

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Village of Oak Park has prepared the Year Three Action Plan as required under 24 CFR 91.220. It is tied to the Village's PY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development (Con Plan). The PY2022 Action Plan identifies the activities that will be funded with the Village's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds that it will receive during the program year, which runs from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. The Village did not receive Emergency Solutions Grant funds for PY2021 and will not receive them for PY2022. This is the third year of the current Consolidated Plan. The Village's CDBG allocation for this period will now be a total of approximately \$2,850,773.70.

The Village's revenues for this period are anticipated to be as follows:

\$1,553,643.00 PY2022 Allocation of CDBG Funds

\$89,666.50 Estimated funds reallocated from PY2021

\$350,586.90 Estimated funds reallocated from PY2020

\$128,503.89 Estimated funds reallocated from PY2019

\$3,373.50 Estimated funds reallocated from PY2018

\$2,850,773.70 Total Anticipated Funding for 2022 Action Plan

The lead agency for the PY2022 Action Plan is the Administrative Division of the Development Customer Services Department of the Village of Oak Park, a general-purpose unit of municipal government. The Division initiates the administration, organization and preparation of the Action Plan and will coordinate the public and nonprofit entities through which it will be carried out.

CDBG funds are intended to provide low-and moderate-income (LMI) households with viable neighborhoods, which incorporate decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Eligible activities include fair housing outreach, housing rehabilitation and preservation, public services, infrastructure improvements, code enforcement, public facilities improvements, economic development, public facility improvement, and planning and administration.

The setting of priorities in the selection of these projects is predicated upon the following criteria: meeting the statutory requirements of the CDBG Program, consistency with the Con Plan, meeting the needs of LMI residents, focusing on LMI areas or neighborhoods in the Village (when applicable), coordination and leveraging of resources, response to expressed needs, sustainability and/or long-term impact, and the ability to demonstrate measurable progress and success.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The Village is amending its PY2022 Action Plan, following HUD's substantial amendment requirements and the Village's Citizen Participation Plan to increase funding to PY 2022 projects. The Village of Oak Park PY2022 Action Plan will guide decisions for allocating Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Action Plan follows the five-year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development (Con Plan) to guide the use of its entitlement funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

During PY2022, the Village's Action Plan focuses on the following three objectives, which are identified in the Con Plan: 1) Address community needs related to affordable and decent housing; 2) Address the accessibility and availability of a suitable living environment; 3) Expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. Based on the Con Plan, citizen participation, and input from other Village stakeholders, the highest priorities were found to be public services, housing, homelessness and infrastructure for CDBG funding.

CDBG public services include behavioral health services, fair housing, and emergency food provision and nutrition services. Homelessness initiatives include homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, interim housing, employment readiness and street outreach. Housing priorities included the Small Rental Rehabilitation Program, the Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program, and code enforcement. The Small Rental Rehabilitation Program increases affordability for renters in multi-family buildings having 7 or fewer units, and the Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program provides zero percent loans deferred for 20 years for low- and moderate-income homeowners. Code enforcement enhances the health and safety of Oak Park's population by inspecting the local housing stock and ensuring that it is in good shape. Furthermore, code enforcement staff are cross trained to market CDBG services to low- and moderate-income homeowners who cannot afford to bring their home into compliance. Infrastructure initiatives include alley improvements, water mains and lines improvements, street improvements, sidewalk and sidewalk ramp improvements, including ADA compliant sidewalks and a public restroom. Access to a public restroom gives all community members a safe, clean restroom which is vital to public safety. It also affords dignity to those without private facilities, such as members of the community that are experiencing homelessness. The PY22 budget originally allocated \$225,000 to support the purchase

and construction of a community restroom to be placed in the downtown Oak Park of census tract 8123.01. Due to this proposed project bid being overbudget, staff have discussed pausing this project until 2024 when a Village of Oak Park construction project can combine the two projects and reduce the costs. Due to this pause and a review of all projected expenses for PY22 the Village of Oak Park is proposing to use the \$200,000 of the originally budgeted \$225,000 for the community restroom and to purchase an ambulance for Fire Station 1 which covers 8 of the 14 identified low- to moderate- income census tracts throughout the Oak Park community.

Other priorities identified for use of CDBG funding included administration and planning and public facility improvements. Also identified as a priority was economic development. To promote economic development, the Village makes a serious effort to cut costs and promote new commercial development to ease the reliance on homeowner property taxes. Economic development is promoted by CDBG subrecipient Housing Forward through its employment readiness training. It is the hope of the Village to expand economic development efforts even further. CDBG-CV grants have primarily supported the development of the Business Assistance Loan program. This program was created to help Oak Park businesses create and/or retain jobs for workers with incomes at or below 80% of the Average Median Income for Cook County. A total of \$492,485 was loaned to Oak Park businesses through 84 approved grant applications. CDBG-CV funds also provided \$219,622 to 9 non-profit organizations delivering public services. The Village has an effective, proven strategy for selecting projects that meet the priorities of the community during PY2022 and achieving critical outcomes and objectives.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The process of developing the PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development (Con Plan) occurs every five years. The Con Plan is the primary vehicle to serve low- and moderate-income persons in the Village of Oak Park. It facilitates the formation of a strategy to determine the priority needs in the Village, to distribute federal funding to the areas with the greatest need, and to affect the persons with the most need in the community.

Priorities reflect the perceived needs in the Village, as determined through data and studies, survey results, the expertise of the participating agents, and the participatory process. When the Village of Oak Park began to determine CDBG needs for both the Con Plan and the PY2020 Action Plan, citizen and stakeholder input was sought via a survey, a poll, interviews and meetings. The activities given special attention included public services, affordable housing, infrastructure, public facility improvements, and code enforcement.

The amount of PY2021 CDBG funds made available was \$1,635,543, in addition to some returned funds from prior years. The Village chose to distribute a relatively large amount of its CDBG allocation to local nonprofit subrecipients, many of which demonstrated successful past performance. A sum of \$248,031

was used to fund 13 public service activities administered by various nonprofits (and one by a Village department). In addition, the Village allocated \$80,000 in CDBG funds to the Oak Park Regional Housing Center, \$11,000 for the Oak Park Homeless Coalition, \$33,000 for facility improvements for UCP Seguin, and \$5,862 for facility improvements for Way Back Inn.

With 20,475 persons benefiting from CDBG funds in Oak Park, overall CDBG goals were exceeded in PY2021. However, like many others in the public and nonprofit sector, the COVID-19 pandemic caused delays and limitations in our processes.

Those agencies that underperformed were reported to the CDCAC, the citizen led committee that makes funding level recommendations to the Village of Oak Park Board of Trustees. These reports tend to make CDCAC members less likely to recommend a very high percentage of funding for such agencies.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

As part of the amendment process, all citizens and interested parties were able to view a draft of this plan. Copies of the Amended Plan, in draft form, were available for thirty (30) day review and comment period beginning March 23, 2023 at the Village of Oak Park located at 123 Madison St. Oak Park, IL 60302 in the Development Customer Services Department and online at www.oak-park.us/cdbg. The Plan was presented on April 25, 2023 at Village of Oak Park for final public hearing prior to the Village of Oak Park meeting on May 15, 2023 Village Board of Trustees meeting at 7pm. Access is, and accommodations were, available for persons with disabilities and for non-English speakers. No public comment was received. Final approval of the Plan by the Village Board of Trustees at the May 15, 2023 meeting.

During the process of drafting the PY2022 Action Plan, the Village of Oak Park encouraged a high level of agency consultation to demonstrate its commitment to engaging the participation of citizens, public agencies and non-profit organizations in a positive and collaborative manner.

Public participation in shaping the Action Plan was encouraged through multiple publications, as well as notices, social media announcements, and informational material made easily available in public spaces. Over 60 participants attended the CDBG workshops which included 6 new organizations that had not previously received CDBG funds prior to this program year.

The Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee held public meetings and hearings in order to review of each application. Applicants made presentations at a publicly noticed meeting. Afterwards the commissioners collectively worked to determine funding recommendations, then presented those recommendations to the Village President and Board of Trustees at a public meeting.

The Village Board voted to release the draft of the action plan for a 30-day public comment period, which was also announced through multiple channels. After being released, the draft PY2022 Action Plan was made available at multiple locations. A virtual public hearing was then held to discuss the plan further.

