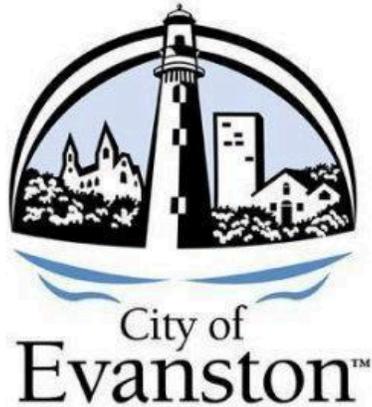


City of Evanston FY2024 Action Plan

Approved by City Council
June 24, 2024



Updates:

For FY 2024, Evanston did not receive the anticipated award under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) which changes funding in the Homelessness goal by more than 20% and triggers a second, 30-day public comment period to review substantial updates.

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Evanston annually receives grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through a formula allocation. To access these funds, the City must develop a comprehensive five-year Consolidated Plan. This plan outlines community development priorities and establishes multi-year goals by assessing affordable housing and economic development needs, analyzing housing and economic market conditions, and considering available resources. Implementation of the Consolidated Plan occurs through Annual Action Plans, which detail specific actions, activities, and financial allocations for each year. These plans address the priority needs and goals identified in the Consolidated Plan.

The 2024 Action Plan marks the culmination of the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, which received HUD approval in 2020. This plan outlines the proposed programs and services slated for funding during the City's fiscal year 2024, spanning from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

The public comment period included 2 opportunities to provide in-person input: at the joint Social Services Committee and Housing & Community Development Committee meeting on June 13, 2024 and the City Council meeting on June 24, 2024. The 2nd public comment period closed on June 24 following the City Council meeting to approve the plan.

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.

Affordable Housing: Maintaining and increasing the supply of affordable rental units is one of the City's highest priorities, but is increasingly difficult due to reductions in funding and rapid increases of real property costs, construction costs, and interest rates. COVID-19 has heightened the need for affordable housing, as it has particularly impacted lower-income residents. Code enforcement in the CDBG Target Area remains an important tool to maintain decent, safe housing and address blight. Properties cited for

violations are referred to the Housing Rehab program for assistance. The City is also exploring changes to ordinances, zoning and building codes that may help facilitate affordable rental and ownership strategies.

Homelessness: Developing and improving housing for homeless and housing insecure individuals and families is a critical need and part of the City's recovery plan. Using Entitlement funds, the City will continue to use HOME funding for its Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program. In combination with education, job training and other support, TBRA enables parents to develop self-sufficiency skills, lifting two generations out of poverty. ESG funds will not be directly available to help households who are homeless or at high risk of homelessness but local organizations will work with the Continuum of Care and State of Illinois to receive funding to compensate for the loss of Evanston funds. With the Home Investment Partnership - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) allocation plan approved, the City has a unique opportunity to expand non-congregate shelter. HOME-ARP will also be utilized to fund Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA).

Creating livable communities: The City uses funding to improve public infrastructure and facilities to revitalize neighborhoods and improve service delivery. In 2024, the City plans to pave two alleys, improve numerous sidewalk paths. The City will also rehabilitate two dilapidated playgrounds—one using CDBG funds and the other using CDBG-CV funds.

Economic Development: The City uses resources from its Economic Development Fund, Tax Increment Financing Districts, and ARPA to expand economic development opportunities to small businesses. Grants and loans to for-profit businesses allocated in prior years will continue to be evaluated throughout the year in order to maximize effectiveness of use of all resources to support economic development in the City. City staff continues to allocate funding to entrepreneurs and small businesses through the storefront modernization, Sustain Evanston and entrepreneurship support program, which are funded through the Economic Development Fund. Sustain Evanston is a new grant focused on helping small businesses upgrade capital equipment or leasehold improvements to a higher level of energy efficiency in 2024. Staff will also explore options for supporting low/moderate income entrepreneurs using CDBG funds.

Public Services: The ongoing impacts of the pandemic continue to strain capacity of service providers, particularly those working to provide childcare, case management and support to unhoused residents; most nonprofit organizations are struggling to retain and hire staff and rebuild capacity, school-aged children have increasing mental health needs, and our low/moderate income residents experience challenges accessing needed services. The City's allocation process incorporates an equity lens and focuses resources on populations experiencing the most challenges to recovery. Funds are used to support and expand case management programs, safety net programs and mental health services.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Evanston uses funding to address needs and leverage outside resources to achieve goals. In 2023, the new construction of an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) of one (1) single-family home with two bedrooms at 1930 Jackson was completed. This project was led by the Housing Opportunity Development Corporation (HODC), a local affordable development nonprofit. This project received \$190,000 in HOME funds, and \$35,000 in CDBG funds, for a total of \$225,000 in development costs. The project was completed on June 28, 2023 and represents an addition of one (1) affordable HOME unit for the next 20 years. The unit was rented to a household of 2 at 60% AMI in July 2023. The Housing Rehabilitation program continues to use zero interest deferred loans to help homeowners unable to qualify for market rate financing to maintain decent, sanitary housing. Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) took over construction management in 2021 and income verification in 2023. Although COVID-19 has impacted this program significantly, 2023 saw the completion of several projects and the rehabilitation of one multifamily low-moderate income rental building. While we are behind our estimated consolidated plan goals, we anticipate an increase in the pace of rehabilitations in 2024. ;Evanston continues to focus funding on larger, more impactful projects and programs. Evanston agencies are challenged to meet the increasing demand for services and maintain organizational stability given increased demand for services as a result of the pandemic. The City is working closely and collaboratively with agencies to understand needs and provide targeted support. The City continued to fund Connections for the Homeless and the YWCA Evanston-North Shore with ESG to address the needs of individuals and families who are homeless or at high risk of homelessness. ESG-CV funds were used primarily to rehouse homeless individuals and families in non-congregate shelters to protect them from COVID-19. Capital improvement projects in 2023 remained consistent with previous years. Two alley projects, 1 sidewalk infill project, and 1 sidewalk improvement project were started in 2023 and are expected to complete in 2024. Three Special Alley Assessment projects were completed in October of 2023, applications were sent out to sixty (60) households to provide financial assistance for owner-occupied homes if the household income does not exceed 80% of the area median income. Through the CARES Act, Evanston received CDBG-CV funds totaling \$1,586,730 and ESG-CV funds totaling \$966,314. Funds have been used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus. Use of funds include a small business assistance program for Evanston low/moderate income businesses, a job creation assistance program, a child care assistance program to provide childcare for up to 6 months for low/moderate income households not eligible for other subsidies and experiencing job loss due to COVID-19, funding to provide non congregate shelter to residents experiencing homelessness and to rapidly re-house those households, funding for a youth violence reduction program, and funding for rent, mortgage, and food assistance efforts.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Housing and Community Development Committee (HCDC) and the Social Services Committee (SSC) act in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters that relate to the use of CDBG, CDBG-CV, ESG, HOME, and a limited number of ARPA funded projects. The HCDC is responsible for federal entitlement and local funding for projects and programs that relate to the physical environment and economic development, and SSC is responsible for federal entitlement and local funding for programs and services that provide needed support for underserved populations. During the COVID-19 pandemic and up until Spring 2023, Evanston City Council meetings were modified based on Governor Pritzker's order that waived some requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to allow local governments and other public bodies to hold "remote" meetings to help control the spread of COVID-19. Beginning in March 2023, Evanston began holding Housing and Community Development Committee meetings and Social Services Committee meetings in person. Observation of live meetings is available to the public via Zoom. Residents can sign-up to provide public comments in person or in writing via an online form posted on the City's website, or via 311. In the case of a nationally or locally declared disaster as defined by local health officials, the City of Evanston may call entirely virtual meetings to order, under which circumstances virtual public comment would be accepted.

