

Agency / Group / Organization	Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
Clearwater MLK Jr. Neighborhood Center Coalition	Services-Children/ Other (Food Bank)/Neighborhood Organization	Market Analysis/Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Invited), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (CNHS) (dba Tampa Bay Neighborhood Housing Services)	Services-Fair Housing	Housing Need Assessment/Public Housing Needs/Market Analysis	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Clearwater Urban Leadership Coalition (CULC)	Services-Health/Services-Education/ Services-Employment/Civic Leaders	Anti-Poverty Strategy/Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Technical Review Committee Member
Directions for Living	Other (Services-Mental Health)	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc.	Services-Children/Services-Education	Anti-Poverty Strategy/Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Invited), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Gulfcoast Legal Services	Other (Legal)	Housing Need Assessment/ Homelessness Strategy/Market Analysis	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties	Housing	Housing Needs Assessment/Market Analysis	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Home Share Pinellas	Other (Services-Housing)	Housing Needs Assessment/Market Analysis	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Invited), Opportunity to Apply or Comment

Agency / Group / Organization	Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
Homeless Emergency Project, Inc. (HEP) Empowers	Services-Homeless	Homelessness Strategy/Homeless Needs- Chronically Homeless, Families with Children, Veterans, Unaccompanied Youth/Market Analysis	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Hope Villages of America, Inc. (fka RCS Pinellas)	Housing/Other (Food Bank)	Homelessness Strategy/Homeless Needs- Chronically Homeless, Families with Children, Veterans, Unaccompanied Youth/Market Analysis	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Housing and Education Alliance (HEA) USA	Other (Services-Housing)	Housing Needs Assessment/Market Analysis	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
InterCultural Advocacy Institute (ICAI)/Hispanic Outreach Center	Services-Children/Services-Education/Other (Legal)	Market Analysis/Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
The Kimberly Home	Housing/Services-Health	Housing Needs Assessment/Homelessness Strategy	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
LiFT, FL	Services -Persons with Disabilities	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center (NFC)	Services-Children/ Services-Education/ Services-Employment	Market Analysis/Anti-Poverty Strategy/Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Invited), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Metropolitan Ministries	Services-Homeless/Other (Food Bank)	Homelessness Strategy/Homeless Needs- Chronically Homeless, Families with Children, Veterans, Unaccompanied Youth/Market Analysis	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment

Agency / Group / Organization	Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
Miracles Outreach Community Development Center	Services-Housing/Services-Children	Housing Need Assessment/Homelessness Needs-Unaccompanied Youth/Market Analysis	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Invited), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services (PEMHS), Inc.	Other (Services-Mental Health)	Non-Homeless Special Needs/Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Pinellas Community Foundation	Optional (Foundation)	Non-Homeless Special Needs/Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Technical Review Committee Member
Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Alliance	Services-Homeless/Continuum of Care	Homelessness Strategy/Homeless Needs-Chronically Homeless, Families with Children, Veterans, Unaccompanied Youth/Market Analysis	Consultation, Research of Reports and Plans, Email Outreach
Pinellas Opportunity Council	Services-Elderly Persons	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Prospera Florida (Hispanic Business Initiative Fund of Florida)	Other (Economic Development)	Market Analysis/Anti-Poverty Strategy/Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
R'Club Child Care, Inc.	Services-Children	Market Analysis/Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
St. Vincent de Paul Community Kitchen and Resource Center	Services-Homeless/Other (Soup Kitchen)	Homeless Needs-Chronically Homeless, Families with Children, Veterans, Unaccompanied Youth/Homelessness Strategy	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment

Agency / Group / Organization	Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
Suncoast Housing Connections (fka Tampa Bay Community Development Corporation (CDC))	Housing/Services-Fair Housing	Housing Need Assessment/Market Analysis	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Tampa Bay Black Business Investment Corporation, Inc. (BBIC)	Other (Investment Corporation)	Market Analysis/Anti-Poverty Strategy/Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Invited), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
Tarpon Springs Housing Authority	PHA	Public Housing Needs/Market Analysis	Consultation, Research of Annual and 5-Year PHA Plans; Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Invited), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
The Arc Tampa Bay	Services-Persons with Disabilities	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
The Salvation Army	Services-Homeless	Homelessness Strategy/Homeless Needs-Chronically Homeless, Families with Children, Veterans, Unaccompanied Youth/Market Analysis	Technical Review Committee Member
United Way Suncoast	Services-Children/Services-Education/Services-Employment	Anti-Poverty Strategy/Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
WeeCare, Inc.	Services-Children/Other (Daycare)	Anti-Poverty Strategy/Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment
WestCare, Gulfcoast-Florida, Inc.	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS/Services-Health/Other (Services-Mental Health)	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment

Agency / Group / Organization	Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
Willa Carson Health and Wellness Center	Services-Health	Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Email Outreach for NOFA/Technical Assistance Meeting (Attended), Opportunity to Apply or Comment

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

IDENTIFY ANY AGENCY TYPES NOT CONSULTED AND PROVIDE RATIONALE FOR NOT CONSULTING

During the development of the Consolidated Plan, the City of Clearwater consulted with the lead agency for the CoC, local and county PHAs, affordable housing providers, various social service providers, City departments, and civic leaders. Additionally, during the development of the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan, the citizens, including but not limited to low- and moderate-income residents and other entities impacted by housing and community development activities, were noticed of funding availability, a subrecipient grant application workshop (i.e., technical assistance meeting), posting of the draft Annual Action Plan for a 30-day comment period, and meetings and public hearings of the NAHAB and City Council. Such noticing occurred by email, City website, and newspaper advertisements. Other agencies and organizations not directly consulted were consulted indirectly by research of published plans and reports.

OTHER LOCAL/REGIONAL/STATE/FEDERAL PLANNING EFFORTS CONSIDERED WHEN PREPARING THE PLAN

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care (CoC)	Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Alliance	Homelessness/Help to prevent and reduce homelessness within the City of Clearwater.
State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Local Housing Incentives Strategy (LHIS) (2022) and Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) (2021-2024)	City of Clearwater/State of Florida	Housing/Provide availability of and accessibility to decent affordable housing for the residents of the City of Clearwater (e.g., identification of barriers and incentives strategies).
Strategic Plan (2023), Economic & Housing Opportunity	City of Clearwater	Economic Development/Support programs that create economic opportunities in the City of Clearwater, particularly for persons low- and moderate-income and in NRSAs.
Tampa Bay Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), 2023-2027 (2022)	Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council	Economic Development/Support programs that create economic opportunities in the City of Clearwater, particularly for persons low- and moderate-income and in NRSAs.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

NARRATIVE (OPTIONAL)

Many of the programs and activities that will be carried out by the City of Clearwater during the fourth program year (2023/2024) will involve coordination with subrecipient agencies and organizations. The City actively works with subrecipients to support the City’s goals of affordable housing, reduced homelessness, accessible social services, enhanced living environment, and economic opportunity for low- and moderate-income persons. At a minimum, implicit in these goals is the City’s commitment to providing coordinated community, housing, and supportive services to its lower income residents. These services are provided through not only City-administered CDBG and HOME programs, but also through subrecipient partnerships, coordination with government and quasi-government agencies, and respective planning efforts (see **Table 3**).

The City will continue to encourage partnerships between governments, lenders, builders, developers, real estate professionals, and advocates for low-income persons. The City will continue to work with the building industry, banking industry, real estate industry, social service providers and other community groups to promote the development of affordable housing and related housing services.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

SUMMARY OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS/EFFORTS MADE TO BROADEN CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The development of the Annual Action Plan requires a citizen participation process to obtain input from residents and service providers that represent the City of Clearwater’s low- and moderate-income, homeless, or special needs populations. The following section describes the citizen participation process conducted by the City to develop the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan.

During the development of the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan, the City published a NOFA and held a subrecipient grant application workshop (i.e., technical assistance meeting) to collect applications for potential projects. The City of Clearwater’s NAHAB then convened to discuss the anticipated resources and applications for potential projects. Applicants were provided an opportunity to present their projects to the NAHAB for consideration. A Technical Review Committee also met to discuss project eligibility specific to the City’s federally funded programs. Once potential projects were recommended by the Technical Review Committee and selected by the NAHAB, the draft Annual Action Plan was posted for a 30-day comment period. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, public hearings were held with the NAHAB and City Council to approve the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan for submittal to HUD. Noticing of these events occurred by email, City website, and newspaper advertisements. Notices for public meetings/hearings included information for persons needing reasonable accommodations to participate. A summary of the citizen participation process is shown in **Table 4**. Copies of advertisements, meeting minutes, and other documentation are included in the **Appendix**.

SUMMARIZE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS AND HOW IT IMPACTED GOAL SETTING

Comments and concerns raised during the citizen participation process were taken into consideration when developing the Annual Action Plan. The 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan is intended to support the goals, objectives, and strategies of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, and to address the priority needs of the community. Applications for potential projects to be funded were considered by the NAHAB and Technical Review Committee, and were selected based on available funding, eligibility of proposed activities, and relevance to the Consolidated Plan. The selected projects support the City’s goals pertaining to housing, homelessness, non-homeless special needs, community development and public services, and economic development. Program administration activities, though not part of the application process, are also included in the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan. No activities pertaining to emergency/disaster response are included in the fourth-year Annual Action Plan.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION OUTREACH

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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	Other (Email Outreach)	Other (Service Providers/Subrecipients)	February 14, 2023	Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)/Online Project Application Process emailed to service providers/subrecipients	N/A	www.myclearwater.com/affordablehousing
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	February 15, 2023	NOFA/Online Project Application Process published in Tampa Bay Times	N/A	N/A
3	Internet Outreach	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	February 15, 2023, thru March 17, 2023	Online Project Application Process made available on the City's website	N/A	www.myclearwater.com/affordablehousing
4	Public Meeting	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	March 1, 2023	City staff held Subrecipient Grant Application Workshop (i.e., Technical Assistance Meeting) for project applicants; provided information regarding the City's federally funded programs and application process	Attendance noted; see Appendix	N/A
5	Internet Outreach	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	April-May 2023	Notice of NAHAB meetings published online to City's website and calendar	N/A	https://www.myclearwater.com/news-info/citywide-calendar/city-meetings ; https://www.myclearwater.com/government/council-meeting-streaming-videos

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)
6	Public Meeting	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	April 11, 2023; NAHAB Meeting	Applicants presented potential projects to NAHAB and Technical Review Committee	All comments recorded; see Appendix for meeting agenda/minutes	https://www.myclearwater.com/government/council-meeting-streaming-videos
7	Other (Technical Review Committee Meeting)	Other (Technical Review Committee)	April 13, 2023; Technical Review Committee Meeting	Technical Review Committee met to discuss applications/presentations	Attendance noted; see Appendix	N/A
8	Public Hearing	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	May 9, 2023; NAHAB Meeting	Technical Review Committee provided recommendations to NAHAB; NAHAB provided input on project selection/budget allocations	All comments recorded; see Appendix for meeting agenda/minutes	https://www.myclearwater.com/government/council-meeting-streaming-videos
9	Newspaper Ad	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	June 7, 2023	Plan summary, notice of 30-day comment period, and notice of public hearings published in Tampa Bay Times	N/A	N/A
10	Other (30-Day Public Comment Period)	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	June 11, 2023, thru July 10, 2023	Draft document made available on the City's website and hard-copy locations (public buildings)	N/A	https://www.myclearwater.com/My-Government/Meeting-Agendas-Records-and-Documents/Public-Notices-Hearings#section-3

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)
11	Public Hearing	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	July 11, 2023; NAHAB Meeting	Public hearing to receive NAHAB input on plan/recommendation	All comments recorded; see Appendix for meeting agenda/minutes	https://www.myclearwater.com/government/council-meeting-streaming-videos
12	Public Hearing	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	July 20, 2023; City Council Meeting	Public hearing to receive City Council input on plan/approval	All comments recorded; see Appendix for meeting agenda/minutes	https://www.myclearwater.com/government/council-meeting-streaming-videos

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

EXPECTED RESOURCES

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

INTRODUCTION

The Annual Action Plan must identify the federal, state, local, and private resources expected to be available to the City to address the priority needs and goals identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. These resources are summarized in **AP-15 (Table 5)**.

The City of Clearwater expects a total entitlement allocation of \$913,337 in CDBG funding for the 2023/2024 program year. Program income for CDBG, on hand and estimated, is expected to be approximately \$1,274,537 (including \$1,221,637 from the revolving loan program). Approximately \$1,138,092 is expected from prior-year resources to be carried over. CDBG funds will be used for housing and community development activities including, but not limited to, housing-related acquisition, homeless and special needs activities, public facilities and services, property acquisition and demolition for slum/blight removal, economic development, and administration of the City's CDBG program.

The City of Clearwater expects a total entitlement allocation of \$532,649 in HOME funding for the 2023/2024 program year. Program income from HOME, on hand and estimated, is expected to be approximately \$2,869,596 with approximately \$2,477,254 in prior-year resources to be carried-over. HOME funds will be used for housing activities such as housing-related acquisition and new construction, down payment assistance, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), CHDO support, and administration of the City's HOME program.

The 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan represents "Year 4" of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The expected amount available during the remainder of the Consolidated Plan is based on the estimated amount remaining for the four-year period (i.e., 2021-2024) minus the entitlement allocations for Year 2 (2021/2022), Year 3 (2022/2023), and Year 4 (2023/2024) excluding program income and prior-year resources.