The citizen participation process and consultation process, which was exhaustive, has been further elaborated on in the citizen participation section of this plan.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

No comments were received on the draft PY 2022 Action Plan. See item #4 above for a full description of the citizen participation process for the draft Action Plan. This is also included as an attachment to the PY 2022 Action Plan.

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

Not applicable; during the PY2022 public comment period, no comments were received.

7. Summary

To meet the priority needs of the community, the Village worked in partnership with other entities and will continue to identify and incorporate more partners, as well as to assist all of its partners in enhancing their service delivery systems. This will be accomplished through project funding, program monitoring, technical assistance, workshops and information-sharing, particularly through the various coalitions and committees on which the Village serves.

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

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		Development Customer Services/Village of Oak Park
ESG Administrator		Development Customer Services/Village of Oak Park

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The lead agency for the Action Plan is the Administrative Services Division of the Development Customer Services Department of the Village of Oak Park, a general-purpose unit of municipal government. The Division initiated the administration, organization and preparation of the Action Plan and will coordinate the public and nonprofit entities through which it will carry it out. All of this will be done in conjunction with Cook County, the lead agency for the HOME Consortium to which Oak Park belongs.

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The Development Customer Services Department consults with a number of agencies throughout the year. Continuum of Care members, community representatives, subrecipients, and other public service agencies provide input into the departments plans for HUD funding in on-going consultations and collaborations. The draft PY 2022 Action Plan was forwarded to various agencies that serve the citizens of Oak Park. The citizen participation plan was followed; citizens and key persons were invited to provide input but input was not received. Several agencies were involved through consultation, planning and communication efforts.

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)).

The Village of Oak Park has involved public and private housing, health, mental health and service agencies in a number of ways. The Village is a member of the Cook County HOME Consortium, and can potentially receive HOME Investment Partnership Program funds. The Village is also part of a funder collaboration group that, in working together, achieves greater efficiency. It reduces redundancy as well as coordinates and streamlines the grant application and awarding process. Furthermore, the CDBG staff worked to update the PY 2022 grant cycle and application to align like methods, reduce duplication, and maximize workflow.

By working collaboratively with a diverse set of partners, resources are leveraged to better support local organizations. For example, the Village consulted state and local health and child welfare agencies in preparing the lead-based paint hazards sections, which benefits everyone.

Subrecipients, many of whom are experienced in the CDBG process, undertake a high level of grant management. They select clear, measurable outcomes to demonstrate that their programs are having a meaningful impact. Throughout the year, the Village works closely with its subrecipients and other service providers to develop better coordination and collaboration. This includes NAMI Metro Suburban and Thrive, two agencies that assist persons with mental health needs.

The Village is very involved in the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County (the Alliance), the region's Continuum of Care (CoC) lead. The CoC includes not only homeless service providers but health, mental health, substance abuse treatment and housing providers. Many of the CDBG funded

agencies participate in the CoC and work closely with other nonprofits to identify promising opportunities for persons in the community.

In partnership with the Oak Park Township Community Mental Health Board and the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation, the Village created a committee of funding agencies, including the Alliance, to evaluate the priorities and funding efforts in the community so that services are not duplicated and needs are being addressed in the most effective way possible. This group continues to plan how to best serve the agencies that assist those in need so that grant funds can make the greatest impact.

The Village is committed to increasing community partnerships and investing in economic and neighborhood development. The actions identified above will further this commitment and will increase opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents to receive necessary services and obtain access to affordable housing options.

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 Village of Oak Park works with the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County (the Alliance), the area's Continuum of Care (CoC). The Village attends CoC Prevention Committee and West Suburban Council on Homelessness meetings. It served on the core committee that evaluated the RFP for comprehensive Coordinated Entry services and operations in Suburban Cook County and continues to work with Coordinated Entry.

The Village assisted the chronically homeless individuals and families through its participation in the local CoC. It also created a committee in partnership with the Oak Park Township Community Mental Health Board and the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation. Through this committee, The Village provides the most coordinated funding structure that addresses the needs of persons experiencing homelessness, with an emphasis on chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth, as well as persons at risk of homelessness.

While the Village aligns its priorities with the Alliance's strategic plan to ensure a coordinated response within the community, it also focuses on needs specific to Oak Park. The Oak Park Homelessness Coalition brings together service providers and governmental organizations in the community to develop a cohesive plan to end homelessness in the Village. The Village's participation increases

interagency collaboration and helps ensure that persons experiencing homelessness are linked to services best suited for their needs.

Additionally, one of the Village's subrecipients, Housing Forward, implemented two CDBG activities, employment readiness and interim housing shelter, to help these populations. The Village of Oak Park is always looking for opportunities to coordinate efforts to address the needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness.

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

At this time, the Village of Oak Park does not play a role in allocating ESG funds, developing performance standards for and evaluating outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, or developing funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS. The Village will continue to consider opportunities for accessing ESG funds as well as playing a more active role in the development of the HMIS data entry system going forward.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Regional organization Planning organization Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Village followed the Alliance Strategic Plan and attended meetings and special sessions all throughout the year. The Alliance was interviewed for the Con Plan and play an important leadership role as the CoC.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Regional organization Planning organization Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was funded with CDBG and plays a vital role, being the chief fair housing agency in Oak Park. They were consulted during the Con Plan process. They are expected to help keep Oak Park diverse and mainly free of discrimination. The Housing Center is an official Partner Agency of Oak Park government.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	COOK COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Regional organization Planning organization Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cook County government (Department of Planning and Development; Bureau of Economic Development) is the lead agency for the HOME Consortium to which the Village belongs. This entire IDIS PY 2022 Action Plan is being done in partnership with Cook County.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	State of Illinois
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - State Planning organization Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	State Government
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Like all these other agencies and organizations, the State was sent the draft Action Plan, with an emphasis on lead hazard reduction and children.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	Oak Park Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Other government - Local Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Village works with the Oak Park Housing Authority (OPHA) to ensure proper housing for LMI persons, seniors, persons experiencing homelessness and persons with disabilities. The OPHA Plan and the Village Con Plan and Action Plan are consistent with each other. A draft Action Plan was provided for review.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	OAK PARK RESIDENCE CORPORATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Other government - Local Planning organization Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Village works with the Oak Park Residence Corporation to ensure proper and inclusive housing policy and actions. The Residence Corporation is an official Partner Agency of Oak Park government.

7	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Forward
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Regional organization Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Housing Forward is a subrecipient of CDBG funds the main homelessness services provider for Oak Park. They were interviewed for the Con Plan and play an important leadership role with the Alliance, as well as with the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition. A draft Action Plan was provided for review.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	CHILDRENS CLINIC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Health Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Oak Park-River Forest Children's Clinic of the Infant Welfare Society, a CDBG subrecipient, is the primary child welfare agency, which the Village consulted with regard to lead based paint hazard reductions, particularly on the subject of children.

9	Agency/Group/Organization	SARAH'S INN
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims Regional organization Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Sarah's Inn is a subrecipient of CDBG funds and the main domestic violence services provider for Oak Park and the larger area. A draft Action Plan was provided for review.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization Civic Leaders Foundation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Village is involved with the meeting of community funders, led by the Oak Park Township Community Mental Health Board and the Oak Park & River Forest Community Foundation. The goal is to better serve non profit agencies.

11	Agency/Group/Organization	Beyond Hunger
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency Regional organization Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Beyond Hunger is a subrecipient of CDBG funds and the main emergency food provider for Oak Park and the larger area. A draft Action Plan was provided for review.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Not applicable.

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	Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County	Our goals overlap with the Alliance's to End Homelessness Plan.

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

During the process of drafting the PY2022 Action Plan, the Village of Oak Park encouraged a high level of agency consultation to demonstrate its commitment to engaging the participation of citizens, public agencies and non-profit organizations in a positive and collaborative manner.

Public participation in shaping the Action Plan began on January 20, 2022 when a Notice of Federal Funding Availability was published in the Wednesday Journal newspaper, which receives over 10,000 households. All organizational representatives on the Development Customer Services Department grants mailing list were sent a notice, additional notices were sent out in social media, and through the Village of Oak Park's newsletter, OP/FYI, which is sent to all Oak Park households. Two ads were placed in the Wednesday Journal advertising the mandatory grants workshop and encouraging all nonprofits to participate and learn about the CDBG funding opportunities. Over 60 participants attended the workshops which included 6 new organizations that had not previously received CDBG funds prior to this program year.

The Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC) held a total of four public meetings, this process began on March 2, 2022, when a notice of these meetings was published in the Wednesday Journal newspaper. Two hearings were conducted as an in-depth review of each application and two (2) public CDCAC meetings were held in April 2022 and two (2) public hearings were held in May 2022.

The CDCAC reviewed proposals and heard applicant presentations. Afterwards the commissioners collectively worked to determine funding recommendations. They presented the recommendations to the Village President and Board of Trustees for a portion of the Village's PY2022 CDBG entitlement allocation. All of these recommendations are included in this Action Plan.

On June 21, 2022, the Village Board voted on releasing the draft PY2022 Action Plan for a 30-day public comment period to begin June 22, 2022. The Notice of Document Availability for the draft PY2022 Action Plan was published in the Wednesday Journal on June 22, 2022 and advertised on the Village of Oak Park website, with the 30-day comment period running from June 22, 2022 to 5 p.m. on July 22, 2022. A virtual public hearing was held from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 11, 2022. After being released, the draft PY2022 Action Plan was made available at the following locations:

- Village of Oak Park Development Customer Services, 123 Madison Street, Oak Park; and
- The Village of Oak Park Website, on the Housing-Grants page
- Oak Park Public Library, Main Branch, 834 Lake Street, Oak Park

No comments were received on the draft PY 2022 Action Plan.

The Village of Oak Park invited public comment of the PY 2022 Amended Action Plan from March 23, 2023 through April 25, 2023. The comment period and the April 25, 2023 Public Hearing were advertised on March 22, 2023 in the Wednesday Journal, a general circulation newspaper, the Village of Oak Park's website, and the Village of Oak Park's Development Customer Services Department. There were no attendees at the Public Hearing and no comments were made during the Public Hearing on April 25, 2023.

The Plan was presented on April 25, 2023 at Village of Oak Park for final public hearing prior to the Village of Oak Park meeting on May 15, 2023 Village Board of Trustees meeting at 7pm. Access is, and accommodations were, available for persons with disabilities and for non-English speakers. No public comment was received. Final approval of the Plan by the Village Board of Trustees at the May 8, 2023 meeting.

Citizen Participation Outreach

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	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	The Wednesday Journal newspaper ad ran June 22, 2022. The comment period ran from June 22, 2022 to 5:00pm on July 22, 2022. No comments were received.	No comments were received.	Not applicable	
2	Internet Outreach	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: any other language Persons with disabilities Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Draft PY 2022 Action Plan sent out to multiple agencies per the Oak Park Citizen's Participation Plan. The draft document was also made available on the Village of Oak Park's website.	No comments received.	Not applicable	https://www.oak-park.us/village-services/housing-programs/community-development-shelter-grants

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3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The public meeting for the draft Action Plan was held on July 11, 2022. The public meeting for the final Action Plan was held on August 1, 2022	No comments were received.	Not applicable.	
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The public hearing for the draft Action Plan was held on July 11, 2022 at 3:00pm.	No comments were received.	Not applicable.	

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5	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	On March 22, 2023 the Village of Oak Park published the 30 day comment period for the PY 2022 Amended Action Plan. The Final Public Hearings were held concerning the PY 2022 Amended Action Plan prior to and at the Village of Oak Park Board meeting on April 25, 2023	No comments were received during the 30 day comment period. There were no attendees at the Public Hearing and no comments were made during the Public Hearing on April 25, 2023 on the PY 2022 Amended Action Plan.		

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6	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	On March 22, 2023 the Village of Oak Park published the 30 day comment period for the PY 2022 Amended Action Plan. Final Public Hearing on April 25, 2023 was held concerning the 2022 Amended Action Plan prior to the final approval by the Village Board of Trustees.	There were no attendees at the Public Hearing and no comments were made during the Village Board of Trustees meeting on May 15, 2023 on the PY 2022 Action Plan. No comment were received during the 30 day comment period.		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The anticipated resources section of the Action Plan describes the Village of Oak Parks financial resources for PY 2022, as well as for the duration of the PY 2020 to 2024 Consolidated Plan. The financial resources listed are not all encompassing but serve to illustrate the Villages ability to use federal and local funding to address the priority needs and goals put forth in this plan. The funds are anticipated to be utilized by various regional and local government entities as well as the non profit service providers that serve Oak Park. In the Con Plan, Administration was not

listed as a goal because it doesn't report accomplishments.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,553,643	0	1,297,130.70	2,850,773.70	3,385,255	<p>Allocated to Village departments and non-profit agencies serving the Oak Park community, with some funds allocated to grant administration. The prior year resources are from Program year 2020.</p> <p>The Village anticipates \$572,130.79 of prior year funds to be reallocated from PY 2018, PY 2019, PY 2020, PY2021 to be available to fund PY 2022 projects.</p>

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Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Federal funding will leverage private, state and local funds by enabling the Village of Oak Park to serve those with the greatest need at the highest capacity. The grant money provided by HUD will allow organizations and the Village to successfully meet the needs of the community's most vulnerable members.

Federal funds support subrecipients that require multiple revenue streams to have their program, project, or service meet needs in the community. Federal funds also strengthen the case made by nonprofits when they pursue additional dollars. Funders want to see that an agency

has the support of a diverse set of funders before they decide to commit their own funds. CDBG funding is especially meaningful, as the ability to manage federal funding speaks to a nonprofit's capacity, giving confidence to potential funders.

Nonprofits by and large recognize their ability to leverage federal funding when they pursue grants, as do other subrecipients. When the Village does receive ESG funds, which will not be the case for PY 2022, subrecipients will be expect to match that funding dollar for dollar, which creates additional investment in the community.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Not applicable at this time.

Discussion

The Village of Oak Park will continue to pursue other available federal, state and private sources to leverage entitlement grant funding for the proposed community development initiatives in the Action Plan and Consolidated Plan.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Services	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Entire Jurisdiction	Public Services	CDBG: \$233,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 24000 Persons Assisted
2	Public Infrastructure	2020	2024	Public Infrastructure	Entire Jurisdiction CDBG Target Area	Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$1,094,128	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2450 Persons Assisted
3	Public Facilities and Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Entire Jurisdiction	Public Facilities & Improvements	CDBG: \$299,071	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 150 Persons Assisted
4	Affordable & Safe Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Entire Jurisdiction	Housing	CDBG: \$351,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 14 Household Housing Unit

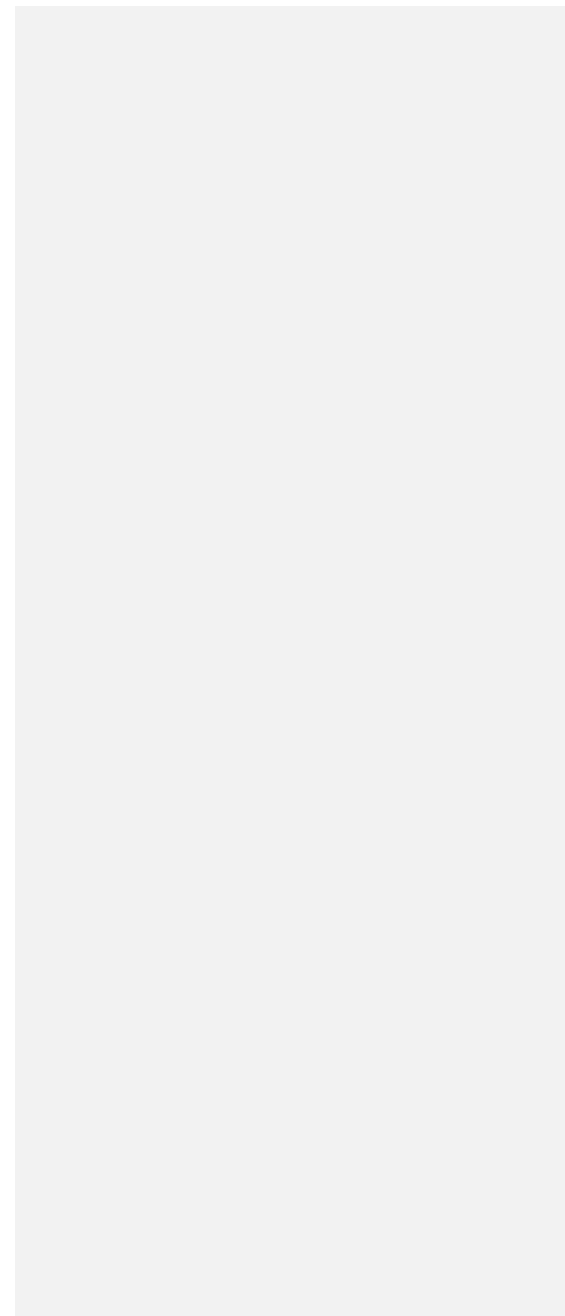
Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Homelessness Assistance	2020	2024	Homeless	Entire Jurisdiction	Homelessness Assistance	CDBG: \$42,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 40 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 20 Persons Assisted
6	Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Entire Jurisdiction	Economic Development Administration & Planning	CDBG: \$310,728	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Public Services that consist of expanding the availability of and increasing access to needed public services is a key goal. Public services include, but are not limited to, mental health, domestic violence, food provision, fair housing, programs for persons with disabilities, homeless services and child/youth programs.
2	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	This strategic plan goal involves creating livable communities through improvements to public infrastructure. Maintaining and improving the quality of the existing infrastructure is instrumental to ensuring that residents live in a safe, clean, and decent environment. Accessibility improvements are a large part of the work to be performed. The focus is on sidewalk, sidewalk ramp, street, alley and water line improvements. The activities will be a mix of LMA and LMC, thus being targets and covering the Village as a whole.