The City of Evanston invites public participation at all stages of the Consolidated Planning process and is committed to making reasonable and timely access to the needs assessment, strategy development and budget recommendation process, particularly for low- and moderate-income persons. The draft Action Plan based on estimated grant amounts was posted on the City's website on November 10, 2023, for the 30-day public comment period. Members of the public also had an opportunity to provide public comment at the HCDC meeting on November 14 and December 12, 2023. Because the City will not receive an ESG award for 2024 and this loss triggered a change of more than 20% to the Homelessness goal, the draft Action Plan was posted for an additional 30-day public comment period following the City's Citizen Participation Plan. Comments received during both public comment periods are summarized and attached to the Action Plan prior to its submission to HUD. City Council meetings, at which action to adopt or approve the plan is decided, also offer opportunity for public comment. The Action Plan with updated grant amounts will be presented to City Council for approval when any additional public comments received will be included.

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.

Public comment on the draft 2024 Action Plan, which was updated to include final grant amounts, was received virtually at the City Council meeting held June 24, 2024 (starts at 56 minutes 19 seconds) and

provided by Betty Ester, a Community Organizer with the Citizens Network of Protection. Ms. Ester requested an explanation for the loss of FY 2024 ESG.

An explanation of FY2024 ESG including impacts of the loss of funding was provided in the Action Plan as well as in a memo to the joint Housing & Community Development Committee and Social Services Committee held on Thursday, June 13, 2024 and included a statement explaining that Evanston is an entitlement community so federal awards are allocated on a formula basis. Each entitlement community's annual funding allocation is determined by HUD following a formulation which uses several objective measures of community need including poverty levels, population, housing overcrowding, and other factors, in comparison to other metropolitan areas. Formulas are used to determine award amounts for the City's three federal grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Grant (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). For 2024, it was determined that Evanston is not eligible to receive an ESG award as it did not meet the minimum threshold to receive direct entitlement.

Ms. Ester also had concerns that the Housing & Community Development Committee lacked information about the recent loss of affordable housing units and that the Committee is short two members. Their replacements should be low and moderate-income residents.

Detailed staff reports about the loss of affordable housing units at the Wesley apartments and the assistance being provided to their residents in Evanston were presented to the Housing & Community Development Committee at the March and April meetings as well as at various City Council meetings. The future of this privately-owned property has not yet been determined. However, the inclusion of the current residents in any plans for the property will be prioritized.

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

Not applicable. All public comments were accepted.

7. Summary

Evanston's 2024 Action Plan implements the final year of the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan using CDBG, HOME and ESG funds. Three federal statutory goals to improve living conditions for primarily low- and moderate-income residents are addressed: provide decent housing, provide a suitable living environment, expand economic opportunities. The City developed its draft Action Plan based on estimated entitlement grant amounts and followed its Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) by posting the draft Action Plan for a 30-day public comment period and holding a public meeting for input on that plan

prior to January 1, 2024 to fulfill the requirements to be able to charge pre-award costs to our federal grants. The 2024 Action Plan was updated to include actual grant amounts: \$1,706,811 in CDBG entitlement funds and \$163,577 of CDBG PI, \$303,519.43 in HOME entitlement and \$27,384 of HOME PI; the City was not eligible for an ESG award for FY2024. \$45,527.91 of HOME funds (15%) are set aside as CHDO Reserve. The loss of ESG results in a substantial amendment to the draft 2024 Action Plan, a 2nd 30-day comment period for input on the amended plan is required, from May 23 to June 24, 2024. A substantial amendment to the Action Plan is defined in the CPP as:

- A change in funding among the Goals used in the development of the plan (AP-20) that is greater than 20% of the total allocated towards the Goal, with the exception of Economic Development.
- The deletion of a Goal included in the plan
- The addition of a Goal not currently included in a plan

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

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

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	EVANSTON	Community Development
HOME Administrator	EVANSTON	Community Development
ESG Administrator	EVANSTON	Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Evanston's Housing and Grants division, part of the Community Development Department, is the administrator for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME, and Emergency Solutions Grant programs.