The Annual Action Plan must summarize the City of Clearwater's priority needs and the specific goals it intends to initiate and/or complete within Year 4 of the Consolidated Plan. These goals must be described in quantitative terms. The City has selected goal outcome indicators and quantities based on the anticipated performance measures of the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan. See **AP-20 (Table 6)**.

ANTICIPATED RESOURCES

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 4, Annual Allocation: \$	Expected Amount Available Year 4, Program Income: \$	Expected Amount Available Year 4 Prior Year Resources: \$	Expected Amount Available Year 4, Total: \$	Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$	Narrative Description
CDBG	Public – Federal	Acquisition, Admin and Planning, Economic Development, Housing, Public Improvements, Public Services	\$913,337 *	\$1,274,537	\$1,138,092	\$3,325,966	\$1,046,562	The Federal CDBG allocation will be used for housing and community development activities. Funding from other sources may be leveraged against CDBG dollars for public benefit.
HOME	Public – Federal	Acquisition, Homebuyer Assistance, Homeowner Rehab, Multifamily Rental New Construction, Multifamily Rental Rehab, New Construction for Ownership, TBRA	\$532,649 *	\$2,869,596	\$2,477,254	\$5,879,499	\$529,564	The Federal HOME allocation will be used for housing activities. Funding from other sources may be leveraged against HOME dollars for public benefit.
SHIP	Public - State	Acquisition, Homebuyer Assistance, Homeowner Rehab, Multifamily Rental New Construction, Multifamily Rental Rehab, New Construction for Ownership, TBRA	\$1,365,854	\$475,000	\$0	\$1,840,854	\$0	The State SHIP allocation will be used to match federal funding for housing activities.

Table 5 – Expected Resources – Priority Table

**HUD 2023 Formula Allocation*

Notes: Program income amounts are estimated amounts and actual amounts may differ if larger sums are received from loan payoffs. Prior year resource amounts were estimated based on activities to be encumbered by the end of September 2023. These amounts will be updated during the 2023 program year close-out.

EXPLAIN HOW FEDERAL FUNDS WILL LEVERAGE THOSE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (PRIVATE, STATE, AND LOCAL FUNDS), INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF HOW MATCHING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SATISFIED

Other resources, such as private and non-federal public sources may become available to the City of Clearwater during the program year. For CDBG leveraging, these resources may include funding from State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP), Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), City departments (e.g., Engineering, Parks, and Recreation, etc.), non-profit public facility or service providers, or other sources. The City will also look to leverage funds, if available, from lending institutions, homeowner contributions, SHIP, CHDOs, PHA, and other housing partners/agencies against HOME dollars. The City shall assure that HUD requirements as they relate to non-Federal share will be utilized as referenced in 24 CFR 570.201(3)(g) for any project in which CDBG or HOME funding is used as the non-federal match. In the future, the City will continue to aggressively pursue funding from private, public, and federal sources to address housing and community development needs.

IF APPROPRIATE, DESCRIBE PUBLICLY OWNED LAND OR PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE JURISDICTION THAT MAY BE USED TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN THE PLAN

The City of Clearwater owns properties within low- and moderate-income areas of its jurisdiction. The City also maintains an “Affordable Housing Inventory List” that is updated periodically by City resolution. As of the most recent iteration, approved in June 2022 with the adoption of Resolution No. 22-13, there are five (5) properties on this list. These properties are vacant and located on the following streets: South Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Taft Ave., Grant St. (2), and Vine Ave. As part of the City’s reporting for the SHIP program, the City’s Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) regularly reviews this list for opportunities to support affordable housing production in coordination with local developers and other housing partners/agencies. This list will be updated in 2025. Currently, the five (5) properties on the list represent three (3) development opportunities for affordable housing.

DISCUSSION

The City’s anticipated funding allocation from CDBG and HOME will address many of the City’s goals, including those pertaining to housing, homelessness, non-homeless special needs, community development and public services, and economic development. Program administration activities, though not part of the application process, will also be funded. No activities pertaining to emergency/disaster response are included in the fourth-year Annual Action Plan; however, this goal is reserved for future unforeseen needs should they arise. The City is fortunate to have a network of public service providers and partner agencies to help address these goals through financial leveraging with non-federal sources such as SHIP and other private, public, and federal sources.

ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

GOALS SUMMARY INFORMATION

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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Program Administration	2023	2024	Other (Administration)	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas	Program Administration	CDBG: \$182,667; HOME: \$62,764; SHIP: \$159,585	Other: 0 Other (N/A)
2	Housing	2023	2024	Affordable Housing; Public Housing	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas; North Greenwood NRSA	Housing New Construction (Owner and Rental); Housing Rehabilitation (Owner and Rental); Homeowner Assistance; Rental Assistance	CDBG: \$1,213,285; HOME: \$5,816,735; SHIP: \$1,681,269	Rental units Constructed: 91 Household/Housing Units; Rental Units Rehabilitated: 9 Household/Housing Units; Homeowner Housing Added: 8 Household/Housing Units; Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 7 Household/Housing Units; Tenant-Based Rental Assistance/Rapid Rehousing: 60 Households Assisted; Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 12 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Homelessness	2023	2024	Homeless	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas; North Greenwood NRSA; Lake Bellevue NRSA; Downtown Gateway District NRSA	Facilities/Services for Homeless Adults & Families; Case Management; Community Resource & One-Stop Referral Centers	CDBG: \$294,449	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4,630 Persons Assisted; Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 280 Persons Assisted
4	Non-Homeless Special Needs	2023	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas; North Greenwood NRSA	Behavioral/Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services; Case Management; Facilities/Services for Persons with Disabilities	CDBG: \$261,022	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10,978 Persons Assisted; Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 125 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Community Development and Public Services	2023	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas; North Greenwood NRSA; Downtown Gateway District NRSA	Behavioral/Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services; Health Services; Facilities/Services for Youth; Legal Services; Public Utility/Infrastructure Improvements; Public Park Improvements; Community Building/Facility Rehab/Retrofit; Pedestrian/Sidewalk/Transportation/Roadway Improvements; Code Enforcement/Blight Elimination	CDBG: \$986,191	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 564 Persons Assisted; Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 285 Persons Assisted; Other: 3 Other
6	Economic Development	2023	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas	Building Facade Improvements; Economic Opportunity/Business Assistance	CDBG: \$388,352	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 5 Business; Businesses assisted: 42 Businesses Assisted
7	Emergency/ Disaster Response	2023	2024	Other (Emergency/ Disaster Response)	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas	Emergency/Disaster Response (TBD) based on urgent Need	CDBG: \$0; HOME: \$0	Other: 0 Other (N/A)

Table 6 – Goals Summary

**Note: Includes funding from CDBG Revolving Loan Fund*

GOAL DESCRIPTIONS

Sort Order	1
Goal Name	Program Administration
Goal Description	Administer the City of Clearwater’s federally funded grant programs to implement the goals of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. CDBG: \$182,667; HOME: \$62,764; SHIP: \$159,585
Sort Order	2
Goal Name	Housing
Goal Description	Provide availability of and accessibility to decent affordable housing for the residents of the City of Clearwater. CDBG: \$1,213,285* (See note below); HOME: \$5,816,735; SHIP: \$1,681,269
Sort Order	3
Goal Name	Homelessness
Goal Description	Help to prevent and reduce homelessness within the City of Clearwater. CDBG: \$294,449
Sort Order	4
Goal Name	Non-Homeless Special Needs
Goal Description	Expand the accessibility and coordination of social services to City of Clearwater special needs populations. CDBG: \$261,022
Sort Order	5
Goal Name	Community Development and Public Services
Goal Description	Enhance the living environment for persons in low- and moderate-income areas through community development activities, public service programs, and elimination of blight. CDBG: \$986,191
Sort Order	6
Goal Name	Economic Development
Goal Description	Support programs that create economic opportunities in the City of Clearwater, particularly for persons of low and moderate income and in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs). CDBG: \$388,352
Sort Order	7
Goal Name	Emergency/Disaster Response
Goal Description	Provide assistance prior to, during, and after a community emergency and/or disaster event to prepare for and/or mitigate loss, protect during and event, and aid with recovery. CDBG: \$0 HOME: \$0 [Priority needs to be determined (TBD) based on urgent need.]

**Note: Includes funds in Revolving Loan Program (CDBG)*

ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME, LOW-INCOME, AND MODERATE-INCOME FAMILIES TO WHOM THE JURISDICTION WILL PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS DEFINED BY HOME 91.215(B)

Through the available CDBG and HOME funding for the 2023/2024 program year, the City will provide affordable housing activities to support approximately 187 low- and moderate-income households. Activities to support low- and moderate-income households will include acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or new construction of affordable housing, down payment assistance, and rental assistance. Additionally, the City will fund homebuyer education and counseling activities toward homeownership using State SHIP funding (i.e., not CDBG or HOME).

PROJECTS

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

INTRODUCTION

The City's planned actions for the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan are intended to support housing and community development for the City's low- and moderate-income, homeless, and special needs populations.

The City will continue to operate its CDBG and HOME programs through the Economic Development and Housing Department, which will continue to provide funding for housing rehabilitation, housing construction, and homeownership assistance. These actions will further the goal of improving the availability of and accessibility to affordable housing in Clearwater.

As in the past, the City will continue to coordinate with housing and public service providers to address the needs of homeless and non-homeless special needs populations generally assumed to be low- and moderate-income. During the 2023/2024 program year, the City will fund activities that provide public services to the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless, persons with disabilities, persons with mental health or substance abuse challenges, and youth and families of low- and moderate-income. Planned community development activities include improvements to public facilities that serve these populations and economic development activities that may support business assistance and building façade improvements.

The City's planned actions for the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan are summarized in **AP-35** and **AP-38** (see **Table 7**).

PROJECTS

Sort Order	Project Name
1	City of Clearwater – CDBG General Administration/Planning
2	City of Clearwater – HOME General Administration/Planning
3	City of Clearwater – Administration from Program Income
4	City of Clearwater – SHIP General Administration/Planning
5	Creation and Preservation of Rental Housing
6	Creation and Preservation of Owner-Occupied Housing
7	Home Purchase Assistance/Loan Processing
8	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
9	CHDO Set-Aside – FY 23-24
10	Homebuyer/Homeowner Education and Counseling
11	Homeless Emergency Project – Housing Navigation Services
12	HOPE Villages of America – HVAC Project
13	The Kimberly Home – Transitional Housing Program Salary Support
14	Metropolitan Ministries – Community Navigation/Homeless Prevention Services
15	St. Vincent de Paul CKRC – Facilities Rehab/Renovation
16	Directions for Living – Facility Improvement
17	HOPE Villages of America – Domestic Violence Shelter Advocate
18	Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services - Keyless Entry Safety Project
19	The Arc Tampa Bay – Facility Renovations
20	WestCare GulfCoast-Florida/A Turning Point - Case Manager Salary Support
21	Gulfcoast Legal Services – Housing Legal Services
22	InterCultural Advocacy Institute – Youth Leaders Partnership
23	Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services – Community Navigator Salary Support
24	Property Acquisition and Demolition – Slum/Blight Removal
25	R’Club Child Care – Safety Improvements
26	Willa Carson Health and Wellness Center – ADA Accessibility
27	TBD – Public Facility and/or Infrastructure Activities
28	TBD – Economic Development Activities

Table 7 – Project Information

DESCRIBE THE REASONS FOR ALLOCATION PRIORITIES AND ANY OBSTACLES TO ADDRESSING UNDERSERVED NEEDS

The allocation priorities are focused on six (6) goals from the Consolidated Plan: program administration, housing, homelessness, non-homeless special needs, community development and public services, and economic development. No funding was allocated to emergency/disaster response; however, this goal is reserved for unforeseen urgent need activities.

Strategic Plan Goal	CDBG + HOME (% of Total Funding)*
Program Administration	\$245,431 (2.7%)
Housing	\$7,030,020 (76.4%)
Homelessness	\$294,449 (3.2%)
Non-Homeless Special Needs	\$261,022 (2.8%)
Community Development and Public Services	\$986,191 (10.7%)
Economic Development	\$388,352 (4.2%)
Emergency/Disaster Response	\$0 (0.0%)
TOTAL	\$9,205,465

**Includes program income and prior year resources. Excludes SHIP (State) resources. Percentages have been rounded.*

It is important to note that total funding for public services is capped at 15% of the total CDBG allocation. Total funding for activities related to administration is capped at 20% for CDBG and 10% for HOME. For the 2023/2024 program year, just under 15% (\$136,998) of the CDBG allocation is programmed for public services and 20% (\$182,667) and 10% (\$53,264) are programmed for administration of CDBG and HOME, respectively. The programmed set-aside for CHDO activities is 27% of the HOME allocation.

The COVID-19 pandemic and more recently economic inflation have further increased the needs of lower income residents. Combined, these events have generally increased the demand for public services, which places additional burden on housing and public service providers within the city. Although HUD previously waived public service and administration caps for some federally funded programs, these served as only temporary solutions to ongoing economic obstacles for lower income residents.

In Clearwater, the lack of available land and rapidly rising housing prices continue to be a barrier to affordable housing. Rapidly rising housing prices have also increased the need for affordable rental units for households priced out of the owner market. Affordable rental development projects are needed to offset the large proportion of high-end apartment complexes in the city.