3	Goal Name	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Goal Description	Maintaining and improving the quality of the exiting public facilities is instrumental to ensure that residents have access to safe, accessible and decent facilities and that special needs populations are cared for.
4	Goal Name	Affordable & Safe Housing
	Goal Description	The Village of Oak Park aims to maintain and improve affordable housing. The advanced age of the Oak Park housing supply necessitates the need for the rehabbing of existing housing, occupied by both owners and renters. This priority also includes code enforcement, which similarly strives to ensure that properties are safe and sound. The dollar amount listed below includes \$75,000 for Code Enforcement. The dollar amount listed below does not include the single family housing rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund amount.
5	Goal Name	Homelessness Assistance
	Goal Description	Oak Park aims to support services to prevent homelessness and to assist those currently experiencing homelessness. These services include but are not limited to ESG street outreach, prevention, rapid re-housing, HMIS and emergency shelter, though CDBG funds are used, as well. Accomplishments and dollar amounts are listed under Public Service for CDBG. The Village will not receive ESG funds for PY 2022. The Housing Forward Homelessness Planning and Admin project is part of this Goal.
6	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	Economic development will provide greater opportunities for low and moderate income Oak Park residents and help businesses grow. In addition, please note that within the Con Plan, Administration was not listed as a goal because it does not report accomplishments. This resulted in the dollar amount for Goals being short by \$310,728 of the amount listed in both the Projects and Resources section. To allow for consistency throughout AP15, AP20, and AP35 the 20% administration funding allocation (\$310,728) was added into the Economic Development goal.



AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Village has identified these projects to be implemented in PY 2022 to achieve the priorities, strategies and goals listed in the Consolidated Plan. This includes activities from allocations from previous program years that will be completed and/or funds disbursed in PY 2022. The Public Services activities funded are at the amount of \$233,000. The infrastructure activities are funded at \$1,094,128 for PY 2022. Public Facilities and Improvements activities funded are funded at \$299,071 for PY 2022. Housing activities are funded at \$351,000, including \$75,000 going to a Housing Code Enforcement activity (the \$175,000 does not include the revolving loan fund balance and a past RLF contingency activity). Similar to last year, the Village did not receive Emergency Solutions Grant funding for PY 2022.

#	Project Name
1	Beyond Hunger
2	Community Support Services
3	Hephzibah Children's Association
4	Housing Forward, Employment Readiness
5	Housing Forward, Interim Housing Shelter
6	Housing Forward, OPHC Homeless Planning
7	NAMI Metro Suburban
8	New Moms
9	North West Housing Partnership
10	Infant Welfare Society, Children's Clinic
11	Our Future Reads
12	Sarah's Inn
13	Thrive Counseling Center
14	UCP Seguin Services of Greater Chicago
15	Y.E.M.B.A.
16	Village of Oak Park CDBG Administration
17	Village of Oak Park Farmer's Market
18	Village of Oak Park Housing Program (HP) Lead Hazard Reduction
19	Village of Oak Park Housing Project Small Rental Rehab
20	Village of Oak Park Housing Project SFR/SRP Project Implementation
21	Code Enforcement
22	Village of Oak Park, Public Works Infrastructure - ADA Sidewalks
23	Village of Oak Park, Public Works Infrastructure - Alleys
24	Village of Oak Park, Public Works Infrastructure - Streets & Sidewalk Ramps
25	Village of Oak Park, Public Works Infrastructure - Water Line Improvements
26	Way Back Inn
27	Way Back Inn

#	Project Name
28	Y.E.M.B.A.
29	Village of Oak Park, Public Works Infrastructure – Public Restroom
30	Oak Park Regional Housing Center, Public Service
31	Oak Park Regional Housing Center, Admin
32	Oak Park Fire Department, Ambulance

Table 7 – Project Information

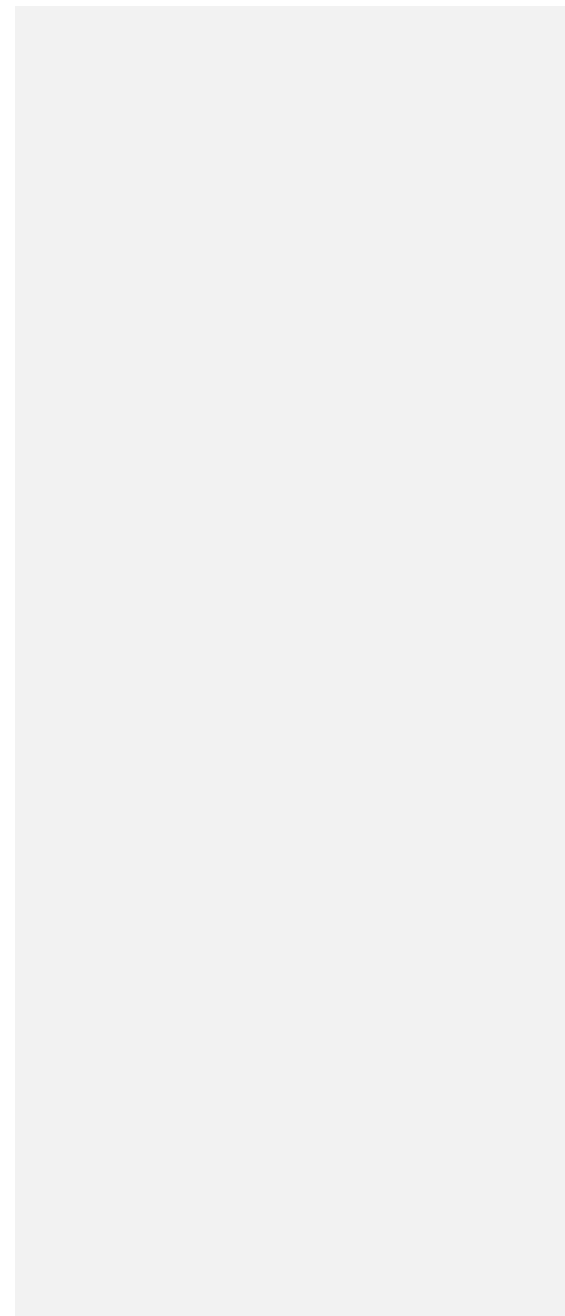
Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The Village sought a high level of agency and public consultation in an effort to demonstrate its commitment to identifying priority needs and engaging the participation of public agencies and nonprofit organizations in a positive and collaborative manner. These actions and meetings resulted in the Village's allocation priorities which were determined to be housing, infrastructure, public services, planning-administration and public facility improvements.

There are three potential obstacles to addressing underserved needs. COVID-19 cannot be dismissed as a concern. Medical experts have warned that COVID cases will once again increase in the winter. With the spread of COVID comes the potential for public services to be interrupted. It is critical that subrecipients are prepared and supported.

Due to labor shortages experienced across the country, it is not a given that needed labor will be available for all CDBG-funded projects. It is unclear as to when the number of job openings will decrease in the months to come, but until then there is a real possibility of delays due to an inability to fill all needed positions. The Village will continue to widely advertise open positions, per CDBG guidelines. Rent has continued to rise at a frightening pace. Housing assistance programs become more complicated when the rent that participants pay is increased beyond what they can manage. This means that housing assistance programs must formulate a diverse set of solutions to fit a wide variety of cases.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information



1	Project Name	Beyond Hunger
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$22,000
	Description	Beyond Hunger will provide direct hunger relief to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	13,000 persons.
	Location Description	848 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60301
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
2	Project Name	Community Support Services
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,111
	Description	Community Support Services (CSS) provides Case Management services to Oak Park families and participants with an Intellectual/Developmental disability (I/DD). The purpose is to provide stability through these services to improve the quality of life through participation in the community.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	350 individuals and families will be served.
	Location Description	Various Oak Park addresses
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.