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

1. Introduction

The City of Evanston’s Community Development Department consulted with numerous City departments (Public Works, Health & Human Services, Parks and Recreation, Economic Development), as well as the Housing Authority of Cook County, Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County Continuum of Care, for input on needs. Additional consultation providers included local and regional nonprofit service providers, housing providers, and community residents. Data are from consulted organizations, the United States Census Bureau and HUD. Beginning in 2022, the City allocated \$3 million of ARPA funds to be disbursed through a participatory budgeting process. This process was designed and managed by the Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee whose members represented community stakeholders that worked with the community to generate ideas through 12 in person events and online collection. Through the process the City received critical feedback about community needs and possible solutions. Additionally, as part of the PRO Housing Grant application process the City held two hybrid Open House opportunities to address questions and gather feedback about affordable housing in the community. Feedback from these sessions also provided valuable insight into community needs and feedback about City services. Through these ongoing outreach and engagement efforts, the following priorities were identified for the 2024 Action Plan: affordable housing, shelter for people experiencing homelessness, mental health services, child care, job training and workforce development. Community service providers also report on barriers to receiving services including long wait lists, lack of capacity to assume additional participants and lack of financial resources, and ways to use federal and local funds to connect those in need to services. These collaborative initiatives and outreach efforts will continue to inform uses for local and federal funds, including American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Housing Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP).

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 City of Evanston’s Community Development staff regularly coordinates with public and assisted housing providers along with private and governmental health, mental health, and service agencies. . Evanston joined the Housing Authority of Cook County in funding case management services to residents of two affordable housing buildings in Evanston, Jane R. Perlman and Victor Walchirk Apartments, under the new allocation model that provides case management, safety net, and mental health services primarily to low and moderate income residents. Public services providers receive CDBG and local funds to support residents across a broad range of service needs. In 2022, City Council approved \$900,000 in ARPA funds to support the capital improvements and programmatic needs for a Living Room to provide urgent and immediate care to community members experiencing mental health crises; the facility is expected to open in 2024. Additionally, staff collaborated with Family Focus - Evanston Our Home on their application to approve a pilot Immigrant Welcome Center funded by ARPA in 2023 and 2024. The

Welcome Center was designed to serve immigrants and newcomers to the City of Evanston with civic engagement activities, housing, legal advice, and bilingual resources in Spanish and French.

The Community Development Department regularly attends meetings and other events involving the community and various stakeholders. Staff is aware of any major impacts, such as changes in Cook County and State of Illinois funding that affect vulnerable residents. Engaging with nonprofit service providers on a regular basis fosters an environment where the City works in tandem with the community to achieve better outcomes.

The City of Evanston's Health and Human Services Department developed a community health improvement plan (EPLAN) based on goals identified through the nationally recognized Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative, a coalition of Bay Area Health Departments that created a framework laying the groundwork for defining structural drivers of health. The plan defines the City's health priorities for the next five years as follows: advancing health and racial equity, improving mental and emotional wellbeing, and strengthening climate resilience.

The City's application process for 2024 CDBG Public Services and City Human Service Fund focuses funding on priority needs of the community to address pandemic recovery and encourage collaboration among community partners. Additionally, reporting and monitoring practices are unified to ensure clear programmatic and financial record keeping, compliance, and transparency.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City of Evanston works with the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County (Alliance), the lead agency for the Suburban Cook County Continuum of Care, to address the needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness in Evanston. Staff attend Alliance lead Coordinated Entry and Board meetings to stay informed; additionally Evanston agencies have staff who are Alliance members including Connections for the Homeless and the YWCA Evanston-North Shore; these representatives participate on the board of directors, HMIS, Coordinated Entry, Prevention and other standing committees. The City of Evanston works closely with service providers, including the YWCA Evanston-Northshore, Connections for the Homeless, and Interfaith Action Evanston, in order to address the needs of chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth. Evanston represents 10.0% of the people identified in the Northern region of the 2023 Point in Time Count for suburban Cook County organized by the Alliance to End Homelessness. While remaining 2023 ESG funds will support services for Evanston's homeless population and those at risk of homelessness, the loss of the 2024 ESG grant will have a negative impact on vulnerable households, particularly BIPOC households. In FY24, the City hopes to support the cost of the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) managed by the Alliance through local funds.

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

In FY24, the City hopes to designate a portion of its local funds to support the cost of the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) managed by the Alliance. Through the Coordinated Entry process, seniors and veterans are target populations; as the Continuum works to reach functional zero within those populations, homeless youth and homeless families with children are the next focus groups.

Due to high rent costs in Evanston, people eligible for ESG funded rapid re-housing subsidies are not easily able to find affordable rental units in Evanston. The average rental rates for all units, studios to three bedroom apartments, exceed the IL HUD Metro Fair Market Rent rates; units at or below these rates are very challenging to locate in Evanston. Case managers and housing locators work to build relationships with landlords. In 2023, rent prices in Evanston increased 1.9% according to local data.

Because Evanston is not eligible for a 2024 ESG award, City staff will support agencies as they petition the CoC and the State for State-funded ESG to offset potential losses. Connections for the Homeless historically received the majority of Evanston's ESG award to support shelter and outreach activity as well as the pass through housing subsidies, rapid rehousing and eviction prevention; the YWCA historically received \$15,000 for shelter operations.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	Attended planning meetings to develop needs assessment and provided data for relevant sections of the 2024 Action Plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	CONNECTIONS FOR THE HOMELESS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended planning meetings to develop needs assessment and other related 2024 Action Plan sections.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	YWCA Evanston/North Shore
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended planning meetings to develop needs assessment and other related 2024 Action Plan sections.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	Meals on Wheels Northeastern Illinois
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	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?	Attended planning meetings to develop needs assessment and other related 2024 Action Plan sections.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	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?	Attended planning meetings to develop needs assessment and other related 2024 Action Plan sections.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	FAMILY FOCUS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended planning meetings to develop needs assessment and other related 2024 Action Plan sections.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Interfaith Action of Evanston
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended planning meetings to develop needs assessment and other related 2024 Action Plan sections.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Other government - State
	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?	Consulted to provide data/input for needs assessment
9	Agency/Group/Organization	EVANSTON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Civic Leaders

	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Various City departments attended planning meetings to develop needs assessment and provided data for relevant 2024 Action Plan sections. Departments included Community Development, Public Works, Parks, Health, and Economic Development.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Regional organization Planning organization</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consulted to provide data/input for needs assessment
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Books and Breakfast
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended planning meetings to develop needs assessment and other related 2024 Action Plan sections.