AP-38 Project Summary

PROJECT SUMMARY INFORMATION

Sort Order	1
Project Name	City of Clearwater – CDBG General Administration/Planning
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Program Administration
Needs Addressed	Program Administration
Funding	CDBG: \$182,667
Description	Administration of CDBG program.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Other: 0 other
Location Description	600 Cleveland St., Suite 600, Clearwater, FL 33755 (Citywide/Clearwater)
Planned Activities	Administration of CDBG program
Sort Order	2
Project Name	City of Clearwater – HOME General Administration/Planning
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Program Administration
Needs Addressed	Program Administration
Funding	HOME: \$53,264
Description	Administration of HOME program.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Other: 0 other
Location Description	600 Cleveland St., Suite 600, Clearwater, FL 33755 (Citywide/Clearwater)
Planned Activities	Administration of HOME program
Sort Order	3
Project Name	City of Clearwater – Administration from Program Income
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Program Administration
Needs Addressed	Program Administration
Funding	HOME: \$9,500; SHIP: \$23,000
Description	Administration of HOME and SHIP programs; funding from program income.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Other: 0 other
Location Description	600 Cleveland St., Suite 600, Clearwater, FL 33755 (Citywide/Clearwater)
Planned Activities	Program administration
Sort Order	4
Project Name	City of Clearwater – SHIP General Administration/Planning
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Program Administration
Needs Addressed	Program Administration

Funding	SHIP: \$136,585
Description	Administration of SHIP program.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Other: 0 other
Location Description	600 Cleveland St., Suite 600, Clearwater, FL 33755 (Citywide/Clearwater)
Planned Activities	Administration of SHIP program
Sort Order	5
Project Name	Creation and Preservation of Rental Housing
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Housing
Needs Addressed	Housing New Construction (Owner and Rental); Housing Rehabilitation (Owner and Rental)
Funding	CDBG: \$100,000; CDBG (RLF): \$531,005; HOME: \$3,851,067; SHIP: \$781,269 [Federal Total: \$4,482,072]
Description	Funds provided as loans for construction or rehabilitation of multi-family units.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Rental Units Constructed: 91 household/housing units; Rental Units Rehabilitated: 9 household/housing units
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Multi-family housing construction or rehabilitation (including land acquisition, if applicable)
Sort Order	6
Project Name	Creation and Preservation of Owner-Occupied Housing
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Housing
Needs Addressed	Housing New Construction (Owner and Rental); Housing Rehabilitation (Owner and Rental)
Funding	CDBG: \$100,000; CDBG (RLF): \$482,280; HOME: \$1,000,000; SHIP: \$600,000 [Federal Total: \$1,582,280]
Description	Funds provided as loans for construction or rehabilitation of single-family homes.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Homeowner Housing Added: 7 household/housing units; Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 7 household/housing units
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Single-family housing construction or rehabilitation (including land acquisition, if applicable)
Sort Order	7
Project Name	Home Purchase Assistance/Loan Processing
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas; North Greenwood NRSA
Goals Supported	Housing
Needs Addressed	Homeowner Assistance
Funding	HOME: \$500,000; SHIP: \$250,000 [Federal Total: \$500,000]

Description	Funds and related loan processing services for direct financial assistance to qualified/eligible low- and moderate-income households for Home Purchase Assistance.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 12 households assisted
Location Description	Citywide; 2139 NE Coachman Rd., Clearwater, FL 33765; 608 N. Garden Ave., Clearwater, FL 33755
Planned Activities	Home Purchase Assistance program and related administration (City-administered, existing homes)
Sort Order	8
Project Name	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Housing
Needs Addressed	Rental Assistance
Funding	HOME: \$321,400
Description	Funds provided for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance to eligible households.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance/Rapid Rehousing: 60 households assisted
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program/administration
Sort Order	9
Project Name	CHDO Set-Aside – FY 23-24
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Housing
Needs Addressed	Housing New Construction (Owner and Renter)
Funding	HOME: \$144,268
Description	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-Aside. Funds mandated to local CHDO to carry out housing activities.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Homeowner Housing Added: 1 household/housing unit
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	CHDO Set-Aside
Sort Order	10
Project Name	Homebuyer/Homeowner Education and Counseling
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas; North Greenwood NRSA
Goals Supported	Housing
Needs Addressed	Homeowner Assistance
Funding	SHIP: \$50,000 [Federal Total: \$0]
Description	Funds provided for homeownership education and counseling for low- to moderate-income households.
Target Date	9/30/2024

Estimate the number and type...	Other: 0 other
Location Description	Citywide; 2139 N.E. Coachman Rd., Clearwater, FL 33765; 608 N. Garden Ave. Clearwater, FL 33755
Planned Activities	Homeownership education and counseling
Sort Order	11
Project Name	Homeless Emergency Project – Housing Navigation Services
Target Area	North Greenwood NRSA
Goals Supported	Homelessness
Needs Addressed	Facilities/Services for Homeless Adults & Families; Case Management
Funding	CDBG: \$15,983
Description	Funds provided for salary support and fringe benefits for a new full-time Housing Navigator (1 FTE) position.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 150 persons assisted
Location Description	1120 N. Betty Ln., Clearwater, FL 33755
Planned Activities	The position will work together with case managers, CoC partners, and the Clearwater and Pinellas County Housing Authorities to link participants to Stability Vouchers as they are made available and financial assistance with move-in costs. The principles of HEP's Housing Stabilization Planning center around resolving the housing crisis by utilizing a Housing First approach. For clients not currently housed, the primary goal is to develop a strategy to assist them in securing housing. Once housed, the goal is to ensure that adequate supports are in place and linkages to supportive services are made so the client can stabilize and maintain housing. (Matrix Code 05Z)
Sort Order	12
Project Name	HOPE Villages of America – HVAC Project
Target Area	Lake Bellevue NRSA
Goals Supported	Homelessness
Needs Addressed	Facilities/Services for Homeless Adults & Families
Funding	CDBG: \$95,000
Description	Funds provided for rehabilitation of the HVA Food Bank.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 960 persons assisted
Location Description	700 Druid Rd. E., Clearwater, FL 33756
Planned Activities	These improvements include installation of HVAC system, refrigerator and freezer doors, and sheet metal kick plates; renovation of the volunteer breakroom; and installation of exterior awning. (Matrix Code 03E)
Sort Order	13
Project Name	The Kimberly Home – Transitional Housing Program Salary Support
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Homelessness
Needs Addressed	Facilities/Services for Homeless Adults & Families; Case Management
Funding	CDBG: \$15,983

Description	Funds provided for salary support and fringe benefits for a full-time Resident Advisor position and partial support of a Housing Director position.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 30 persons assisted
Location Description	1189 NE Cleveland St., Clearwater, FL 33755
Planned Activities	Salary support and fringe benefits for positions; includes time presenting educational classes to support the Transitional Housing Program. (Matrix Code 05Z)
Sort Order	14
Project Name	Metropolitan Ministries – Community Navigation/Homeless Prevention Services
Target Area	North Greenwood NRSA
Goals Supported	Homelessness
Needs Addressed	Facilities/Services for Homeless Adults & Families; Case Management
Funding	CDBG: \$15,983
Description	Funds provided for salary support and fringe benefits for a full-time Community Navigator position.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 persons assisted
Location Description	608 N Garden Ave., Clearwater, FL 33755
Planned Activities	The position provides community navigation and homeless prevention services to Clearwater residents to help families quickly and efficiently access resources in their own neighborhood in order to maintain stable housing and overall wellness. The Community Navigator will provide resources and referrals for food, housing, healthcare, transportation, childcare, counseling, and education/employment. [05Z]
Sort Order	15
Project Name	St. Vincent de Paul CKRC – Facilities Rehab/Renovation
Target Area	Downtown Gateway District NRSA
Goals Supported	Homelessness
Needs Addressed	Facilities/Services for Homeless Adults & Families; Community Resource & One-Stop Referral Centers
Funding	CDBG: \$151,500
Description	(1) Funds provided for exterior rehabilitation for the safety of those who visit the community kitchen including repairing and resurfacing the entrance parking lot, which is damaged and presents a hazard to pedestrians as they enter. (2) Funds provided for interior renovations to bring additional homeless service providers to the Resource Center to better serve clients and help them move to self-sufficiency.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3,670 persons assisted
Location Description	1345 Park St., Clearwater, FL 33756; 1339 Park St., Clearwater, FL 33756
Planned Activities	(1) Exterior rehabilitation includes reducing the angle of the hill at the entrance, leveling the parking lot, repaving the lot, and creating a paver entrance in the lot at the courtyard gate. The activity also includes creation of a mural to enhance the aesthetic quality of the facility and contribute to the beautification of the area; the

	mural will be located on the second floor 25' x 10' wall facing Cleveland Street, which is currently undergoing revitalization. (2) The interior renovation project includes converting the space formerly used for showers and laundry into administrative offices to make space available to therapists, addiction specialists, and housing providers. (Matrix Code 03Z)
Sort Order	16
Project Name	Directions for Living – Facility Improvement
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Non-Homeless Special Needs
Needs Addressed	Behavioral/Mental Health Services & Substance Abuse Services; Case Management
Funding	CDBG: \$94,914
Description	Funds provided for facility improvements at the Clearwater trauma-informed treatment and recovery center.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10,826 persons assisted
Location Description	1437 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater, FL 33764
Planned Activities	Facility improvements include: 1) partial replacement of the flooring consisting of a combination of high-quality vinyl flooring in all high traffic areas such as lobbies and hallways and high-quality carpet tiles in offices where soundproofing is needed for ensuring client privacy, 2) installation of a 4" cove base, and 3) installation of a concrete slab cap to protect the exposed parapet half wall. (Matrix Code 03Z)
Sort Order	17
Project Name	HOPE Villages of America – Domestic Violence Shelter Advocate
Target Area	North Greenwood NRSA
Goals Supported	Non-Homeless Special Needs
Needs Addressed	Case Management
Funding	CDBG: \$10,275
Description	Funds provided for salary support and fringe for one part-time Advocate for the domestic violence shelter program for women and children who become homeless due to domestic violence.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 persons assisted
Location Description	Undisclosed (Domestic Violence Shelter)
Planned Activities	Advocates assess survivors (along with their children) upon entrance to the shelter and form a plan to help them gain back control of their lives and become self-sufficient. Advocates assist the survivors in working their plan, which could include resume writing, job searches, interview tips, documentation gathering, benefit assistance, referrals, and more. (Matrix Code 05G)
Sort Order	18
Project Name	Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services – Keyless Entry Safety Project
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Non-Homeless Special Needs
Needs Addressed	Behavioral/Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services; Case Management

Funding	CDBG: \$38,000
Description	Funds provided for safety and security improvements at the behavioral health care organization's main campus offering crisis and emergency mental health services.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 95 persons assisted
Location Description	11254 58 th St. N., Pinellas Park, FL 33782
Planned Activities	The project includes installation of a Net2 keyless entry access control system to passageways with the most client traffic, wiring to 8 main doors, installation of boxes (external panel, door control unit and internal monitor), desktop enrollment reader setup, ISO cards programming, and system security check. (Matrix Code 03Z)
Sort Order	19
Project Name	The Arc Tampa Bay – Facility Renovations
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Non-Homeless Special Needs
Needs Addressed	Facilities/Services for Persons with Disabilities
Funding	CDBG: \$95,000
Description	Funds provided for Phase 1 of public facility renovations to the Adult Day Training (ADT) program site for intellectually/developmentally disabled adults.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 57 persons assisted
Location Description	1501 N. Belcher Rd. Ste. 249, Clearwater, FL 33765
Planned Activities	Facility renovations will create five additional classrooms and one new bathroom; subdivide two large workshops into smaller rooms; and add a hood for ventilation in an existing instructional kitchen. These renovations will enable TATB to revise program offerings and accommodate more day program participants. (Matrix Code 03B)
Sort Order	20
Project Name	WestCare GulfCoast-Florida/A Turning Point – Case Manager Salary Support
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Non-Homeless Special Needs
Needs Addressed	Behavioral/Mental Health Services & Substance Abuse Services; Case Management
Funding	CDBG: \$22,833
Description	Funds provided for partial salary support and fringe for a full-time Case Manager at the A Turning Point (ATP) facility, an inebriate shelter.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Benefit: 100 persons assisted
Location Description	1801 5 th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33713
Planned Activities	This staff position is responsible for the delivery of individual, group, and family counseling services, screening, assessment, crisis management and linkage to other needed services. ATP is an emergency intervention shelter and inebriate receiving facility that provides emergency shelter services for homeless adults with substance

	use problems, many of whom also have co-occurring mental health problems. (Matrix Code 05F)
Sort Order	21
Project Name	Gulfcoast Legal Services – Housing Legal Services
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Community Development & Public Services
Needs Addressed	Legal Services
Funding	CDBG: \$22,833
Description	Funds provided for supplementing the wages for one housing attorney (0.1 FTE), the Chief Advocacy Officer (0.1 FTE), and one paralegal (0.2 FTE).
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 persons assisted
Location Description	501 1 st Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Planned Activities	Expenses include general operating expenses associated with the FTEs assigned to the project. Services will be billed at a unit cost rate to provide legal services under the Housing Legal Services Program. (Matrix Code 05C)
Sort Order	22
Project Name	InterCultural Advocacy Institute – Youth Leaders Partnership
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Community Development & Public Services
Needs Addressed	Facilities/Services for Youth
Funding	CDBG: \$22,833
Description	Funds provided for salary support and fringe benefits for Family Facilitator and Family Support Specialist contractual positions, a portion of a Driver position, a Child Care Assistant position, and a Student Support contractor position for the Youth Leaders Partnership program.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 60 persons assisted
Location Description	612 Franklin St., Clearwater, FL 33756
Planned Activities	Salary support for Youth Leaders Partnership program that provides youth services. (Matrix Code 05D)
Sort Order	23
Project Name	Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services – Community Navigator Salary Support
Target Area	North Greenwood NRSA
Goals Supported	Community Development & Public Services
Needs Addressed	Behavioral/Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services
Funding	CDBG: \$10,275
Description	Funds provided for salary support and fringe benefits for a Community Navigator (1 FTE) position to provide wrapped case management support and services for Clearwater residents seeking assistance within the community.
Target Date	9/30/2024