3	Project Name	Hephzibah Children's Association
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$19,000
	Description	The Hephzibah behavior interventionist will provide academic and behavioral support and crisis intervention services for 50 children who reside at Hephzibah Home and attend District 97 and therapeutic schools.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 formerly abused and neglected children served.
	Location Description	946 North Boulevard, Oak Park, IL 60301
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
4	Project Name	Housing Forward, Employment Readiness
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services Homelessness Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services Homelessness Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	The Housing Forward Employment Readiness program will provide individual and group-based training in the soft skills necessary to become job ready and secure sustainable employment, as well as job location services to connect clients to long-term employment.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 homeless and/or formerly homeless persons

	Location Description	1851 S. 9th Avenue, Maywood, IL 60153
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
5	Project Name	Housing Forward, Interim Housing Shelter
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services Homelessness Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services Homelessness Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$32,000
	Description	The Interim Housing program is a 24-hour-a-day place for people to stabilize while they seek permanent housing. The safe environment allows clients relief from a survival mode and time to focus on their housing goals. Housing Forward has leased the Write Inn hotel in Oak Park for this purpose.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	120 homeless persons.
	Location Description	211 N. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project
6	Project Name	Housing Forward, OPHC Homeless Planning
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Administration & Planning
	Funding	CDBG: \$16,000
	Description	Homelessness planning and administration in partnership with the leadership of the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition.
	Target Date	9/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	NA: this is Planning-Administration
	Location Description	1851 S. 9th Ave, Maywood IL 60153
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
7	Project Name	NAMI Metro Suburban
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,000
	Description	NAMI Metro Suburban will use CDBG funds for its Drop in Center. The purpose of the project is to promote programming at the Drop In Center for adults with mental illness living in Oak Park. The services provided at the center include an array of wellness programs, socialization activities, supported employment and job readiness and job placement.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	120 persons served
	Location Description	814 Harrison St., Oak Park, IL 60304
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
8	Project Name	New Moms
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,000
	Description	The project will assist young mothers to assist to be a parent and support the child(ren). The Parents As Teachers social work model will be followed.
	Target Date	9/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	220 adolescents and mothers will benefit.
	Location Description	206 W. Chicago Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
9	Project Name	North West Housing Partnership
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,125
	Description	To provide the Village of Oak Park with an excellent home repair program for low to moderate income Senior residents in need of home repairs.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 older adults would benefit
	Location Description	Various Oak Park addresses
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project
10	Project Name	Infant Welfare Society, Children's Clinic
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,000
	Description	The Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society Children's Clinic will use CDBG to subsidize the cost of providing preventive and restorative dental care for low-income Oak Park children.
	Target Date	9/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4500 youth will benefit from services.
	Location Description	28 Madison St. Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project
11	Project Name	Our Future Reads
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$3,920
	Description	Funds to rent larger utility space for literacy donations for the Oak Park community
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2000 people will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	909 N. Marion St. Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
12	Project Name	Sarah's Inn
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	With this project, Sarah's Inn will pay for the partial salary and fringe benefits for the Advocacy and Counseling Coordinator position. This trained position will provide supportive services to the entire family, focused not only on successful crisis intervention and emotional support to address the most common effects of trauma, but also the longer-term issues of realizing self-sufficiency.
	Target Date	9/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4500 people will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Domestic Violence Services
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
13	Project Name	Thrive Counseling Center
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,000
	Description	The Psychiatric Services for Medicaid Clients project provides psychiatric and medication management services to LMI clients in order that they may manage their symptoms and lead productive lives.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	504 will benefit from this activity
	Location Description	120 S. Marion St. Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this activity.
14	Project Name	UCP Seguin Services of Greater Chicago
	Target Area	CDBG Target Area
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities & Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$46,800
	Description	UCP Seguin will improve one CILA public facility at 436 South Taylor Avenue and 134 South East Avenue in Oak Park using these CDBG funds.
	Target Date	9/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7 people will benefit from these activities
	Location Description	436 South Taylor Avenue and 134 South East Avenue Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
15	Project Name	Y.E.M.B.A.
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,000
	Description	Support salary for staff to provide mentoring empowerment and training service to minority youth, in 6-8th grade, who are Oak Park residents
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	110 people will benefit from this activity
	Location Description	218 Lake St. Oak Park, IL 60301
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this activity
16	Project Name	Village of Oak Park CDBG Administration
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Administration & Planning
	Funding	CDBG: \$219,729
	Description	General oversight, administration and management of the Village CDBG program for PY 2022.
	Target Date	9/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	NA Administration Only
	Location Description	123 Madison St. Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project
17	Project Name	Village of Oak Park Farmer's Market
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,844
	Description	CDBG funds will enable the Public Health Department to provide healthy, nutritious food to low income persons attending the Farmers Market.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	355 person will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Farmer's Market is located in the parking lot of Pilgrim Church in Oak Park.
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
18	Project Name	Village of Oak Park Housing Program (HP) Lead Hazard Reduction
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Affordable & Safe Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$99,150
	Description	The Village will use these CDBG funds to reduce lead hazards in the single family homes of income qualifying households in partnership with a single family housing rehabilitation activity.
	Target Date	9/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7 LMI households will benefit.
	Location Description	Various addresses in Oak Park.
	Planned Activities	Up to 7 activities will be set up for this project.
19	Project Name	Village of Oak Park Housing Project Small Rental Rehab
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Affordable & Safe Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$90,950
	Description	The Village will use these CDBG funds for a single family housing rehabilitation activity that will assist LMI households. The improvements will ensure the health and safety of homeowners. There is \$175,000 in a revolving loan contingency activity that may be partially used in PY 2022; this amount is not included below, and neither is the balance of the revolving loan fund.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Up to 7 LMI households will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	Various addresses in Oak park
	Planned Activities	Up to 7 activities will be set up for this project.
20	Project Name	Village of Oak Park Housing Project SFR/SRP Project Implementation
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Affordable & Safe Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$85,900

	Description	This CDBG project is the Oak Park Housing Programs Projects Implementation, which covers activity delivery costs for the three housing projects: lead hazard reduction; single family rehab with the revolving loan fund; and small rental rehab.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is an ADC project with no beneficiaries in order to avoid a duplicative count of accomplishments
	Location Description	123 Madison St. Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
21	Project Name	Code Enforcement
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Affordable & Safe Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	The Neighborhood Services Division of the Oak Park Development Customer Services Department is receiving CDBG funds to improve homes and businesses in deteriorated/deteriorating income-eligible areas of the Village in order to improve the health, safety and overall well-being of Oak Park residents. A number of excellent Village CDBG funded housing programs exist for qualifying owners and renters whose buildings receive Code Enforcement violations.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 LMI households will benefit.
	Location Description	Two addresses in Oak Park to be determined
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
22	Project Name	Village of Oak Park, Public Works Infrastructure - ADA Sidewalks
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction

	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$225,000
	Description	The Streets and Sidewalk Ramp project replaces deteriorating streets as well as sidewalk ramps at intersections as part of the Village annual street resurfacing project. The Village maintains approximately 110 miles of streets and when streets are resurfaced sidewalk ramps at intersections are replaced when needed to eliminate hazards that create barriers to persons with disabilities and to comply with ADA guidelines. CDBG funds will be used for these sidewalk ramp replacements at various intersections. In addition, traditional sidewalks will be replaced for the same reason listed above, and deteriorated alleys will be replaced in Low Mod Areas.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2500 persons will benefit from this project and activity
	Location Description	Various locations in Oak Park
	Planned Activities	Street and ADA Sidewalk ramp improvements
23	Project Name	Village of Oak Park, Public Works Infrastructure - Alleys
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$434,285
	Description	The Village maintains approximately 110 miles of streets and deteriorated alleys will be replaced in Low Mod Areas.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2500 persons will benefit from this project and it's activities
	Location Description	Various locations in Oak Park