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

All major agencies providing a full range of services in and around the City of Evanston were consulted or contacted to request comments/input

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	The Continuum of Care provides the framework and services for many of the activities provided locally to bring assistance and housing to homeless individuals and families.
2022 Annual Comprehensive Housing Plan	Illinois Housing Development Authority	The City of Evanston works with IHDA to ensure continued access to affordable housing for Evanston's low and moderate income residents.
Red and Purple Line Modernization	Chicago Transit Authority	Furthering access to employment opportunities is integral to community development and fostering greater economic growth. The modernization of the Red and Purple Line trains will serve to provide greater accessibility for those with disabilities and the elderly.
On to 2050 Update 2022	Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning	CMAP's On to 2050 Plan strives for regional growth in the Chicago area. Evanston is an important component of the Chicago metropolitan region; coordinated growth and development within the region will improve the quality of life for Evanston's residents.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Illinois' Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness	IL Interagency Task Force-Homelessness, Community Advisory Council-Homelessness, IL Prev./End Homele	This plan focuses on four strategies: building affordable & permanent supportive housing, bolstering the safety net, securing financial stability, and closing the morality gap for IL residents experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Plan focuses on subpopulations including chronic homeless, youth, and racial disparities.
2022 EPLAN:Evanston Process-Local Assessment Needs	City of Evanston	5-year strategic plan effective from 2022-2026 to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the public health system. Interventions to improve residents' health identified in partnership with public health officials, community leaders, residents and service providers based on the following assessments: community themes and strengths, forces of change, local public health system and community health status.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Evanston Climate Action and Resiliency Plan	City of Evanston	Evanston's Climate Action Plan, drafted in 2022, is organized into nine focus areas and outlines more than 200 strategies to make Evanston climate-ready and resilient by 2050. Focus areas: Transportation & Land Use, Energy Efficiency & Buildings, Renewable Energy Resources, Waste Reduction & Recycling, Forestry, Prairies & Carbon Offsets, Food Production & Distribution, Policy & Research, Education & Engagement and Communications & Public Relations.
Evanston Thrives: Retail District Action Plan	City of Evanston	The Evanston Thrives Retail District Action Plan is a market plan to improve the quality and mix of retail, food and entertainment offerings in Evanston's eight business districts. This project was initiated in 2022 through community surveys to assess needs and may complete in 2024. Key projects include storefront modernization in target business districts, placemaking, and support for businesses disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Blueprint for a Renter's Bill of Rightst	White House	In January 2023, the Biden administration described five principles key to protecting renters in the USA, especially as they relate to living in a post-pandemic society: Access to Safe, Quality, Accessible, and Affordable Housing; Clear and Fair Leases; Education, Enforcement, and Enhancement of Rights, The Right to Organize; and Eviction Prevention, Diversion, and Relief. These principles are intended to help guide policy and programs as they relate to fair housing, and many of these recommendations are articulated in draft updates presented to the City's committees for discussion and action between 2023 and 2024.
2022 HOME-ARP Allocation Plan	City of Evanston	The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is designed to effectively allocate HOME-ARP funds to provide housing, shelter, and tenant-based rental assistance, and/or supportive services for qualifying populations. This one-time allotment is in addition to the City's HOME entitlement grant.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Plan for Affordable Housing	City of Evanston	Evanston's Plan for Affordable Housing looks at how to effectively and efficiently meet Evanston residents' need for housing that is affordable. In addition, the plan looks at the best ways to use federal and local funds to increase affordable housing opportunities in Evanston.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

All major agencies providing a full range of services in and around the City of Evanston were consulted or contacted to request comments/input. The Community Needs Assessment Survey gathered input about the City’s housing and community development needs and informed the development of the Consolidated Plan; this survey was distributed specifically throughout low/moderate income wards, to residents of four low income senior housing complexes, non-profit organizations and small business owners. The City works in partnership with local nonprofit and community organizations to gather feedback about needs. The City held discussions with targeted populations including nonprofit organizations, seniors, youth, and people participating in public services to gather community input about ways to support fragile populations including people experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness, recent immigrants or households with undocumented family members, and residents who are justice involved. Specific discussions that focused on meeting basic needs, provision of case management and benefits enrollment services, and ways to address mental health occurred at public meetings of the Social Services Committee on September 14 and October 12, 2023. Many community stakeholders, including school social workers and nonprofit service providers, attend monthly SSC meetings regularly and provide feedback on an ongoing basis. The Housing and Community Development Committee reviews and discusses priority needs for CDBG funding to inform the development of the final 2024 Action Plan. The following public meetings provided opportunities to receive additional input: HCDC meetings held November 14, 2023, December 12, 2023, joint HCDC and SSC meeting on June 13, 2024, and the City Council meeting held June 24, 2024.

AP-12 Participation – 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

Many local non-profit organizations and City departments were consulted in the 2020-2024 Consolidated planning process and in the development of the 2024 Action Plan. The City of Evanston invited public comment on the draft 2024 Action Plan in a 30-day period from November 10 - December 12, 2023, and a second public comment period held May 23, 2024 through June 24, 2024, following its Citizen Participation Plan. The public comment periods are advertised in the Evanston Review, a newspaper of general circulation, a notice on the homepage of the City's website, articles in the City's e-newsletter sent to over 50,000 emails, and on X, formerly Twitter, and Facebook. Non-profits and individuals who have requested information on the City's Consolidated Plan were emailed at the opening of the public comment period. A link to the draft Action Plan on the City's website, as well as the location where printed copies of the plan may be reviewed is included in all forms of communication. People could provide feedback via email, X formerly Twitter and Facebook, in hard copy mailed to staff, or in person at the Housing and Community Development Committee Meeting on December 12, 2023, a joint meeting of the Social Services Committee and the Housing and Community Development Committee on June 13, 2024, and the City Council meeting on June 24, 2024. The draft Action Plan included the following language: Any changes to the Action Plan following receipt of the City's entitlement grant amounts that increase or decrease funding for a goal by less than 20% shall be considered "non-substantial" and may be approved by the Housing and Community Development Committee or Social Services Committee as appropriate, based on the program affected. These changes would not trigger a second public comment period.