Estimate the number and type...	Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 persons assisted
Location Description	North Greenwood Resource Center, 1310 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Clearwater, FL 33755
Planned Activities	Salary support for a Community Navigator (1 FTE) to help residents link to and access available resources and services that will strengthen the overall sustainability and stabilization of residents. (Matrix Code 05Z)
Sort Order	24
Project Name	Property Acquisition and Demolition – Slum/Blight Removal
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Community Development & Public Services
Needs Addressed	Code Enforcement/Blight Elimination
Funding	CDBG: \$255,000
Description	Property acquisition and demolition for removal of slum/blight.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Other: 3 other
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Property acquisition and demolition for removal of slum/blight. (Matrix Codes 01, 02, 04, or 04A)
Sort Order	25
Project Name	R'Club Child Care – Safety Improvements
Target Area	Downtown Gateway NRSA
Goals Supported	Community Development & Public Services
Needs Addressed	Facilities/Services for Youth
Funding	CDBG: \$67,727
Description	Funds provided for safety improvements at the Gateway Early Learning Academy to improve playground safety for young children.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 44 persons assisted
Location Description	211 S. Missouri Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756
Planned Activities	The project includes replacing the existing rubber safety surface on the playground outside the toddler classroom and installing a hip roof style shade structure over the toddler play area. The existing toddler playground rubber safety surface is irregular and unlevel from invading tree roots and presents a tripping hazard for young children. The proposed playground safety improvements include removal of the old rubber safety surface, trees removal in the toddler play area, preparing the ground for a new safety surface, installation of a new hip roof shade shelter, and adding the pour-in-place rubber safety surface. (Matrix Code 03M)
Sort Order	26
Project Name	Willa Carson Health and Wellness Center – ADA Accessibility
Target Area	North Greenwood NRSA
Goals Supported	Community Development & Public Services
Needs Addressed	Health Services; Community Building/Facility Rehab/Retrofit

Funding	CDBG: \$17,000
Description	Funds provided for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to update the clinic's entrances to meet ADA compliance.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 520 persons assisted
Location Description	1108 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Clearwater, FL 33755
Planned Activities	ADA improvements include: (1) transitioning the entrance doors to a push button entry for wheelchair access to meet ADA compliance and (2) replacing a turn handle knob with a panic bar on a second door for easy exiting in the event of an emergency. (Matrix Code 03P)
Sort Order	27
Project Name	TBD – Public Facility and/or Infrastructure Projects
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Community Development & Public Services
Needs Addressed	Public Utility/Infrastructure Improvements; Public Park Improvements; Community Building/Facility Rehab/Retrofit; Pedestrian/Sidewalk/Transit/Roadway Improvements
Funding	CDBG: \$590,523
Description	Future community development projects to be determined.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 persons assisted
Location Description	TBD
Planned Activities	Community development projects (limited to public facility and/or infrastructure projects).
Sort Order	28
Project Name	TBD – Economic Development Activities
Target Area	Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas
Goals Supported	Economic Development
Needs Addressed	Building Façade Improvements; Economic Opportunity/Business Assistance
Funding	CDBG: \$180,000; CDBG (RLF): \$208,352 [Federal Total: \$388,352]
Description	Future economic development activities to be determined.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type...	Façade Treatment/Business Building Rehabilitation: 5 businesses; Businesses Assisted: 42 businesses assisted
Location Description	TBD
Planned Activities	Economic development activities (may include but are not limited to façade improvement projects, small business/microenterprise assistance, and childcare operations).

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

For the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan, the City of Clearwater will provide direct assistance to low- and moderate-income areas and approved Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs) of the City.

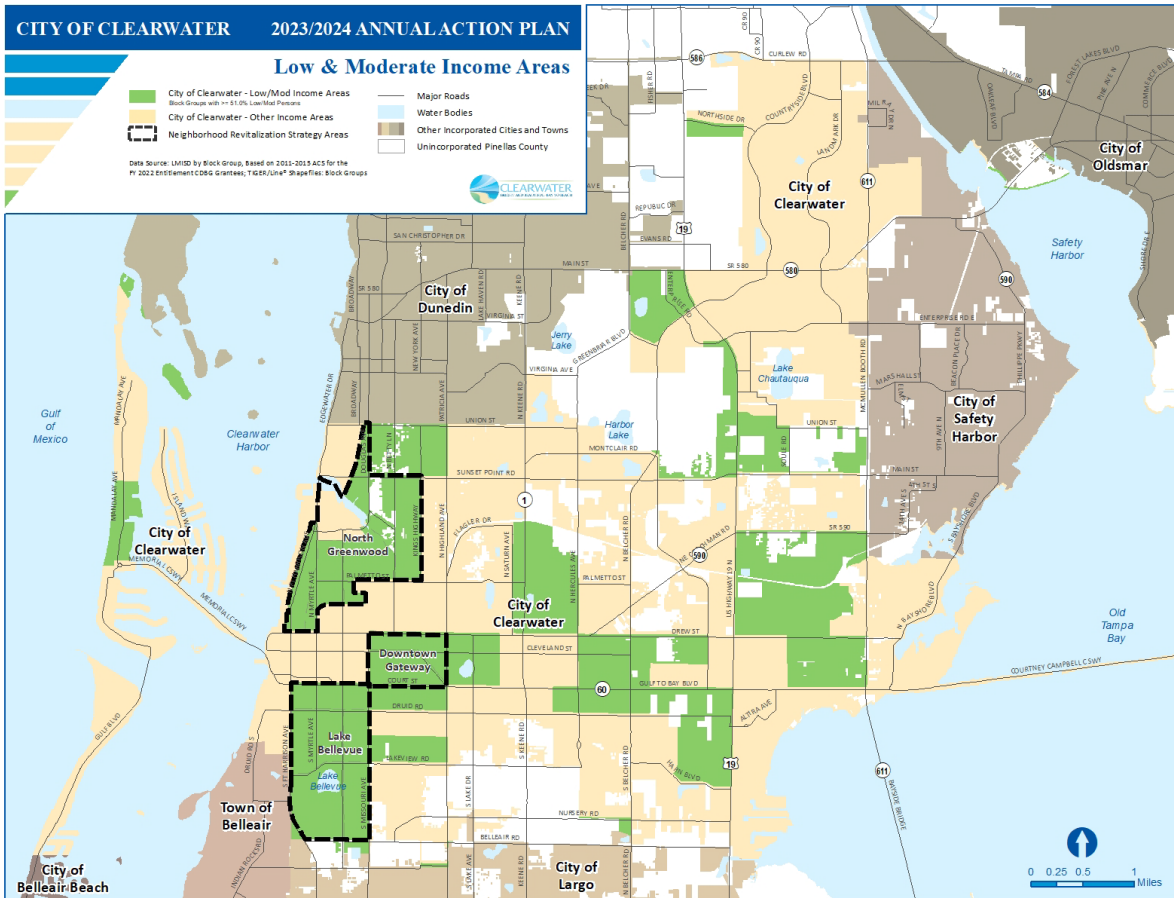
The geographic distribution of funding percentages shown in **Table 8** is misleading since few projects are solely concentrated in a specific NRSA. Most projects are not solely concentrated in a NRSA but are included in the citywide low- and moderate-income areas and multiple NRSAs. These percentages include projects related to housing or public services that will benefit multiple areas. See **Map 1** titled, “Low- and Moderate-Income Areas” for a graphical representation of low- and moderate-income area locations. See **Map 2** titled, “Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas Map” for the locations of the City’s strategy areas. [Maps are included in the **Appendix**.]

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

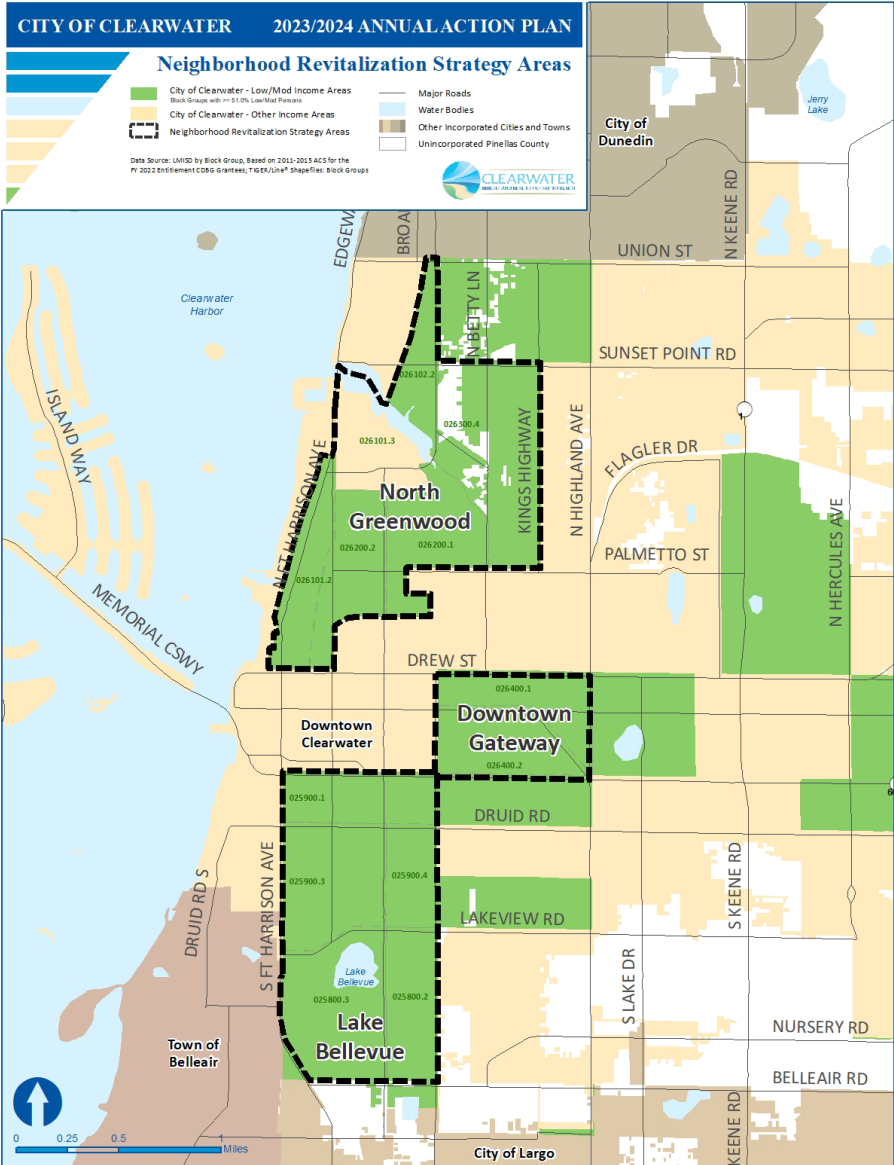
Target Area	Percentage of Funds
North Greenwood NRSA	4%
Lake Bellevue NRSA	1%
Downtown Gateway District NRSA	2%
Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas	93%

Table 8 – Geographic Distribution

Map 1 – Low- and Moderate-Income Areas



Map 2 – Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas Map



RATIONALE FOR THE PRIORITIES FOR ALLOCATING INVESTMENTS GEOGRAPHICALLY

Four (4) areas have been designated as either Local Target Areas or Strategy Areas within the City of Clearwater. These are Citywide Low- and Moderate-Income Areas, North Greenwood NRSA, Lake Bellevue NRSA, and Downtown Gateway District NRSA. These neighborhoods were identified in previous Consolidated Plans and updated in the current 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The designation of Local Target Areas and Strategy Areas increases the potential for coordinated planning and investment. The areas selected for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan were confirmed through the citizen participation process, which included service provider and community meetings, as well as meetings with staff of the City's Economic Development and Housing Department. Each of these areas meets the eligibility requirements for low- and moderate-income benefit. While Local Target Areas and Strategy Areas allow the City to plan and invest in a coordinated manner, they do not limit the City from expending funds in other areas of Clearwater that also meet the eligibility requirements for low- and moderate-income benefit.

DISCUSSION

The City of Clearwater has identified 28 projects to implement the goals of the Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan during the fourth year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. These projects benefit low- and moderate-income persons Citywide and within the City's NRSAs. Projects with Citywide benefit include activities related to housing, homelessness, non-homeless special needs, community development and public services, and economic development that meet the needs of income-eligible persons or households. Program administration activities also provide indirect Citywide benefit.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

INTRODUCTION

The City of Clearwater places a high priority on providing housing assistance, such as homebuyer education/counseling and Fair Housing activities, to promote homeownership. Additionally, the City facilitates the construction of new affordable housing units to increase the supply of affordable housing and thereby address demand. These priority needs shall be addressed, in part, by local non-profit organizations and developers that construct affordable housing for low- to moderate-income homebuyers. The City will also continue with its purchase assistance strategy to assist low- to moderate-income buyers purchasing within the city limits of Clearwater.