	Planned Activities	Alley improvement will be funded at \$434,285
24	Project Name	Village of Oak Park, Public Works Infrastructure - Streets & Sidewalk Ramps
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$384,843
	Description	The Streets and Sidewalk Ramp project replaces deteriorating streets as well as sidewalk ramps at intersections as part of the Village annual street resurfacing project.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2500 persons will benefit from this project and activity
	Location Description	various locations in Oak Park
	Planned Activities	one activity under this project
25	Project Name	Village of Oak Park, Public Works Infrastructure - Water Line Improvements
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	The Village of Oak Park will administer a program to remove lead water services (both public side and private side) from the water system over a period of time. The Village has approximately 12,000 water services that are either known to be lead or have unknown materials and assumed to be lead. Families with young children will be targeted, as the purpose is to reduce or eliminate lead poisoning. Qualifying low and moderate income persons will be the beneficiaries.
	Target Date	9/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	19 LMI persons will benefit
	Location Description	Various addresses in Oak Park
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
26	Project Name	Way Back Inn
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to provide counseling to the family members of recovering addicts at the Way Back Inn Grateful House, which will allow clients and family members to have better mental and physical health.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 persons will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	412 Wesley Ave. Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
27	Project Name	Way Back Inn
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities & Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$42,271
	Description	This project will pay for new windows (replacing old, worn windows) for the Recovery Home called Grateful House, which provides services for substance use disorders.
	Target Date	9/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 persons will benefit
	Location Description	412 Wesley Ave. Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
28	Project Name	Y.E.M.B.A.
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	This project will pay for a new facade and stoop creation for the office and service delivery location for a mentoring program for youth 6-12th grade that are Oak Park residents.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	110 people will benefit from this activity
	Location Description	218 Lake St. Oak Park, IL 60301
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project.
29	Project Name	Village of Oak Park, Public Works Infrastructure – Public Restroom
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$225,000
	Description	The Village will use CDBG funds to place a community, public restroom in a primarily residential, LMI area. this activity will allow access to a safe, clean, restroom for homeless and people in the residential area.
	Target Date	9/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10000
	Location Description	Census Tract 8123.01 Block 2-
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project-
30	Project Name	Oak Park Regional Housing Center, Public Service
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Oak Park Regional Housing Center will provide fair housing education and housing search assistance to clients in need of rental housing in an effort to combat discrimination and to ensure awareness of fair housing rights and housing opportunities to people of all races, abilities and incomes.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3,000 persons are expected to benefit from this service including 156 Oak Park residents.
	Location Description	Various addresses in Oak Park
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project
31	Project Name	Oak Park Regional Housing Center, Admin
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Administration & Planning
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000

	Description	Oak Park Regional Housing Center will provide fair housing education and housing search assistance to clients in need of rental housing in an effort to combat discrimination and to ensure awareness of fair housing rights and housing opportunities to people of all races, abilities and incomes.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	NA: Admin does not report
	Location Description	Various Oak Park locations
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project,
32	Project Name	Oak Park Fire Department, Ambulance
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvement
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000
	Description	An ambulance purchase meets the objective of benefit low and moderate income persons/area benefit and would be based in Fire Station 1 of Oak Park. This station covers a geographic region that includes a minimum of 8 of the 14 census tracts in the Village of Oak Park.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3,000 Oak Park Residents
	Location Description	Various addresses in Oak Park
	Planned Activities	One activity will be set up for this project

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Concentration of Low-to Moderate-Income (LMI) Populations: Priority CDBG funding areas in the Village of Oak Park include spaces where the percentage of LMI persons is 36.29% or higher. While the general rule is that an area benefit activity must serve an area where the concentration of LMI persons is at least 51% of the total population within the geographical boundary, Section 570.208(a)(ii) of the HUD regulations allows the "exception criteria," also referred to as the "upper quartile."

HUD defines an LMI census block group in the Village of Oak Park as one in which 36.29% or more of the population have incomes of 80% or less of MFI. According to these criteria, 14 of the Village's 53 census block groups qualify as LMI areas. UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago and Y.E.M.B.A. are agencies with proposed public facilities improvements projects. UCP Seguin is located in an LMI area – census tract 8131, block group 4. Y.E.M.B.A. is located in an LMI area – census tract 8123, block group 3. Although locations have not yet been identified, the Alley Improvement Infrastructure Activity, the Street Improvement Infrastructure Activity, and the Code Enforcement (Property Maintenance Inspections) Activity all will be conducted in LMI areas. This comprises 40% of the total CDBG funding for the Village.

Concentrations of Minority Persons: The Village of Oak Park defines areas of racial or ethnic concentration as geographical areas where the percentage of a specific minority or ethnic group is 10 percentage points higher than in the Village overall. In Oak Park, African-American residents comprised 19.8% of the population. Therefore, an area of racial concentration includes census tracts where the percentage of African-American residents is 29.8% or higher. According to the latest American Community Survey five-year estimates, there are two census tracts that met the criteria: census tract 8121 immediately to the north of census tract 8125 along the boundary of Chicago, with 34.5% of the area being African-American residents; and census tract 8125 along the boundary of Chicago in the central area of the Village, with 31.6% being African-American residents. There were no other areas of racial or ethnic concentration in the Village, as of the latest federal data.

Concentrations of LMI Persons and Minority Persons: Of the fourteen census tracts which contained block groups identified as LMI areas, two tracts were also noted to be areas of racial concentration. With the inclusion of the specific block groups, these areas were census tract 8121, block group 1; and census tract 8125, block groups 1, 2 and 3. Although locations have not yet been identified, it is expected that the Alley Improvement Activity and/or the Street Improvement Activity will be conducted in LMI areas that are also areas of racial concentration. Moreover, it is possible that property

maintenance inspections will be conducted in these areas.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Entire Jurisdiction	40
CDBG Target Area	60

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The rationale is that minorities and LMI persons are a general priority for the Village. Overall, the Con Plan needs assessment showed that priorities and strategies should be targeted to specific grants categories and to specific groups of persons, and not to specific areas. Three CDBG exceptions are the alley improvement component of infrastructure, the street improvement component of infrastructure, and code enforcement (property maintenance inspections) priorities.

Discussion

The Village will use 60% for activities for the Village as a whole and 40% for target areas serving a LMI Area benefit. The targeted area percentage is much higher than in years past because a long-deferred Alley Improvements project will be taking place in PY 2022, and this is funded at \$400,000. Also funded at that amount is a targeted Street Improvement project. Both of these are being managed by the Village Public Works Department.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

In PY 2022, the Village will not receive Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program funds. More information regarding the Village's homelessness strategy can be found in the Consolidated Plan. Through CDBG funds, Housing Forward will provide two services that will assist persons experiencing homelessness: employment readiness and interim housing shelter. Housing Forward is the fiscal agent of the Oak Park Coalition to End Homelessness and receives administration funds to assist with planning efforts to end homelessness in Oak Park.

The Village of Oak Park will continue to collaborate with the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County Continuum of Care in order to address the needs of homeless individuals and families in Oak Park. The Village regularly attends Continuum of Care Prevention Committee and West Suburban Council on Homelessness meetings.

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

For PY 2022, the Village will not receive Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program funds. However, for PY 2022 the Village funded the Housing Forward Interim Housing CDBG activity, which will provide total shelter to persons experiencing homelessness. Interim Housing allows for a 24-hour-a-day place where people can stabilize while they seek permanent housing. This activity also will provide food, case management, mental health services and referral services to persons experiencing homelessness. The Village also funded the Housing Forward Employment Readiness CDBG activity, which will provide individuals who are experiencing homelessness the skills that can help them gain employment. It is our goal through these activities to see as many residents of Oak Park as possible become self-sufficient.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

For PY 2022 the Village funded the Housing Forward Interim Housing activity which provides total

shelter to persons experiencing homelessness. The safe environment allows clients relief from a survival mode and time to focus on their housing goals. Housing Forward has leased the Write Inn hotel in Oak Park for 24 months, previously leasing a different hotel to allow for interim shelter, Housing Forward has renewed the lease to continue providing interim shelter and reduce barriers to individuals finding permanent housing. It should be said that Housing Forward successfully pivoted at the height of the pandemic when indoor facilities were closing and volunteers were scarce due to shelter in place ordinances. Our goal here is to provide safe accommodations to as many unsheltered community members as possible.

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

Due to the interim shelter model, Housing Forward is currently able to help individuals become placed in permanent and transitional housing within 120 days. The current model provides wrap around services to ensure individuals have their basic needs met. In PY 2022 the Village funded the Housing Forward Employment Readiness CDBG activity, which will give homeless and formerly-homeless persons the skills that can help them secure a job, become housed, and break the cycle of poverty. The Village funded the Housing Forward Interim Housing CDBG activity, which will provide case management, mental health services and referral services to homeless persons, with the goal of creating stability and opportunities for each client, in addition to providing shelter.