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	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Public input was sought at Nov. 14 2023, Dec. 12 2023, June 13 and June 24, 2024 meetings.	A resident requested clarification on why the ESG grant was not allocated to the City of Evanston.	All comments were accepted	

2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>Display ad in the November 17, 2023 issue of the Evanston Review, a newspaper of general circulation, that the draft 2024 Action Plan is available on the City's website beginning November 10, 2023 for the 30-day public comment period. The ad also highlights the meeting of the Housing and Community Development Committee on December 12, 2023, at which input from the public was being sought. The Evanston Review is used because it is the only local print publication. Identical steps taken to advertise the second</p>	<p>No specific comment received can be linked to the newspaper ad. Comment received is listed under public meeting, where it was received.</p>	<p>No comment was received</p>	
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
			public comment period which opened May 23 and closed June 24, 2024.			

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)
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Draft 2024 Action Plan was posted on the City website, in a news item on the homepage, in an opt-in email to individuals/organizations about ConPlan-related activities, and posted on the City's Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) accounts for the 30-day public comment period starting November 10, 2023. Identical steps taken to advertise the second public comment period which opened May 23 and closed June 24, 2024.	No specific comment received can be linked to social media or city's website advertising ways to provide comments. The comment received is listed under public meeting, where it was received.	No comment was received	https://cityofevanston.org/actionplan

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)
5	outreach through Community Centers and Public Libraries	Minorities Senior residents	Draft 2024 Action Plan was made available at community centers and public libraries for review.	No comment was received	No comment was received	
6	Outreach through ward councilmembers	Minorities Ward has significant Black/African-American and Hispanic population	Posting of draft action plan and ways to provide comment was shared with councilmembers for additional outreach for public comment.	No comment was received	No comment was received	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The anticipated resources section of the strategic plan describes the City of Evanston’s financial resources for the duration of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The financial resources listed are not all encompassing but serve to illustrate the City’s 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 service providers which serve Evanston.

For FY 2024, the City received \$1,706,811 in CDBG entitlement funds and \$163,577 of CDBG PI, and \$303,519.43 in HOME entitlement and \$27,384 of HOME PI; 15 % of HOME funds (\$45,527.91) will be set aside as CHDO Reserves and \$30,351.43 of HOME funds will be allocated to Administration.

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	1,706,811	163,577	0	1,870,388	0	Projected Amount estimated in the Consolidated Plan at an annual grant of \$1,550,000 with \$143,000 in program income annually.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	303,519	27,384	0	330,903	0	Expected Amount in the Consolidated Plan estimated at an annual grant of \$300,000 with \$25,000 in program income annually. 15% of CHDO project set aside : \$45,527.91

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	Expected Amount Available for Remainder of Consolidated Plan estimated at an annual grant of \$0.

Table 1 - 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 City of Evanston to serve those with the greatest need at the highest capacity. Additionally, federal funds will serve as gap financing for City programs or service providers applications that require additional funding in order to have their program, project, or service come to fruition. The grant money provided by HUD will allow organizations and the City to successfully meet the needs of the community’s most vulnerable members. HOME matching funds will be from the Affordable Housing Fund, LIHTC, State of IL Housing Trust Fund, and other sources including developers’ contributions.

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

The City of Evanston owns a significant amount of property that has the potential to address the needs identified in the plan. This includes parking lots, parks/open space, historic buildings and public facilities on large or assembled parcels and small and/or irregular-shaped parcels. These publicly owned properties are being evaluated for the potential redevelopment of primarily affordable housing, increasing housing choice for low- and moderate-income families, maintaining Evanston’s racial and economic diversity, and leveraging city assets to address Evanston’s housing needs.

Discussion

The City of Evanston was recently selected to join the Government Finance Officers Association’s second cohort of “Putting Assets to Work” initiative. This selective and innovative program will lead to an asset map of all City real estate assets and a strategy to better utilize the City of Evanston’s public facilities, help meet the City’s Climate Action and Resilience Plan goals and evaluate the potential for adaptive reuse and new development of affordable housing. Cities in the first cohort, which launched in Summer 2022, are already beginning to realize new revenues and other community benefits, including affordable housing. On October 23, 2023, Evanston City Council approved a 60-unit 100% affordable development less than 500 feet from the South Boulevard Purple Line Station and Pace Bus 213 stop. The current property consists of four townhomes owned and managed by the Housing Authority of Cook County, and an underutilized parking lot, owned by the City of Evanston. The unit mix is 30 one-bedrooms, 12 two-bedrooms, and 12 three-bedrooms, accommodating households of all sizes. 18 units will have project-based vouchers, 3 will serve households at or below 30% AMI from the State Referral Network, 17 will serve households ≤60% AMI and 22 will serve households at or below 80% AMI. The City of Evanston will continue to pursue additional funding, complementing existing resources, to leverage city-owned property to address the needs identified in the plan.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Entire Jurisdiction	Access to Rental Housing Maintain and Improve Rental Housing Maintain and Improve Owner Occupied Housing	CDBG: \$555,302 HOME: \$250,276	Rental units constructed: 0 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 8 Household Housing Unit Buildings Demolished: 1 Buildings Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 2000 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Homelessness	2020	2024	Homeless	Entire Jurisdiction	Access to Rental Housing Public Facilities Public Services	HOME: \$50,276	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 2 Households Assisted
3	Creating Livable Communities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Entire Jurisdiction	Public Infrastructure Public Facilities	CDBG: \$660,450	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3000 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1 Households Assisted
4	Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Entire Jurisdiction	Public Services	CDBG: \$280,558	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 900 Persons Assisted

5	Planning and Administration	2020	2024	Planning and Administration of CDBG, HOME & ESG	Entire Jurisdiction	Access to Rental Housing Maintain and Improve Rental Housing Maintain and Improve Owner Occupied Housing Economic Development Public Infrastructure Public Facilities Public Services Homeownership	CDBG: \$374,078 HOME: \$30,351	Other: 3 Other
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Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	<p>The City of Evanston aims to increase, maintain, and improve affordable housing. The advanced age of Evanston's housing supply necessitates the need for rehabbing of existing housing. The creation of additional safe, decent, and affordable housing will allow low and moderate income residents the opportunity to remain in the community. We aim to be conducting an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) with the Cook County Home Consortium members. Part of this process includes coordination with other governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations, reviewing goals to research and reduce impediments to fair housing. The group is continuing to incorporate new guidance and hopes to complete the assessment once final HUD guidance is available.</p>
2	Goal Name	Homelessness