The Annual Action Plan must specify goals for the number of homeless, non-homeless, and special needs households to be supported during the program year. These numbers are shown in the following tables and are inclusive of the affordable housing activities shown in **AP-20**, in addition to other planned housing activities identified in **AP-35** and **AP-38**. Section **AP-55** (see **Table 9** and **Table 10**) indicates the number of households to be supported through specific activities, including rental assistance, production of new units, rehabilitation of existing units, or acquisition of existing units. For the purposes of this section, the term “affordable housing” is defined in the HOME regulations 24 CFR 92.252 for rental housing and 24 CFR 92.254 for homeownership. [This section replaces the former HUD Table 3B.]

One Year Goals	Number of Households to be Supported
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	187
Special-Needs	0
Total	187

Table 9 – One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals	Number of Households Supported Through
Rental Assistance	60
The Production of New Units	99
Rehab of Existing Units	16
Acquisition of Existing Units	12
Total	187

Table 10 – One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

DISCUSSION

The City will continue to deliver its long-standing housing programs funded with CDBG and HOME, including housing-related acquisition and purchase assistance, coordinate with non-profit organizations and developers that construct affordable housing, and support homebuyer education/counseling and Fair Housing activities. These housing activities will support 187 households through tenant-based rental assistance, production of new units, rehabilitation of existing units, and acquisition of existing units through direct financial assistance to homebuyers. Additionally, the City will support housing-related public services (e.g., homebuyer education/counseling) with State SHIP funding.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

INTRODUCTION

This section of the Annual Action Plan describes what actions the City of Clearwater will take during the 2023/2024 program year to carry out the public housing strategy identified in the Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan. The Clearwater Housing Authority (CHA) administers housing assistance for lower income persons and households in the greater Clearwater area. The operations of the CHA are funded through annual appropriations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Assistance includes public housing, tenant-based vouchers (Housing Choice Vouchers or HCVs), and special purpose voucher activities. The CHA's public housing activities supply approximately 238 low-rent units in the greater Clearwater area. [Source: HUD PIC, HA Profiles, accessed June 2023]

ACTIONS PLANNED DURING THE NEXT YEAR TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS TO PUBLIC HOUSING

The City of Clearwater works cooperatively with Pinellas County, the CHA, and private entities to provide public and subsidized housing within Clearwater. The CHA administers public housing for seniors and families in addition to the HCV program that provides financial rental assistance to income-eligible individuals and families. The CHA and other housing providers in the community continuously seek to rehabilitate the supply of housing affordable to lower-income residents. Although the CHA recently renovated some of its public housing units, the CHA is undergoing a voluntary conversion that started in 2020. During conversion, the CHA will ensure that residents are housed through vouchers and coordination with other housing providers. Any proceeds from the sale of public housing properties will be reinvested in affordable housing. The City will continue to coordinate housing referrals with the CHA and Pinellas County Housing Authority as feasible.

ACTIONS TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN MANAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATE IN HOMEOWNERSHIP

The CHA has an ongoing management program in place to involve residents in its operations. Additionally, through the 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan, the City of Clearwater will support homebuyer education/counseling (with State SHIP funding), Fair Housing, and housing placement activities that could facilitate the transition from public housing to homeownership.

IF THE PHA IS DESIGNATED AS TROUBLED, DESCRIBE THE MANNER IN WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED OR OTHER ASSISTANCE

The CHA is not designated as troubled.

DISCUSSION

Affordable housing needs are met by multiple service providers in the greater Clearwater area. The CHA currently administers public housing units and HCVs. Although the CHA is undergoing voluntary conversion of its public housing properties, the CHA will continue to administer vouchers and ensure that residents are housed in coordination with other housing providers. The City will continue to coordinate referrals with the CHA to connect lower income residents with housing options.

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

INTRODUCTION

This section of the Annual Action Plan describes what actions the City of Clearwater will take during the 2023/2024 program year to carry out the homeless strategy identified in the Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan. Additionally, this section describes any action related to the supportive housing needs of non-homeless special needs persons at risk of homelessness.

The Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Alliance (HLA), a nonprofit 501(c)(3), serves as the CoC Lead Agency, Collaborative Applicant, and HMIS Lead Agency. The HLA provides supplemental services, coordination, and funding management to carry out the policy goals of the CoC. The mission of the HLA is to provide leadership in the planning, development, and alignment of community advocacy, resources, and strategies to prevent, divert, and end homelessness in Pinellas County. The HLA, as the lead agency for the CoC, is the organization most suited to addressing the needs of homeless persons in the greater Clearwater area.

Consistent with the Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan, the City of Clearwater will pursue the goal of helping to prevent and reduce homelessness in Clearwater. It is the City's objective to support the activities of the HLA and other members of the region's CoC that represents a countywide consortium of homeless service providers.

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

The HLA conducts an annual PIT homeless count and prepares a Homeless Assessment Report, both of which document the extent of homelessness in the community. Furthermore, the City received input on homeless needs during the Consolidated Plan public meetings and community survey. The priority needs of the homeless include facilities/services for homeless adults and families, facilities/services for homeless youth and youth aging out of foster care, case management, nutrition/food services, and employment assistance/job training toward self-sufficiency.

Outreach to the homeless is done by the CoC's Street Outreach Teams that cover major parts of Pinellas County five days per week. The Street Outreach Teams are the center of the CoC's efforts to find and engage street homeless, in place since late 2006. Each Street Outreach Team is composed of one law enforcement officer and one case manager. Additionally, Street Outreach Teams focus on finding unaccompanied youth. Relatedly, the Veterans Administration funds Veterans Outreach for that population.

All the outreach personnel meet bi-monthly to discuss problems, identify increases/decreases in specific populations, problem-solve, and meet with providers of emergency mats and beds. Law enforcement staff members train their police departments on working with street homeless persons. Once a street

homeless individual or family seeks assistance, they are encouraged to go to Safe Harbor, the County's emergency homeless shelter and jail diversion program where they are assigned a case manager for assessment and referral to services, etc. Unaccompanied youth are referred to Family Resources and other youth programs to get them off the street. Street Outreach Teams also process individuals for entrance to Pinellas Hope, another homeless shelter operated by Catholic Charities.

The HLA also partners with the Juvenile Welfare Board's Children's Services Council and 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares on the Family Services Initiative (FSI) that works with families in need. The goal of the FSI is to prevent homelessness while working on longer term issues and to have one place for families to make initial contact for help. FSI is publicized widely as the place for homeless and at-risk families to go for help. Homeless and at-risk families call 2-1-1 and are directed to specific triage staff for short assessment.

For the fourth-year Annual Action Plan, the City of Clearwater will support housing navigation, case management, and advisor/advocate services through Homeless Emergency Project (Homeless Empowerment Program or HEP), The Kimberly Home, Metropolitan Ministries, HOPE Villages of America, WestCare GulfCoast-Florida (A Turning Point), and Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services (PEMHS) to assess the individual needs of homeless and special needs persons at risk of homelessness, including unsheltered persons.

ADDRESSING THE EMERGENCY SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING NEEDS OF HOMELESS PERSONS

As previously mentioned, the HLA annually conducts a PIT homeless count and prepares a Homeless Assessment Report, both of which document the extent of homelessness in the community. In addition to other metrics, these reports identify the number of individuals or families in emergency shelter or transitional housing.

In the Clearwater area, homeless facilities such as emergency shelter and transitional housing are provided by churches and non-profit organizations, including but not limited to Homeless Emergency Project (Homeless Empowerment Program or HEP), The Kimberly Home, Boley Centers, Hope Villages of America, Salvation Army, and Family Resources (SafePlace2B), among others. Additionally, the HLA maintains an online map-based directory targeted to homeless persons that includes contact information for emergency shelter, food and clothing assistance, and transitional housing services. This directory also includes a map of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) bus routes.

The City makes it a goal of the Consolidated Plan to prevent and reduce homelessness in Clearwater by supporting programs that offer shelter facilities and beds for the homeless, and by assisting agencies that engage in homeless prevention and service programs. For the fourth-year Annual Action Plan, the City will support homeless prevention and service programs by improving facilities that serve homeless adults and families. These facilities are run by HOPE Villages of America and Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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 City will support, in coordination with the HLA, activities to end chronic homelessness in Clearwater. CoC member agencies actively work to assist homeless individuals and families with making the transition to more permanent housing and preventing such persons from becoming homeless again.

CoC member agencies support a “Housing First” approach to provide housing options regardless of whether individuals or families meet otherwise common prerequisites for housing. National resource around “Housing First” suggests that individuals and/or head-of-household members who have been homeless are more successful in achieving self-sufficiency when housing stability is acquired first, regardless of whether they are sober or financially self-sufficient in the beginning. Once their housing situation is stabilized, their ability to achieve sobriety, financial stability, or overcome other common barriers to housing dramatically improves. This is typically achieved by rapid-rehousing and other interim housing strategies such as targeted transitional or permanent supportive housing to obtain housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency, and stay housed.

For the fourth-year Annual Action Plan, the City will support housing navigation, case management, and advisor/advocate services through Homeless Emergency Project (Homeless Empowerment Program or HEP), The Kimberly Home, Metropolitan Ministries, HOPE Villages of America, WestCare GulfCoast-Florida (A Turning Point), and Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services (PEMHS) to identify housing strategies for homeless and special needs persons at risk of homelessness.

Additionally, the City will continue to support an array of activities that, when combined, may shorten the duration of homelessness, help persons transition to more stable housing, and/or provide access to affordable housing. Such activities may include case management, community resource and one-stop referral centers, behavioral and mental health services, facilities for the disabled, referrals to appropriate housing providers, affordable housing unit construction, homebuyer education, down payment assistance, and access to economic opportunities.

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For the fourth-year Annual Action Plan, the City of Clearwater will continue to coordinate referrals for facilities and services available in the community that support lower-income individuals. In addition to services specifically targeted to homeless and special needs persons at-risk of homelessness, the City will support facility improvements at the St. Vincent de Paul Community Kitchen and Resource Center, which is also used by the Pinellas Ex-Offender Re-Entry Coalition (PERC). The Community Kitchen and Resource Center provides not only case management, but referrals to other resources and programs depending on client needs. Such programs include PERC's STARS and MOVE UP programs, which provide job training and skills toward self-sufficiency.

The City will also continue to work with housing and homeless service providers to implement a cohesive, communitywide discharge coordination policy. Such policy must be successfully implemented to ensure that persons being released from publicly funded institutions do not become homeless upon release. Other examples of such efforts, in addition to PERC, include the Pinellas County Sheriff Department's Operation PAR, which allows ex-offenders to receive substance abuse treatment, and the State's "Transition from Prison to Community Initiative" (TPCI).

DISCUSSION

For the fourth-year Annual Action Plan, the City will support the following activities toward the goal of preventing and reducing homelessness:

- Homeless Emergency Project (Homeless Empowerment Program or HEP) – Salary support for housing navigator to secure and maintain housing.
- HOPE Villages of America – Rehabilitation of Food Bank facility, including HVAC system and other improvements.
- The Kimberly Home – Salary support for resident advisor at transitional housing facility.
- Metropolitan Ministries – Salary support for community navigator for homeless prevention.
- St. Vincent de Paul – Funding to rehabilitate/renovate Community Kitchen and Resource Center.

In total, these activities will assist an estimated 4,910 persons during the fourth-year Annual Action Plan through homeless-related public services and facility improvements. The City will also continue to coordinate with the HLA and CoC members, including numerous homeless service providers operating in the greater Clearwater area.

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

INTRODUCTION

This section of the Annual Action Plan summarizes actions the City of Clearwater will undertake during the program year to reduce barriers to affordable housing and influence whether the cost of housing or the incentives to develop, maintain, or improve affordable housing are affected by public policies, particularly those of the local jurisdiction. Such policies may include land use controls, zoning ordinances, building codes, and policies that affect the return on residential investment.

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 City of Clearwater has several incentives that it utilizes to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that are barriers to affordable housing. These incentive strategies are documented in the City's 2021-2024 LHAP, which is a reporting requirement of the State SHIP program. The City's ongoing actions to remove or ameliorate the barriers to affordable housing, as identified in the City's LHAP and LHIS documents, include the following:

- Expedited review process for permitting
- Modification of fees
- Flexible densities
- Accessory dwelling units
- Parking reductions
- Flexible lot configurations
- Pre-adoption policy consideration
- Inventory of public lands
- Proximity to transportation, employment, and mixed-use development
- Adaptive reuse
- Land development code
- Communication and marketing of affordable housing
- Financing
- Partnerships

Barriers to affordable housing are explained in more detail in the **SP-55** section of the Consolidated Plan, as well as the source LHAP and LHIS documents on file at the City's Economic Development and Housing Department.

DISCUSSION

The City of Clearwater will continue to implement incentives to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that are barriers to affordable housing. These incentive strategies are detailed

in the City's 2021-2024 LHAP report. Of note, the City recently coordinated with Pinellas County to prepare a regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice report, which was completed in 2020. The City also currently participates in the Advantage Pinellas Housing Compact and the Pinellas County Countywide Housing Strategy, which are joint programs for the provision of affordable housing.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

INTRODUCTION

This section of the Annual Action Plan describes the City of Clearwater’s planned actions to carry out the following strategies in the Consolidated Plan’s Strategic Plan:

- Foster and maintain affordable housing;
- Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards;
- Reduce the number of poverty-level families;
- Develop institutional structure; and
- Enhance coordination.