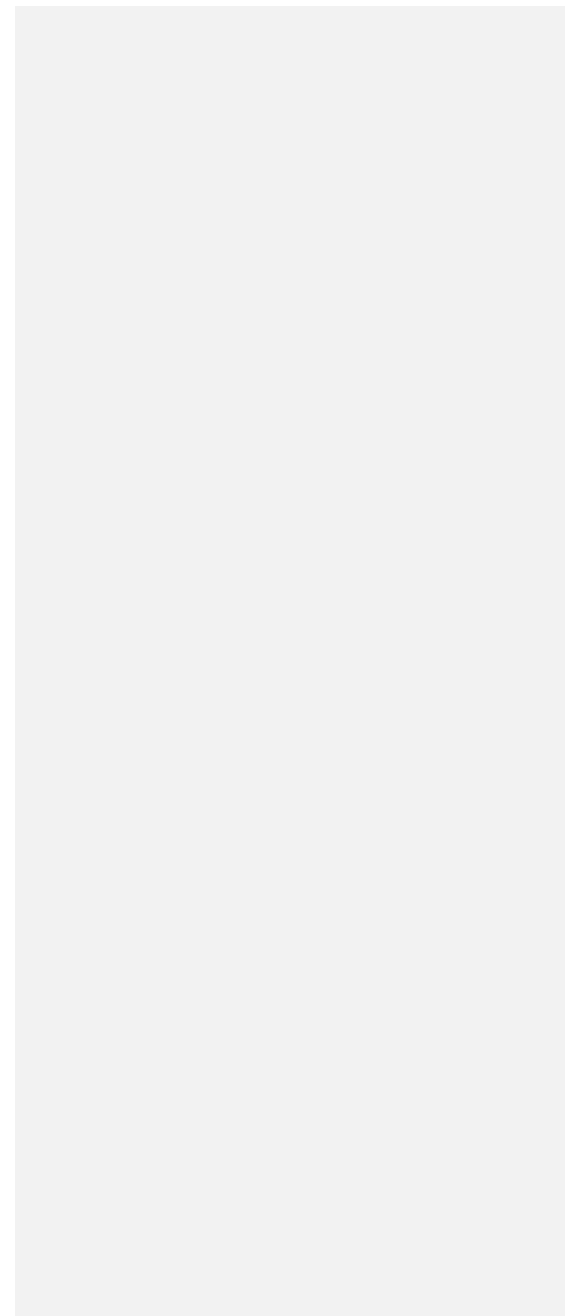
Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions) or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

In addition to the social services available, the Oak Park Homeless Coalition works together to identify gaps in services and to leverage resources. Two CDBG activities carried out by Housing Forward will assist persons experiencing homelessness. Other PY2022CDBG public service activities for PY 2022 can also prevent persons from becoming homeless. These activities include Beyond Hunger Director Hunger Relief, Children's Clinic of the Infant Welfare Society Dental Clinic, NAMI Metro-Suburban Drop-In

Center, New Moms Parenting Support, Sarah's Inn Domestic Violence Services, and the Way Back Inn Counseling for Family Members of the Addiction Recovery Program. Note that the Village accepts the homeless discharge policies of the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County.

Discussion

Two CDBG activities carried out by Housing Forward will assist persons experiencing homelessness. Housing forward expedited a transition plan when shelter in place was required. The organization quickly adapted to ensure every individual an family had adequate care to ensure safety while their lives were compromised by the pandemic. Due to this, a new model has helped them adequately provide services and get individuals in permanent housing at a quicker pace.



AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

The Village of Oak Park has been investing CDBG funds in housing to help reduce barriers that impact affordable housing in Oak Park. When it comes to fostering affordable housing, there is an urgency to develop as many alternatives as possible. As a member of the Cook County HOME Consortium, the Village hopes to identify creative ways to increase the affordable housing stock in the community. As referenced in the “AP-65 The Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities” section, the Village’s efforts provide affordable housing to persons experiencing homelessness and those at risk.

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

Limited affordable housing places residential cost burdens on low to moderate income persons, limiting their ability to pay for other goods and services. The Village housing efforts are aimed at improving and maintaining a high standard of housing quality while also creating or maintaining affordability.

The Village Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Program helps lower income owners make much needed repairs, which enables them to remain in affordable homes. The Small Rental Rehabilitation Program provides assistance to building owners to make needed repairs on their multifamily rental properties. After rehabilitation, these owners will provide those repaired units to renters under affordable rent limits, for a period of two years.

Several of the public policies that impact affordable housing in Oak Park are not under the control of Village government. The Village is an active and supportive partner to area nonprofit housing developers and other organizations involved in the creation of affordable housing opportunities for Oak Park residents. In addition to the Village’s willingness to work with affordable housing developers, the Village implements several programs and initiatives to address existing barriers to affordable housing that can be funded by CDBG and other funds. For example, the Village will continue to operate the CDBG-funded Small Rental Rehabilitation Housing Program, which assists owners of rental properties in

rehabilitating their rental units. The property must be either a single-family detached rental dwelling or a multi-family rental building with fewer than eight units. A minimum project budget is \$2,000 per rental unit and the maximum is up to \$5,000 per rental unit. The program provides forgivable loan funds to rental owners to correct code violations and serious housing quality deficiencies. Village will continue to administer a Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation Program. Under this program, low and moderate income homeowners may qualify for no-interest loans to correct code violations and serious housing quality deficiencies. The program is funded using an established revolving loan fund comprised of recaptured CDBG loan funds. This program aligns with a Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program, which is primarily funded by CDBG but also will benefit from additional grant from Cook County, called the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Grant.

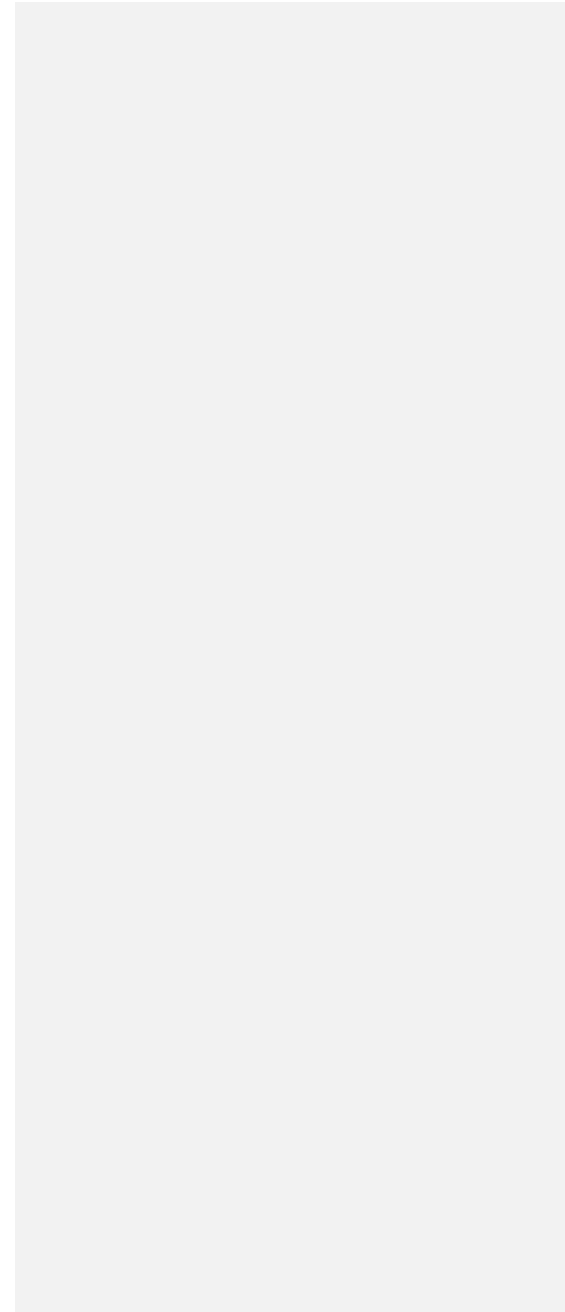
The Village works with agencies that provide expanded housing options to current and potential Oak Park residents. One such agency is the Oak Park Regional Housing Center, which assists low-income renters. The Village is committed each program year to continuing to remove the impediments to fair housing choices for all protected classes and affirmatively furthering fair housing choices.