	Goal Description	The City of Evanston aims to support services that prevent homelessness. These services include tenant based rental assistance. Emphasis will be placed on the housing first model .
3	Goal Name	Creating Livable Communities
	Goal Description	Create livable communities through improvements to public facilities and infrastructure. Maintain and improve the quality of Evanston's existing infrastructure and public facilities to ensure residents live in a safe, clean, and decent environment.
4	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Improving equitable access to public services for Evanston residents, particularly for historically underserved segments of our population, is a key goal of the City. As seen through input from the community and consultation, there is a high need for public services including, but not limited to after school and summer youth programs, senior services, homelessness, and health services.
5	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	Administration of CDBG, and HOME.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City has identified the following projects to be implemented in 2024 to achieve the goals in the Consolidated Plan. The Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) project will address the needs of homeless families with children with direct rental and utilities assistance. Evanston will have a CHDO 15% project set-aside(\$45,527.91). The Rental Housing project combines both HOME and CDBG activities, and includes rental construction and rental rehabilitation.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
2	Rental Housing
3	Homeowner Rehabilitation
4	Code Enforcement
5	Public Services
6	Public Facilities & Infrastructure
7	Administration

Table 3 - Project Information

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

Evanston continues to work to address the devastating effects of the pandemic. More residents are housing insecure, and individuals and families experience ongoing challenges finding affordable housing, mental health supports, and childcare. COVID has exacerbated the needs prioritized in the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan; the continued prioritization of affordable housing, infrastructure and public facilities projects, and public services. The biggest obstacles to addressing these needs are also due to the pandemic. Rents in Evanston have increased by 1.91% over the past year. Average rent rates are above the HUD Metro Fair Market Rent rates; the average monthly cost for a three bedroom is more than double the allowable Small Area FMR. Housing locators with Connections and the YWCA report that affordable housing is incredibly challenging to find and fewer households are able to find housing.

Evanston's rental market continues to pose significant challenges to assisting or supporting our low and moderate income residents. Our nonprofit partners continue to be overwhelmed and understaffed, and there is a shortage of qualified workers for all types of construction and human services jobs. In addition, rapidly rising materials costs result in delays and higher costs on construction projects. As a result, achieving the goals in our Action Plan will continue to be challenging.

We continue exploring opportunities for the acquisition and rehabilitation or construction of rental properties using the 15% CHDO Reserves (\$45,527.91).

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Access to Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$50,276
	Description	Direct rent and utilities assistance.
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is anticipated that 2-3 households will be assisted through TBRA.
	Location Description	Entire jurisdiction
	Planned Activities	Rent and utilities assistance for McKinney-Vento families with children under 18 to achieve housing stability and economic independence.
2	Project Name	Rental Housing
	Target Area	CDBG TARGET AREA
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Access to Rental Housing Maintain and Improve Rental Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000 HOME: \$250,276
	Description	Rental housing development or rehabilitation.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 HHs with incomes ≤ 80% AMI

	Location Description	CDBG TARGET AREA
	Planned Activities	CDBG will be used for rehab of rental units for households with incomes at 80% AMI. Evanston will have a HOME project that will use the CHDO 15% project set-aside which could be the acquisition and rehabilitation, or rehabilitation only of rental property. HOME funding will be used for new rental housing construction or rehabilitation but these activities will not be completed in 2024.
3	Project Name	Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Maintain and Improve Owner Occupied Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$155,302
	Description	Rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes throughout Evanston, owned by low- and moderate- income populations.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8 owner-occupied HHs with incomes \leq 80% AMI
	Location Description	Entire Jurisdiction
	Planned Activities	Substantial rehab. and emergency rehab. of income eligible, owner-occupied housing.
4	Project Name	Code Enforcement

	Target Area	CDBG TARGET AREA
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Maintain and Improve Rental Housing Maintain and Improve Owner Occupied Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$360,000
	Description	Code enforcement and demolition.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Project benefits over 2,000 households living in the CDBG target area.
	Location Description	CDBG TARGET AREA
	Planned Activities	Code enforcement inspections in the CDBG Target Area, including necessary building demolition/clearance as identified by code enforcement inspectors.
	5	Project Name
Target Area		Entire Jurisdiction
Goals Supported		Public Services
Needs Addressed		Public Services
Funding		CDBG: \$280,558
Description		All CDBG public service activities.
Target Date		12/31/2024
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities		900 individuals and families, primarily low/moderate income, will benefit from public services activities.
Location Description		Entire Jurisdiction

	Planned Activities	Public (social) services to low- and moderate- income residents throughout the City of Evanston, particularly for youth programs, senior services, housing services and domestic violence services.
6	Project Name	Public Facilities & Infrastructure
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Creating Livable Communities
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$660,450
	Description	Improvements made to public facilities and infrastructure.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 3,000 persons, with the majority of the households benefiting being at or below 80% AMI
	Location Description	Entire Jurisdiction
	Planned Activities	Approximately 3,000 persons, with the majority of the households benefiting being at or below 80% AMI
7	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration

	Needs Addressed	Access to Rental Housing Maintain and Improve Rental Housing Maintain and Improve Owner Occupied Housing Economic Development Public Infrastructure Public Facilities Public Services Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$374,078 HOME: \$30,351
	Description	Administration of CDBG and HOME.
	Target Date	12/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Entire Jurisdiction
	Planned Activities	The planned activities in this project are HOME, and CDBG administration which involve planning and management of grant funded activities and compliance.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

It is estimated that over 90% of all CDBG and HOME will be allocated to benefit persons who are low- and moderate- income. Some projects will be directed across the entire jurisdiction, such as public services and homeowner rehabilitation, whereas others will be directed to the CDBG Target Area (local target area). Some activities, including Code Enforcement, are limited to the CDBG Target Area. Additionally, it is expected that a significant amount of housing and economic development funds will be focused in the CDBG Target Area.