In addition, the City has identified obstacles to meeting underserved needs and proposed actions to overcome those obstacles.

ACTIONS PLANNED TO ADDRESS OBSTACLES TO MEETING UNDERSERVED NEEDS

The major obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the lack of financial resources among housing and public service providers that support the City of Clearwater’s institutional delivery structure.

To address such obstacles, the City will administer CDBG funds to pursue the goal of enhancing the living environment for persons in low- and moderate-income areas through community development activities, public service programs, and the elimination of blight. Priority will be given to the City’s NRSAs, where need is greatest, when opportunities present. The City will also pursue the goal of expanding the accessibility and coordination of social services to the City’s special needs population.

Some of the programmed activities to meet underserved needs during the fourth year include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Directions for Living – Facility improvements at trauma-informed treatment and recovery center
- HOPE Villages of America – Advocate salary support for domestic violence shelter
- Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services – Navigator salary support and keyless entry safety project related for provision of mental health services
- The Arc Tampa Bay – Renovations at facility for persons with disabilities
- WestCare GulfCoast-Florida – Case manager salary support for substance abuse treatment
- Gulfcoast Legal Services – Housing legal services for eviction prevention, etc.
- InterCultural Advocacy Institute – Youth Leaders Partnership program
- R’Club Child Care – Safety improvements at childcare facility
- Willa Carson Health and Wellness Center – ADA accessibility improvements for health services
- Property Acquisition and Demolition – Slum/blight removal to improve neighborhood quality
- TBD Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities – Public projects to improve neighborhood quality

Additional activities to meet underserved needs are described previously with regard to homelessness (**AP-65**) and subsequently with regard to affordable housing and economic development (**AP-85**, as follows).

ACTIONS PLANNED TO FOSTER AND MAINTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Consistent with the Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan, the City of Clearwater will pursue the goal of providing availability of, and access to, decent affordable housing for the residents of the city. To this end, the City has programmed six (6) housing projects that meet the following four (4) objectives under the Housing Goal of the Strategic Plan:

- Objective 2: Increase the availability of affordable housing units.
- Objective 3: Assist qualified low- and moderate-income households to become homeowners through supporting agencies that provide housing counseling.
- Objective 4: Provide mortgage assistance for low- and moderate-income homebuyers.
- Objective 5: Provide rental and utility assistance for low- and moderate-income persons.

Programmed activities to foster and maintain affordable housing during the fourth year include the following:

- Construction of new owner and renter occupied housing
- Homeownership education and counseling (through State SHIP funding)
- Home purchase assistance
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) housing activities

These activities increase the availability of affordable housing through new construction and improve access to affordable housing through homebuyer education and purchase assistance for qualified low- to moderate-income households.

ACTIONS PLANNED TO REDUCE LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS

The City will continue to include lead-based paint education and mitigation measures in all housing rehabilitation activities and, if needed, will identify and apply for additional funding resources to finance abatement. Contractors are required to be trained and certified to supervise removal of lead-based paint hazards to comply with HUD regulations. Furthermore, subrecipients of the City's CDBG and HOME funding devise their own lead-based paint hazard programs to comply with HUD regulations for rehabilitation projects.

Additionally, the City will continue to coordinate with agencies in the Clearwater area that screen residents for elevated blood levels (EBL) and inspect housing units for lead-based paint hazards. These agencies include the Pinellas County Health Department and the Clearwater and Pinellas County housing authorities, among others.

ACTIONS PLANNED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF POVERTY-LEVEL FAMILIES

According to the 2017-2021 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates, in the City of Clearwater, 17,869 people (15.5% of the population for whom poverty status is determined) are living below poverty level. To combat this trend, the City will continue to coordinate with various agencies that support poverty-level families. These agencies also provide services to other homeless and non-homeless special needs populations, as well as low- and moderate-income families. Such services include referrals to affordable housing, employment assistance/job training, and other activities to promote economic opportunity.

Additionally, through the Economic Development and Housing Department, the City will promote economic opportunity by providing technical assistance to small businesses. For the fourth-year Annual Action Plan, the City will support economic development activities that may include façade improvement projects, small business/microenterprise assistance, and childcare operations in support of employment. The City will also support the InterCultural Advocacy Institute's Youth Leaders Partnership program. The program provides advocacy and mentoring toward self-sufficiency and academic, employment, and business success.

ACTIONS PLANNED TO DEVELOP INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE

The City of Clearwater has a strong institutional delivery structure. The City will continue to work with its own departments and various housing and public service providers, as well as their programs, to expand opportunities and to make continuous improvements to the institutional delivery structure. Continued actions will include solicitation of feedback on referral processes and other means of coordination between such providers and the City of Clearwater.

For the fourth-year Annual Action Plan, the City will support an array of activities that strengthen the institutional delivery structure's ability to serve persons of low- and moderate-income, persons with special needs, and the homeless. These activities include, but are not limited to, facilities/services for homeless adults and families or persons with special needs at-risk of homelessness; facilities/services for youth, persons with disabilities, or persons seeking behavioral/mental health or substance abuse treatment; improvements to community resource and one-stop referral centers; code enforcement/blight elimination; building façade improvements; economic opportunity and business assistance; housing legal services and referrals to appropriate housing providers; affordable housing unit construction; homebuyer education; down payment assistance, and rental assistance.

ACTIONS PLANNED TO ENHANCE COORDINATION BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES

The City of Clearwater will continue to coordinate with housing and public service providers to develop an effective institutional delivery structure and enhance interagency coordination.

The City continues to work with regional housing authorities, such as the CHA and Pinellas County Housing Authority, to improve access to public housing and TBRA. Although the funding for public housing authorities is limited, and competition for affordable housing is high, these agencies continue to provide housing-related activities, such as rental assistance, rehabilitation, and new construction, for

low-income persons. Input from public housing authorities is regularly solicited during preparation of the City's Annual Action Plan.

Additionally, the City promotes coordination between non-profit and private for-profit housing providers through its NAHAB, through the SHIP-mandated Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) in conjunction with the LHAP and LHIS reports, and through the Annual Action Plan process. Moreover, annual meetings in conjunction with the Annual Action Plan provide an opportunity for these providers to interact.

Public service providers in the greater Clearwater area provide a wide array of services for low- and moderate-income persons. These organizations typically have a specific target population that they serve (e.g., the homeless, persons with special needs, low-income families, etc.), and accordingly possess a level of knowledge and expertise that is invaluable when identifying underserved needs. The continuation and expansion of these public services will be encouraged over the fourth program year by means of matching programs with funding, as available. The City recognizes that improved coordination between housing and public service providers is regularly solicited during preparation of the City's Annual Action Plan.

DISCUSSION

For the fourth-year Annual Action Plan, the City will support activities that will address underserved needs through community development and public services; foster affordable housing through new construction and homebuyer assistance; reduce lead-based paint hazards; reduce the number of poverty-level families through a combination of mentoring and economic development; and develop institutional delivery structure through a network of community partners, including the City and its departments. Additionally, the City will continue to encourage coordination between public housing authorities, non-profit and private for-profit housing providers, and public service providers through the NAHAB and AHAC, Annual Action Plan participation, and regular day-to-day referrals through the Economic Development and Housing Department.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

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

INTRODUCTION

This section addresses the program-specific requirements for the Annual Action Plan.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)

REFERENCE 24 CFR 91.220(L)(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.

Available Program Income	Amount
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	\$25,100
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
Total Program Income	\$25,100

OTHER CDBG REQUIREMENTS

Overall Benefit	Amount
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% CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	91.9%

**HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME)
REFERENCE 24 CFR 91.220(L)(2)**

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

The City will use funding from the State SHIP program and/or the Pinellas County Housing Trust Fund for the matching requirements under the HOME program.

- 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:**

Recaptured funds are HOME funds which are recouped by the City when HOME-assisted homeownership housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the assisted homebuyer for the full affordability period. The City will use the recapture method to obtain these funds. The recapture provision is subject to the limitation that when the recapture requirement is triggered by a sale, voluntary or involuntary, of the housing unit, and there are no net proceeds or the net proceeds are insufficient to repay the HOME investment due, the City can only recapture the net proceeds, if any. The net proceeds are the sales price minus the superior loan repayment and closing costs. This language is included in the loan documents. Such funds will be placed in the City's HOME Investment Trust Fund. These funds will be used by the City for other eligible HOME activities.

- 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:**

See the response to number 2, above.

- 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:**

The City will not use HOME funds to refinance the existing debt for multi-family projects.

DISCUSSION

The City of Clearwater anticipates \$1,274,537 in total CDBG program income. This amount includes an estimated \$27,800 for 2023/2024 and \$25,100 to be carried over from prior years. This amount also includes income from the City's revolving loan program, of which \$95,400 is estimated for 2023/2024 and \$1,126,237 is carried over from prior years. Approximately \$1,138,092 is expected from non-income prior-year resources (i.e., entitlement allocations). Combined with the FY 2023 entitlement allocation of \$913,337, available CDBG funds total \$3,325,966.

The City has not identified funds for urgent need activities at this time. The percentage of overall benefit to low- and moderate-income persons is expected to be 91.9%. The City has calculated the percentage of overall benefit based on a period of one year (2023). This percentage excludes program administration and activities related to the removal of slum and blight.

APPENDIX

[Separate Attachments)

1. **Citizen Participation/Comments**
2. **Grantee Unique Appendices**
3. **SF-424 Forms and Certifications**

1. Citizen Participation Comments

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Public Notice

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Pinellas County, Florida

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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA FY 2023-2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

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Federal funding authorization for the CDBG Program and the HOME Program is through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In addition to the grant allocations, the City anticipates that it will receive program income from the federal CDBG and HOME Programs.

These funds will primarily be used for housing, community, and economic development activities. A portion of the funds listed above may be used for City conducted and/or sponsored projects and may not be available for allocation to applicants. Federal regulations applicable to these programs dictate funding availability for certain projects. Proposals for new projects will be accepted beginning on February 15, 2023. Suggestions for new projects/activities for FY 2023-2024 may be presented and should address one or more of the following strategies:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Irin Gomez, HUD Programs Administrator, at (727) 562-4032 or irin.gomez@myclearwater.com.

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You are receiving this email because you are a potential grant applicant for the City of Clearwater's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and/or the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) program funded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development. Our grant application will go live tomorrow morning, February 15. A Notice of Funding Availability (attached to the email) will be posted in tomorrow's edition of the Tampa Bay Times. Beginning tomorrow morning, you will be able to access the City's Affordable Housing & Community Development landing page and start an application - www.myclearwater.com/housingnotices. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions.

There will also be a subrecipient training session scheduled for **Wednesday, March 1 at 10am**. The training will be held on the Zoom platform and will be structured to help you complete an eligible application. If you plan to apply during this year's grant application period, your attendance at the training session is strongly encouraged. If you or a representative from your organization attends the meeting, your application will receive additional points as applications are reviewed and scored. A higher score may result in a higher percentage of a funding request being approved. Multiple people from your organization are welcome to attend; however more than one attendee will not increase your scoring. A Zoom meeting link will be sent to everyone on this email and information regarding this training will be posted on the City's website (link above).

Thank you for your interest in assisting Clearwater residents.

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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

9:00 AM

Main Library - Council Chambers

Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board

1. Call To Order

2. Approval of Minutes

- 2.1 [ID#23-0345](#) Approve the February 14, 2023, NAHAB Meeting Minutes

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

4. New Business Items

- 4.1 [ID#23-0346](#) Applicants for Community Development Block Grant funding for Public Service programs, Public Facility improvements and Economic Development programs will present to the Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board.

5. Old Business Items

6. Director's Report

7. Board Members to be Heard

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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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- 4.1 [ID#23-0576](#) Review of current and planned Affordable and Workforce Housing inventories, City Wide Housing Study and 5-yr Dashboard.
- 4.2 [ID#23-0577](#) Approve stove staff recommended funding allocations among applicants for Fiscal Year 2023/24 Community Development Block Grant funding.

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Roll Call

Present 7 - Chair Kevin Chinault Vice Chair Robyn Fiel, Board Member Camille Hebting, Board Member Gaby Camacho, Board Member Lindsay Dicus-Harrison, and Board Member Carmen Santiago

Also Present – Denise Sanderson – Economic Development & Housing Director and Nicole Sprague – Deputy City Clerk

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2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approve the April 11, 2023, NAHAB Meeting Minutes

Member Hebting moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 Neighborhood Affordable Housing Advisory Board meeting as submitted in written summation. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Beth Davis said it is exciting to see the new housing dashboard. She encouraged the Board to ask Council to budget more funding for affordable housing related needs.

Cassandra Gadson said she was able to get her wheelchair fixed through resources she found out about through a presentation given by city leaders. She said Metropolitan Ministries provided her with rental assistance but they need funding too.

Brian Beckman said he attended a resiliency conference last week and insurance rates were discussed. It was a scary conversation with no solutions provided. Affordable housing will be affected by increased insurance rates.

Eliseo Santana said members of the League of United Latin Americans have expressed a need to address housing affordability. The beach workforce responsible for the tourism industry cannot afford to reside in Clearwater. They travel a great distance to get to work every day.