Discussion

The Village is committed to helping to reduce and remove barriers to affordable housing by making housing more affordable, preserving the condition and availability of existing housing stock and helping citizens build assets of all kinds: human, social, financial, physical and natural. The Village and its community partners have incorporated an integrated system of services and programs to meet the various needs of individuals as they progress toward financial self-sufficiency. This includes coordinated efforts to assist persons experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness.

In addition to supporting the initiatives of local organizations that serve low- and moderate-income residents, by providing employment training, case management, shelter and other social services, the Village of Oak Park administers programs that aim to mitigate poverty. The Village can directly impact some of poverty's primary causal factors which include poor quality housing, expensive housing, lack of education, unemployment, low income and poor health. The Village can cause impact by utilizing resources, improving housing stock, and assisting in the provision of vital social services, employment opportunities, public health services and an excellent educational system. The multi-pronged approach provided by the programs run by the Village and its subrecipients, have the ability to reduce the number of households with incomes below the poverty level. Specific components of the Village's poverty reduction strategy are listed in another part of this Action Plan (a part of

AP 85).



AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

The following are actions to be undertaken by the Village of Oak Park to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs: foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead based paint hazards, assist LMI families in increasing their income, develop institutional structure and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs in the Village of Oak Park is the limited financial resources available to address identified priorities. Due to the cap of 15% on CDBG public service funding, which is consistently and significantly less than the amount requested to meet local goals, worthwhile projects are funded at lower levels. The Village has even fewer resources available to address issues as municipalities often face revenue reductions. The relative absence of available, developable land for new affordable housing construction, coupled with the limited availability of existing residential structures available for purchase and rehabilitation, severely restrict the capacity of the Village to facilitate the expansion of affordable housing in Oak Park. The Village is part of a funder collaboration group that works to better reduce redundancy, coordinate, and streamline the grant application and awarding process to achieve more with limited resources. By working collaboratively with funding partners, resources are leveraged to support local organizations. The level of grant management undertaken by subrecipients and providing clear and measurable outcomes to ensure resources are being utilized in the most effective and efficient way possible. The Village is identifying new and innovative ways to increase the affordable housing inventory by coordinating with local agencies to identify areas of opportunity. The Administrative Division of the Development Customer Services Department is also developing a replacement activity to ensure economic development goals are met, in accordance with the Consolidated Plan.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Oak Park has been investing its CDBG funds in housing rehabilitation with a focus on identifying ways to foster affordable housing. Several of the public policies that impact affordable housing in Oak Park are not under the control of Village government. The Village implements programs and initiatives to address existing barriers to affordable housing that can be supported by CDBG and other funds. Through the Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Program, low-to moderate income Oak Park residents, who own and live in single-family houses, are eligible for federally funded rehabilitation home loans. Designed to improve the Village's housing inventory, the loans are intended to bring structures into compliance with housing and building codes and to eliminate health and safety hazards. Funds also may be used for weatherization and to provide accessibility for the disabled. The Lead Hazard Reduction Grant program is primarily funded by CDBG but also will benefit from a grant from Cook County, called the Lead

Poisoning Prevention Program Grant. The Small Rental Rehabilitation Housing Program assists owners of rental properties in rehabilitating their rental units. The property must be either a single-family detached rental dwelling or a multi-family rental building with fewer than eight units. The program provides forgivable loan funds to rental owners to correct code violations and serious housing quality deficiencies. The owners will be contracted to rent 51% of their rental units to low- and moderate-income households, at affordable rents

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has identified all three of Oak Park's ZIP codes as high-risk for pediatric blood lead poisoning. High-risk ZIP codes are based on housing data and family economic status obtained from the Census. The Village has an agreement with the IDPH to provide case management services for all children that live in Oak Park. Public Health is considered the state's delegate agency for childhood lead and participates in public awareness and education campaigns, provides nursing lead case management and will conduct environmental investigations, when required, under the State Act and Code. Housing Activities to Reduce Lead Hazards: The Village of Oak Park Single-Family Rehabilitation (SFR) program and all other housing projects assisted with CDBG funding have adhered to HUDs requirements. The SFR program will continue to incorporate lead hazard reduction in its activities for rehabilitation of owner occupied LMI properties, using CDBG and Cook County dollars. Lead inspections and environmental reviews will be conducted on the activities. Beyond the Village Housing Programs unit, through the Public Works Department, the Village will work to make water lines lead-free in PY 2022.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Village can make an impact by improving housing inventory, assisting in the provision of vital social services, creating employment opportunities, delivering public health services, and maintaining an excellent educational system. Ultimately, to reduce the number of poverty-level families in The Village of Oak Park, all individuals must be housed and healthy, with living wage employment available to them. The multi-pronged approach provided by the programs run by the Village and its subrecipients have the ability to reduce the number of households with incomes below the poverty level. The CDBG subrecipients offer many social service programs in the Village to aid persons with incomes below the poverty level. Housing Forward is a great example, as they provide homelessness preventative services that promote economic independence and create long-term change in the lives of persons experiencing homelessness. The Village has an array of business services programs designed to enhance local business activity. The Village and Oak Park Economic Development Corporation both work on business retention and economic development expansion. The Oak Park Economic Development Corporation works diligently to grow the Village's economy, specifically by working to redevelop vacant or underperforming commercial corridors. The Village of Oak Park no longer has a Section 108 loan through HUD, The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has identified all three of Oak Park's ZIP codes as high-risk for pediatric blood lead poisoning. High-risk ZIP codes are based on housing data and

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However, it is critical to develop a variety of businesses in Oak Park. This is the only way to provide living wage jobs for a diverse population with multiple jobs skills and experiences as we work to identify new alternatives to Section 108.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Village staff works throughout the year to increase institutional structure, both within the Village and with our partner agencies. Staff maintains contact with partner agencies, offering referrals for funding and training opportunities. The Village staff participate on the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition. The Coalition has a primary goal of making homelessness rare, brief, and a one-time occurrence. Village staff participate in the National Community Development Association as well. Village staff also take part in a coalition of funders operating both in the community and in surrounding areas to investigate ways to better coordinate funding and leverage funds to collectively fund services that meet the community need and provide measurable outcomes. The Administrative Development Customer Services Department of the Village of Oak Park works with the network of local organizations through which it will eventually carry out the Action Plan. In administering its programs, the Village works within a local government landscape.

In contracting with non-profit agencies to deliver the community programs and services outlined in the draft Action Plan, the Village uses its annual budget process to coordinate and allocate funding. The Village's governing body, the Village Board of Trustees, receives public input from the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC) regarding the allocation of CDBG funds. Non-profit CDBG subrecipients are monitored based on a risk analysis, and previous performance is reported by Village staff to the CDCAC when agencies apply for funding. Many of the Village's largest contract service providers, or "community partners," receive funding from other sources. The community partners funding includes local Village funds, other government or private grants, user fees,

operating income and member support.

Coordination among agencies in the development and implementation of housing and community development programs and services is critical in efforts to maximize the use of limited resources. The Village is committed to the close coordination of all of its programs with other agencies at a variety of levels

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

Through the Consolidated Plan consultation process, good coordination and collaboration were identified as key priorities for the Village and its partners. The CDBG public service applicants report on their coordination with other social service organizations throughout the community. If the applicants do not have established connections in the community, they outline the plans and timeline for implementing a collaborative process. This effort improves collaboration for awarded agencies and allows the Village the ability to identify other areas for additional coordination. Many of the funded agencies participate in the Continuum of Care and work closely with other non-profits to identify opportunities for persons in the community. The Village of Oak Park is committed to increasing community partnerships and investing in economic and neighborhood development.

Discussion

In the sections above, actions to be undertaken by the Village of Oak Park are highlighted which address obstacles meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The following are program specific requirements, one item showing that there is no program income available, one item showing that all of the Village's CDBG funds are used to serve LMI persons, and the other dealing with HESG funds, systems and processes. The Village would also like to report on the regional AFH that it is completing.

Assessment of Fair Housing

With Cook County Government serving as the lead agency along with Enterprise Community Partners, the Village is participating in a regional Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) Plan. The effort is ongoing and was severely delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. It is expected that the AFH will be submitted to HUD later this year or early in 2022.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(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.

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	0
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:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
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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% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. 100.00%

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(I)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)
2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.
3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).
4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.
5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Discussion