Geographic Distribution

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

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

All activities funded will primarily benefit low- and moderate- income persons or households, either as direct service or financial assistance or by making improvements in areas benefiting primarily low- and moderate- income persons. Some activities, for reasons of qualification and/or desired beneficiaries, will be focused geographically. Some examples of how the City anticipates geographically focused investments are: Public Infrastructure Improvements – By their nature, they must be in low- and moderate- income Census Tracts/Block Groups, which are primarily located in the CDBG Target Area. Most of the eligible block groups are located in the South and West areas of the City. It is anticipated that funded public infrastructure improvements, including but not limited to alley paving and sidewalk improvements, will be primarily focused in the Target Area. Code Enforcement – Although Code Enforcement inspectors perform inspections citywide, the CDBG-funded portion of code enforcement will be within the CDBG Target area, which will be paired with other community development activities in the area to address areas of deterioration, maintaining code enforcement and property standards of dwelling units in the area. Other programs or projects may take place within the CDBG Target Area, but they will not be exclusively so. An example of this is the CDBG Housing Rehab Program, which benefits all low- and moderate- income homeowners, as it will likely have a large investment in the CDBG Target Area, as this area is host to the highest population of low- and moderate- income households.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

There are a number of housing initiatives identified in the Consolidated Plan that will continue into 2024 to support homeless, non-homeless and special-needs residents who are in need of safe and affordable housing. The programs that impact the most persons or households in 2024 are the tenant-based rental assistance program (TBRA) and the housing rehab program, which serve two very different, yet vital housing needs for the low- and moderate- income residents of Evanston.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	2
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	2

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	2
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	10
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	12

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The number of homeless households supported have been reduced to reflect the loss of ESG. The loss of ESG in FY24 will have a negative impact on low-income households and a disproportionately negative impact on minority households. Over the past 3 years, 97% of ESG recipients have been minority households. The loss of ESG for FY24, particularly the loss of Homelessness Prevention funds will have a severe impact on low-income minority households. The housing rehabilitation program will continue in 2024, targeting low income home-owners who are unable to make necessary repairs to their homes as

well as rental units for low to moderate income tenants. We continue to explore opportunities for the acquisition, comprehensive rehabilitation and/or construction of affordable rental housing using HOME funds including CHDO Reserve. Additionally, plans were approved in 2023 for the Housing Opportunity Development Corporation to build a 4-story, 33 unit building affordable to households earning 60% or below the area median income, including 9 units dedicated to Project-Based Voucher (PBV) recipients and 5 units dedicated to Supportive Housing participants. This project will be funded through TIF, ARPA, HOME, and the City of Evanston's local Affordable Housing Fund (AHF). This project will include one staff unit to provide onsite case management and support for vulnerable residents. The proposed 2,327-square-foot ground-floor commercial space (required by zoning) would also provide space for a local minority or female-owned business. The construction timeline is to be determined and the completion date is unknown at this time.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) serves suburban Cook County, including Evanston. The HACC administers the Housing Choice Voucher program in Evanston and has two buildings for seniors and the disabled, scattered site units for families, as well as seven project-based Section 8 units in Emerson Square.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

A joint project on South Boulevard just east of Chicago Avenue on a City-owned parking lot that is adjacent to a four unit Housing Authority of Cook County building that has family units (2- and 3-bedrooms) was approved in 2023 and will start construction in 2024, with a likely completion date of 2025. The development will better utilize land in a Transit-Oriented location through the development of a 60-units mixed income rental project affordable to incomes between 30-80% AMI, including 18 units with PBV. Half of the units will be 2 and 3 bedroom units, which are in high demand for families/intergenerational HHs. HACC's approved housing development with 152 units on the parking lot of the Jane R Perlman Senior Apartments has been delayed due to financing challenges, and interest rate increases. The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) had also started initial conversations on a new 6-story development including family housing on the parking lot adjacent to the existing Victor Walchirk Apartments. Due to recent changes in leadership and in the financial landscape, both projects have been put on hold.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The HACC has a Resident Advisory Board (RAB) established at one of its sites in Evanston, the Walchirk building. The RAB's functions include, but are not limited to: assisting residents with access to computers, offering in-house services such as change for laundry, copies, and postage. HACC's Resident Service Coordinators work closely with other agencies, including the City's Levy Center, to help its residents access services and participate in activities throughout the community. The City is also using local funds to provide case management services to residents. The HACC works in partnership with a partner agency to connect residents to community resources and services.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

The HACC is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

The City will continue to actively engage and communicate with HACC to ensure that the needs of residents assisted by that agency are met and services are coordinated with other agencies for efficient and effective use of all community resources.

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

Introduction

The following section discusses the homeless and special needs activities to be undertaken in Evanston during the fiscal year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

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

Connections for the Homeless' homeless outreach program is the largest provider of services to households experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, including the unsheltered homeless, and addresses a wide range of needs. Case managers develop individualized case plans for each client, assist with obtaining housing and accessing services that may include employment counseling/placement, health services, substance abuse counseling and education. Connections for the Homeless works in partnership with the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County, our Continuum of Care, and local providers including, but not limited to, Interfaith Action, Family Promise, the Men's Residence at the McGaw YWCA, and the YWCA of Evanston/North Shore; all agencies provide housing and case management services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Connections participates in Coordinated Entry and follows progressive engagement strategies as required. Connections will continue operations of two drop-in locations (1458 Chicago Avenue and 2121 Dewey Avenue) for people experiencing homelessness in FY2024. Both are open Monday through Friday for morning and afternoon sessions. Interfaith Action offers drop-in services on Saturday mornings. Interfaith Action anticipates providing a similar level of service in 2024. Providing non-congregate shelter enables Connections case managers to identify and engage people experiencing homelessness and to rehouse these vulnerable households using remaining ESG funding. Connections' expanded shelter served 184 participants including 30 children; 1,403 participants of drop-in services received showers, laundry services, access to food and clothing and health services. Connections staff anticipate people will need similar levels of service in 2024.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

In recognition of the disproportionate housing, health, and economic impacts of the pandemic on low-income communities and communities of color, and the importance of mitigating these effects, federal funds can be applied to a broad range of services and programs. Developing and improving housing for homeless and housing insecure individuals and families is critical to alleviate the economic impacts of the pandemic and address health and economic outcomes of the pandemic in low-income areas. Eligible uses include: supportive housing, rehabilitation and repairs to existing affordable housing,

and, perhaps most critically, non-congregate homeless shelter. Through the HOME-ARP allocation plan process, the City has approved the use of HOME-ARP funds for a permanent non-congregate shelter for people experiencing homelessness. Since HOME-ARP is one-time funding, other sources of ongoing support will need to be identified by an applicant to sustain new or expanded services.