4. New Business Items

4.1 Review of current and planned Affordable and Workforce Housing inventories, City Wide Housing Study and 5-yr Dashboard.

Economic Development and Housing Director Denise Sanderson provided a PowerPoint presentation. She said as part of citywide strategy, different dashboards will be implemented. The Affordable & Workforce Housing dashboard will be live in a few weeks.

One individual spoke in support of the dashboard.

4.2 Approve stove staff recommended funding allocations among applicants for Fiscal Year 2023/24 Community Development Block Grant funding.

Applicants for Community Development Block Grant funding for Public Service programs, Public Facility improvements and Economic Development programs presented their funding requests to the Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board on April 11, 2023. Staff requests approval of recommended allocations. Also included in the draft proposed budget are funding allocations for additional federal and state resources.

Ms. Sanderson provided a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the allocation requests and staff recommended funding allocations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

In response to questions, Ms. Sanderson said the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) establishes the cap for public services at 15%. The carry over funds is mostly encumbered for public facility projects that are complete. The process is lengthy, and projects often carry over into the following year. Funding is legally restricted. She said there is \$250,000 available in the General Fund that provides funding to six organizations that to serve the homeless population, but the city can only fund those organizations that comply with HUD guidelines.

One individual suggested the Board have the rules in front of them when they review funding requests.

One individual supported funding for future years.

One individual said solar power helps the affordability of homeownership.

One individual said she understands the limitations on funding and having the knowledge on how funding is established helps ease frustration.

A comment was made that after sitting on the board for a few years, it is nice to see new organizations apply for funding. There is a direct link to

affordable childcare services and the workforce.

Member Santiago moved to approve staff recommended funding allocations among applicants for Fiscal Year 2023/24 Community Development Block Grant funding. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Sanderson reviewed the draft affordable and workforce housing dashboard. She hopes it will be live in a couple weeks. The dashboard is broken down by how categories are tracked, for instance multi-family, construction, rehabilitation, single family home acquisition, etc. The dashboard will not report out any current fiscal year data. She said she hopes to expand information in the future to include facilities and services funding that is provided.

In response to a question, Ms. Sanderson said goals and measurables are reported out in the annual CAPER report per HUD requirements, including how many units are produced and where money is spent. She said better reporting should include an understanding of the funding sources and the limitations that come with them that would help identify needs and help Council to establish goals to measure against them.

5. Old Business Items

6. Director's Report

Ms. Sanderson said Pete Scalia is no longer on the board as he termed out. Kevin Chinault also termed out but reapplied and was reappointed. Ms. Sanderson thanked him for his continued service. Council appointed Linda Byers to the board, who is the finance and rehabilitation manager with the City of St. Petersburg. She said the July meeting will include a required public hearing for the Annual Action Plan. The report is due to HUD in August and represents FY23/24, and the fourth year of the five-year consolidated plan. The report will incorporate the expected funding sources and include project descriptions and funding allocations. She said the Board will review the newly passed Live Local Act, which shows an increase in state allocated funding for workforce housing related items.

In response to questions, Ms. Sanderson said E-comments will be an option for the public to participate and provide feedback and questions to the Board. She said she will work with Public Communications to put messages out on social media about the meetings. A comment was made that public participation at the last couple meetings was great.

7. Board Members to be Heard

Members thanked the individuals for providing comments and feedback at today's meeting.

Chair Chinault requested Board feedback regarding what can be done to prepare for the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) that will convene in the fall. He said public feedback is appreciated and proposed a roundtable discussion to elicit public comment and questioned what the Board could do to encourage discussion among interested parties.

In response to a question, Ms. Sanderson said Council will establish the AHAC and appoint the members in August and the meetings will start in September. She said she would check the board rules to see if anything else may be required for such an activity.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 A.M.

Attest:

Chair
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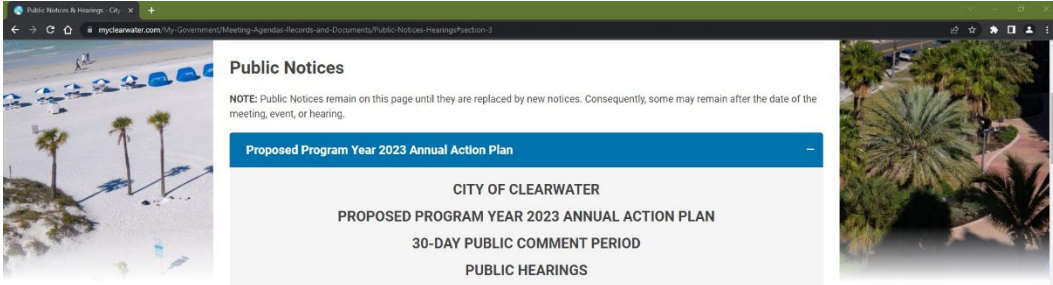
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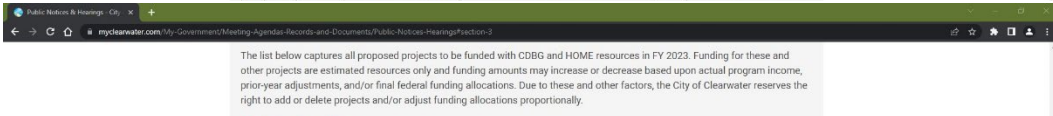
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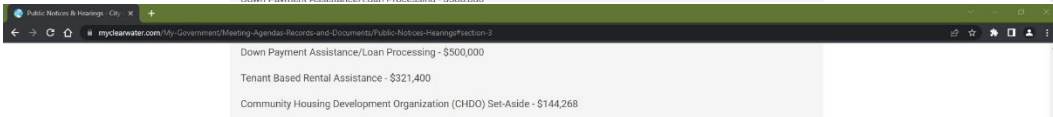
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Hard copies will be available at the following locations for review during the public comment period:

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100 N. Osceola Ave.
Clearwater, FL 33755

City of Clearwater
Economic Development & Housing Department
600 Cleveland St., Suite 600
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City Clerk's Office
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Additionally, the city of Clearwater will hold two public hearings to receive comments on the FY 2023 Annual Action Plan prior to submittal to HUD. Both public hearings will be held in City Council Chambers in the Main Library located at 100 N. Osceola Ave., Clearwater, FL, 33755. The first public hearing will be a meeting of the Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board (NAHAB) to be held on July 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. The second public hearing will be a meeting of the Clearwater City Council to be held on July 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Individuals with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations to effectively participate in these meetings are asked to contact the City Clerk at (727) 562-4092 or rosemarie.call@myclearwater.com in advance.

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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

9:00 AM

Main Library - Council Chambers

Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board

1. Call To Order

2. Approval of Minutes

- 2.1 [ID#23-0809](#) Approve the May 9, 2023, NAHAB Meeting Minutes.

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

4. New Business Items

- 4.1 [ID#23-0810](#) Recommend City Council Approval of the FY 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan.

5. Director's Report

6. Board Members to be Heard

7. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

9:00 AM

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Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board

Roll Call

Present 5 - Chair Kevin Chinault, Vice Chair Robyn Fiel, Board Member Gaby Camacho, Board Member Carmen Santiago, and Board Member Linda Byars

Absent 2 - Board Member Camille Hebting, and Board Member Lindsay Dicus-Harrison

Also Present – Denise Sanderson – Economic Development & Housing Director and Nicole Sprague – Deputy City Clerk

1. Call To Order

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approve the May 9, 2023, NAHAB Meeting Minutes.

Member Fiel moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 Neighborhood Affordable Housing Advisory Board meeting as submitted in written summation. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Beth Davis said she hopes future meetings will include updates on past reports, for example how many rehabilitation loans were approved the previous month and project statuses. She said it is budget planning time and it would be nice to know how money is being spent in the current year for affordable housing initiatives.

Muhammad Abdur-Rahim thanked the Board for representing the citizens of Clearwater. He said it is important for the Board to hear what residents are saying and he is looking forward to the Affordable Housing Dashboard to see where money is being spent on housing.

George Davis urged the Board to address affordable housing with more energy and have it as the number one priority. He said the city has vacant property to place affordable housing units on and can create developer incentives to build affordable housing units. He said there are 120 working families currently living in their car.

4. New Business Items

4.1 Recommend City Council Approval of the FY 2023/2024 Annual Action Plan.

Economic Development and Housing Director Denise Sanderson reviewed the Annual Action Plan. The 2023-24 Annual Action Plan is the fourth year of the five year Consolidated Plan that is required by HUD. She said today's

presentation is one of two required public hearings. The Consolidated Plan is the fund allocation framework and goals are set based on the data collected at the beginning of the Consolidated Plan process. National objectives need to be addressed and funds are allocated annually based on the needs and goals identified in the Consolidated Plan.

In response to questions, Ms. Sanderson said the Annual Action Plan is posted on the City's website. She said the affordable housing inventory list in the report refers to City and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) owned property. Most of the properties have already been donated for affordable housing. She said there is property on Grant St. that is surrounded by properties owned by Tampa Bay Neighborhood Housing Services that will likely be pursued for a multi-family development. The affordable housing inventory list is under review and updates will be made to it. The Live Local Act has components that will allow affordable housing in non-residentially zoned areas. She said an updated report can be provided to the Board regarding programs and projects that are recommended in the Consolidated Plan. She said it would be helpful for the Board and the public to know the status and any issues regarding the programs and projects.

A comment was made that the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee should discuss incentives that could be provided to contractors who are not willing to take on challenging projects.

One individual asked for comparison information regarding what was spent last year versus this year. She said one of the agencies did not receive funds to repair their building facade and asked if the agency could request funds from another bucket.

Ms. Sanderson said the comparison information is available online. She said there is a facade improvement grant that is available. There is a CDBG facade loan to grant program that is available as well. The loan balance reduces 20% every year for five years until it is fully converted to a grant. If the entity goes out of business or leaves the community, an amortized amount is owed.

One individual complimented the Board on requesting regular reports.

One individual thanked the Board for being engaged and said it was an exciting meeting, the public wants to see an engaged board.

Member Santiago moved to recommend approval of the FY2023/2024 Annual Action Plan dated June 11, 2023. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

5. Director's Report

Ms. Sanderson welcomed Linda Byars to the Board. She said she intended to provide information on the key provisions of the Live Local Act which went into effect July 1, 2023 at this meeting. Planning and Development are still working through how certain provisions involving land use and development are implemented and she hopes to provide the information at the August meeting. She said the Board will recommend Council approval to seat the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) at the August meeting as well. The AHAC will convene on September 12, 2023 and a representative from Wade Trim will lead the review of the Local Housing Incentive Strategies. She said she will bring a recommendation to the Board at the August meeting for a \$1,763,000 loan using HOME funds for the project at 306 S. Washington Ave. The CRA Executive Director will be at the August meeting to discuss how the CRA, partnered with Economic Development and the County, will work together to achieve mutual goals related to housing, community and economic development.

In response to a question, Ms. Sanderson said the affordable housing dashboard is not live yet. It is near completion and will reflect current year activity. She said e-comments were turned on for this meeting to help engage the public.

6. Board Members to be Heard

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Attest:

Chair
Neighborhood & Affordable Housing Advisory Board

Board Reporter

City of Clearwater

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Meeting Agenda

Thursday, July 20, 2023

6:00 PM

Main Library - Council Chambers

City Council

Welcome. We are glad to have you join us. If you wish to address the Council, please complete a Comment Card. Comment Cards are on the right-hand side of the dais by the City Clerk. When recognized, please hand your card to the Clerk, approach the podium and state your name. Persons speaking before the City Council shall be limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise noted under Public Hearings. For other than "Citizens to be heard regarding items not on the Agenda," a spokesperson for a group may speak for 3 minutes plus an additional minute for each person in the audience that waives their right to speak, up to a maximum of 10 minutes. Prior to the item being presented, please obtain the form to designate a spokesperson from the City Clerk. Up to 60 minutes of public comment will be allowed for an agenda item. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject unless granted permission by the City Council. The City of Clearwater strongly supports and fully complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Please advise us at least 48 hours prior to the meeting if you require special accommodations at 727-562-4090. Assisted Listening Devices are available. Kindly refrain from using cell phones and electronic devices during the meeting.

Citizens wishing to provide comments on an agenda item are encouraged to do so in advance through written comment. The City has established the following two options:

1) eComments via Granicus - eComments is integrated with the published meeting agenda. Individuals may review the agenda item details and indicate their position on the item. You will be prompted to set up a user profile to allow you to comment, which will become part of the official public record. The eComment period is open from the time the agenda is published. All comments received by 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting (July 19) will become part of the official record.

2) Email - Individuals may submit written comments or videos to ClearwaterCouncil@myclearwater.com. All comments received by 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting (July 19) will become part of the official record.

1. Call to Order

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Special recognitions and Presentations (Proclamations, service awards, or other special recognitions. Presentations by governmental agencies or groups providing formal updates to Council will be limited to ten minutes.)

4.1 [ID#23-0760](#) July Service Awards

4.2 [ID#23-0761](#) Clearwater Sister Cities High School and Middle School Japan Trip Presentations

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 [ID#23-0764](#) Approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023 City Council meeting as submitted in written summation by the City Clerk.

6. Citizens to be heard re items not on the agenda

7. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contains normal, routine business items that are very likely to be approved by the City Council by a single motion. These items are not discussed, and may all be approved as recommended on the staff reports. Council questions on these items were answered prior to the meeting. The Mayor will provide an opportunity for a Councilmember or a member of the public to ask that an item be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Items pulled will receive separate action. All items not removed from the Consent Agenda will be approved by a single motion of the council.

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- 7.8 [ID#23-0658](#) Approve the Distribution Easement request by Duke Energy to operate and maintain its facilities in support of the City Hall Bluff project at 112 S. Osceola Avenue, Clearwater, Florida. (consent)
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- 7.15 [ID#23-0812](#) Approve a purchase order to Oracle America, Inc. of Redwood Shores, CA for software maintenance in a not-to-exceed amount of \$180,645.39 for a one-year term pursuant to Clearwater Code of Ordinances Section 2.563 (1)(a), single source, and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

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Public Hearings - Not before 6:00 PM

8. Administrative Public Hearings

- *Presentation of issues by City staff*
- *Statement of case by applicant or representative (5 min.)*
- *Council questions*
- *Comments in support or opposition (3 min. per speaker or 10 min maximum as spokesperson for others that have waived their time)*
- *Council questions*
- *Final rebuttal by applicant or representative (5 min.)*
- *Council disposition*

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- 8.5 [ANX2023-05004](#) Approve the annexation, initial Future Land Use Map designation of Industrial Limited (IL) and initial Zoning Atlas designation of Industrial, Research and Technology (IRT) District for 1786 North Hercules Avenue, and pass Ordinances 9681-23, 9682-23, and 9683-23 on first reading. (ANX2023-05004)
- 8.6 [ANX2023-05005](#) **Continue to August 17, 2023:** Approve the annexation, initial Future Land Use Map designations of Residential Estate (RE) and Preservation (P) and initial Zoning Atlas designations of Low Density Residential (LDR) and Preservation (P) Districts for an unaddressed parcel on Tanglewood Drive, and pass Ordinances 9684-23, 9685-23, and 9686-23 on first reading. (ANX2023-05005)

9. Second Readings - Public Hearing

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10. City Manager Reports

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11. City Attorney Reports

- 11.1 [ID#23-0819](#) Formally recognize the Communications Workers of America, Local 3179, as the exclusive bargaining representative of the employees proposed for inclusion in the bargaining unit and adopt Resolution 23-10
- 11.2 [9692-23](#) Amend Section 2.263(1), Code of Ordinances, to increase the salaries of the mayor and councilmembers and pass Ordinance 9692-23 on first reading.

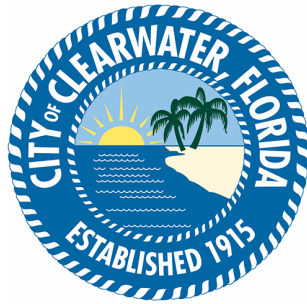
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Action Summary

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approved

- 8.3** Approve the annexation, initial Future Land Use Map designation of Residential Urban (RU) and initial Zoning Atlas designation of Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR) District for 1221 Sunset Point Road and pass Ordinances 9697-23, 9698-23, and 9699-23 on second reading. (ANX2022-05007)
approved
- 8.4** Approve the annexation, initial Future Land Use Map designation of Residential Urban (RU) and initial Zoning Atlas designation of Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR) District for 1219 Sunset Point Road and pass Ordinances 9700-23, 9701-23, and 9702-23 on second reading. (ANX2022-05008)
approved
- 8.5** Approve the annexation, initial Future Land Use Map designation of Industrial Limited (IL) and initial Zoning Atlas designation of Industrial, Research and Technology (IRT) District for 1786 North Hercules Avenue, and pass Ordinances 9681-23, 9682-23, and 9683-23 on first reading. (ANX2023-05004)
approved
- 8.6** **Continue to August 17, 2023:** Approve the annexation, initial Future Land Use Map designations of Residential Estate (RE) and Preservation (P) and initial Zoning Atlas designations of Low Density Residential (LDR) and Preservation (P) Districts for an unaddressed parcel on Tanglewood Drive, and pass Ordinances 9684-23, 9685-23, and 9686-23 on first reading. (ANX2023-05005)

9. Second Readings - Public Hearing

- 9.1** Adopt Ordinance 9638-23 on second reading, amending the Comprehensive Plan to address the creation of a new Parks and Recreation impact fee system.
adopted on second reading
- 9.2** Adopt Ordinance 9639-23 on second reading, amending the Community Development Code to replace Chapter 54 in its entirety with a revised Chapter 54, creating a new Parks and Recreation impact fee system.
adopted on second reading
- 9.3** Adopt Ordinance 9687-23 on second reading, amending the Operating Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, to reflect increases and decreases in revenues and expenditures for the General Fund, Special Program Fund, Solid Waste and Recycling Fund, and Airpark Fund.
adopted on second reading
- 9.4** Adopt Ordinance 9688-23 on second reading, amending the Capital Improvement Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, to reflect an increase of \$1,087,961.

adopted on second reading

10. City Manager Reports

- 10.1 Appoint an individual to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with a term to expire July 20, 2027. - **Appointed Angelica Lonesome**

11. City Attorney Reports

- 11.1 Formally recognize the Communications Workers of America, Local 3179, as the exclusive bargaining representative of the employees proposed for inclusion in the bargaining unit and adopt Resolution 23-10
approved
- 11.2 Amend Section 2.263(1), Code of Ordinances, to increase the salaries of the mayor and councilmembers and pass Ordinance 9692-23 on first reading.
approved

12. Closing comments by Councilmembers (limited to 3 minutes)

13. Closing Comments by Mayor

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

2. Grantee Unique Appendices

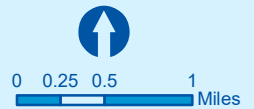
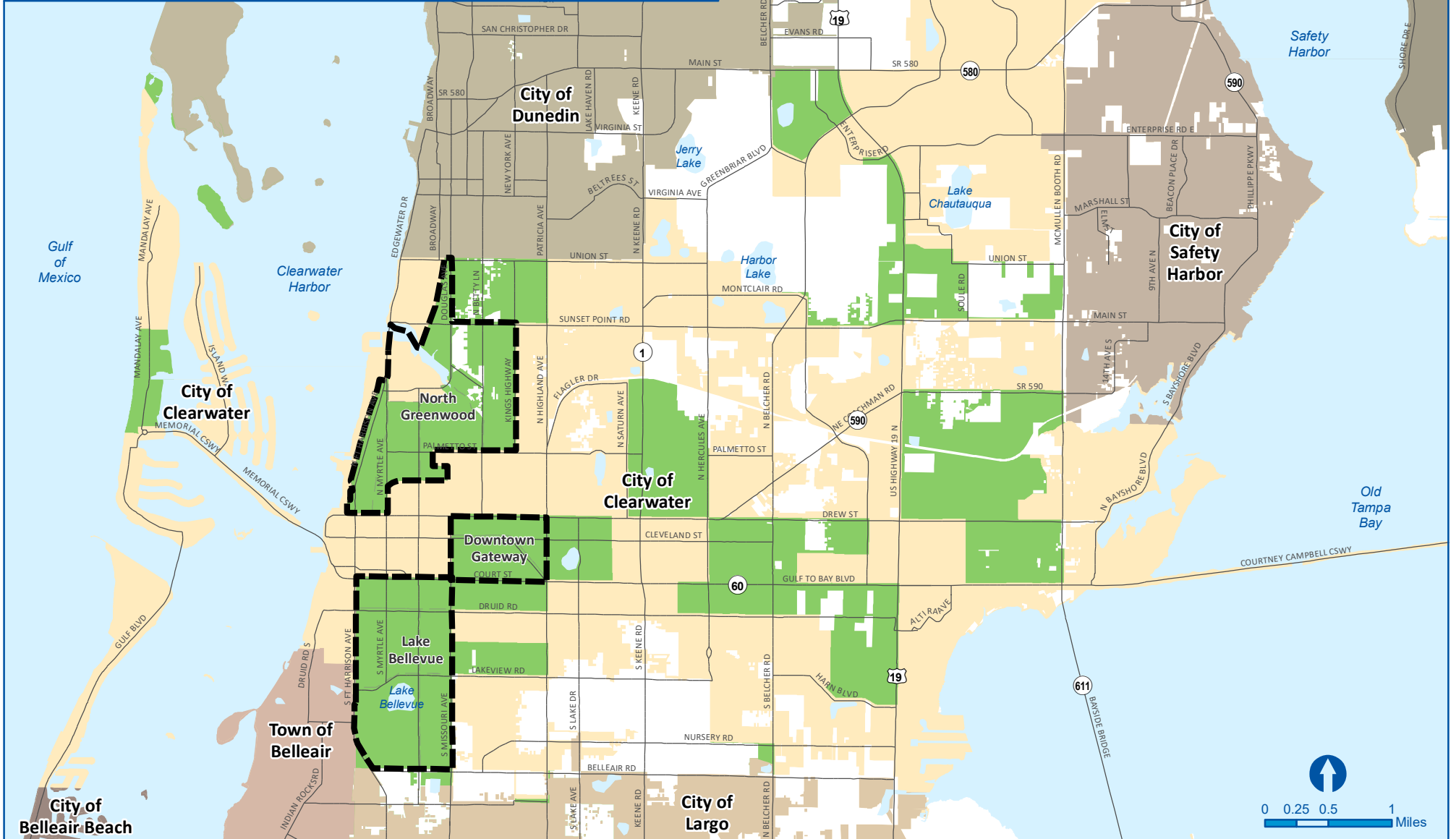
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


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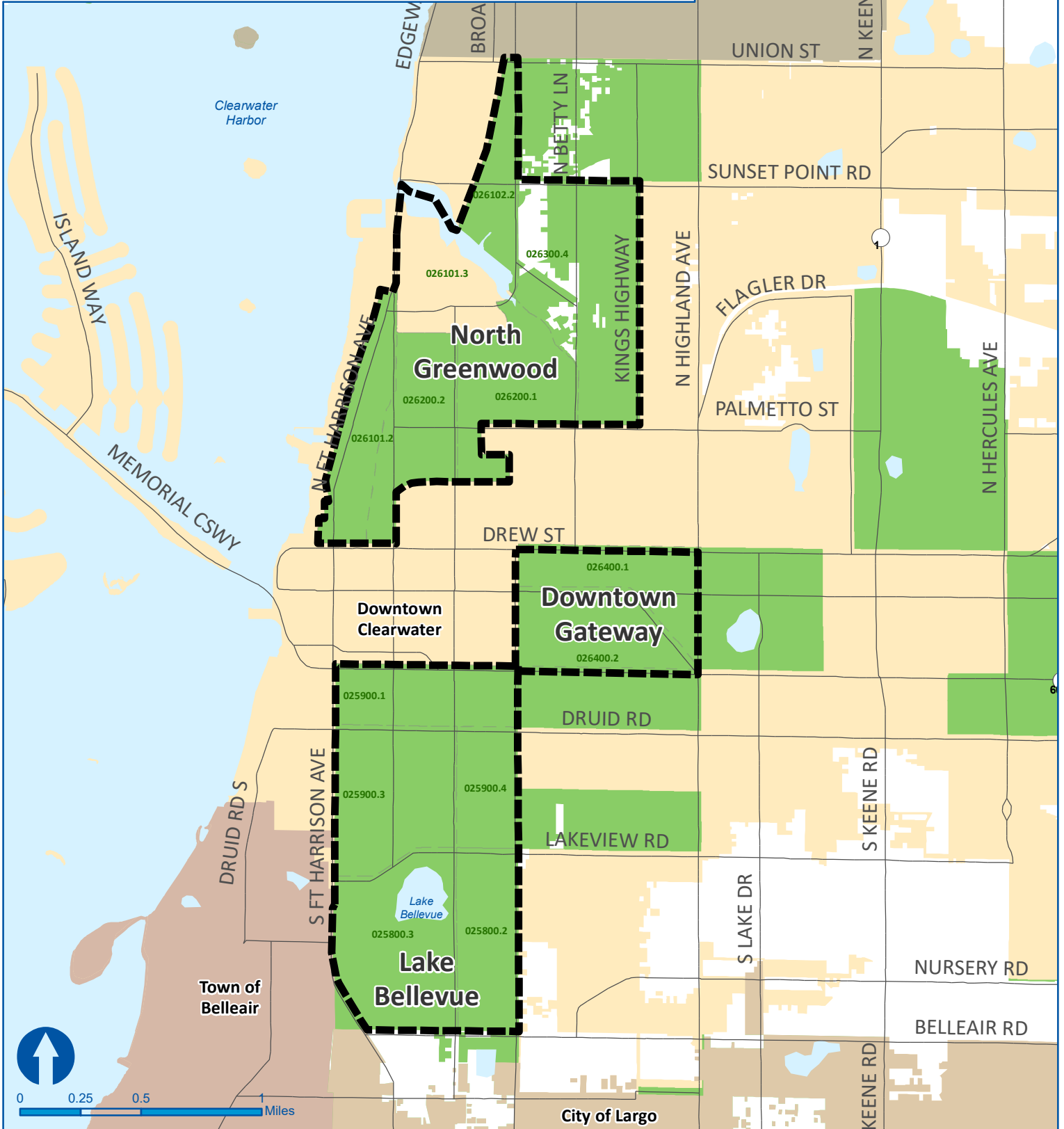
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3. SF-424 Forms and Certifications

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