Beginning in March 2020, after Gov. Pritzker issued the mandatory shelter in place order due to the pandemic, Connections for the Homeless contracted with the Margarita Inn for 42 rooms used as non-congregate emergency shelter for homeless Evanston residents which has replaced the 18 congregate beds at Hilda's Place, Connections for the Homeless' transitional shelter. Connections for the Homeless is in the process of purchasing the Margarita Inn . The YWCA Evanston-North Shore's 68-bed domestic violence shelter has 23 rooms able to shelter 23 adults and up to 45 children. In FY 2024 Emergency shelter will continue to be provided for 90 days; the agency also offers 12 transitional housing units (12- 24 months) and 16 units of longer-term housing (2-3 years); the agency anticipates services to 670 survivors annually. Both agencies are supported by the City with ESG, CDBG, CDBG-CV, and local funds.

Finally, Interfaith Action of Evanston continues to operate the emergency overnight shelter during winter months and the hospitality center in the mornings. Interfaith works closely with Connections to ensure guests have access to case management and additional resources and services that Connections provides. Interfaith Action is supported through CDBG.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City will use remaining 2023 ESG funds for re-housing as its primary strategy to reduce the amount of time that individuals and families (chronically homeless, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) experience homelessness.

With the loss of ESG for FY24, the City is working with providers and the Alliance to apply for State ESG funds for shelter, outreach, and rapid re-housing funds. Any households who identify as homeless will work with providers and the Coordinated Entry process managed by the Alliance. The majority of households that receive an ESG subsidy are minority households. This loss will have a negative impact on one of Evanston's most vulnerable populations. The City will use HOME funds for Tenant Based Rental Assistance to address both the shortage of available affordable units, particularly for larger households, and the inability of some households to pay rents generally considered affordable due to the lack of ability to earn a living wage. Households with children under the age of 18 enrolled in Evanston schools

that are doubled-up/unstably housed (category 2 in the definition of homeless) are a priority population for the program.

Heads of households in the TBRA program will receive education/job training in addition to rent assistance to develop the ability to earn living wages to maintain market rate housing independent of a subsidy. The City will work with Connections for the Homeless to enroll an estimated 2 to 3 new households with FY24 funds and provide ongoing, needed support for vulnerable families enrolled in the prior year.

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.

Remaining ESG Homelessness Prevention funds from the 2023 grant will be used to help households with incomes below 30% of area median income avoid becoming homeless in 2024. Since the eviction moratorium was lifted in Illinois, Connections for the Homeless, the City's sole subrecipient for Homelessness Prevention funds, has seen an increase in demand for eviction prevention support. Prior to the pandemic, Evanston allocated approximately \$20,000 to Homelessness Prevention and \$50,000 to Re-housing. However, to meet community needs, Connections has shifted funds from Rapid Re-Housing to Homelessness Prevention. For the past two grant cycles, Connections allocated over \$50,000 to Homelessness Prevention and \$20,000 to Rapid Re-Housing. Connections will work with the Alliance to receive State ESG, but the State's grant does not include funding for Homelessness Prevention services. This loss of funding will impact the housing stability of Evanston's low income households, particularly minority households. Historically, over 95% of households that receive an ESG subsidy are BIPOC families. No additional funds have been identified yet to offset this loss. City Staff will continue to work to identify additional sources of funding to address these needs.

Discussion

The City of Evanston continues to collaborate with the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County to address the needs of homeless individuals and families in Evanston. Additionally, the City continues providing General Assistance/Emergency Assistance funds to help residents who are not eligible for any other state or federal financial assistance programs remain housed and recover from documented emergencies. Both funds can be used for the following: rental payment assistance, mortgage payment assistance, condominium assessment fee assistance, utility payments, child care, and food. The loss of FY24 ESG, particularly the loss of Homelessness Prevention funding which can't be offset by a State award, will have a negative impact on low income, minority households. City staff that

administer the General Assistance program provide support to participants who would otherwise become homeless. The City's Human Services Specialist continues to further coordinate housing, health, mental health, and other social services for low- and moderate-income residents and at-risk residents and works closely with community partners including Connections for the Homeless to address housing needs and link clients to a wide variety of additional supportive services. Services can include, but are not limited to food, child and senior care, substance abuse cessation support, as well as mental and physical health services.

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

Introduction:

Evanston's housing market remains extremely competitive due to low housing inventory, housing structures, and the inability for income to keep pace with the rising costs of rent and homeownership. Land use policies and complex permitting processes have also resulted in a failure to produce the diversity of housing typologies necessary to support the increasingly modern community Evanston continues to become. The high demand and low supply of both rentership and homeownership opportunities in Evanston has contributed to higher-than-usual year-over-year rent increases and disproportionately high median home values that have deepened the housing affordability crisis. Additionally, high construction and renovation costs remain an issue.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The City of Evanston amended its Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (IHO) in 2018 with an effective date of January 1, 2019, revising the fees in-lieu to incentivize on-site units. Since then, the number of on-site affordable units with each new development has picked up pace compared with previous years. 53 affordable on-site units were created between 2020 and 2022, 9 in 2023 and an additional 21 units will be available for leasing in 2024. Additional units, including potential homeownership units are expected to be approved in 2024. A review of the IHO to assess the effectiveness of the IHO and its impact of the current real estate market started in 2023 and will continue into 2024 through the Housing & Community Development Committee. This review will provide, and opportunity to modify the IHO's requirements to improve its impact and better incentivize the targeted results. Additionally, updates to the 3-unrelated rule and rental registration are in discussion and are likely to continue in 2024 to implement more equitable policies for renters as well as remove barriers to rentals for non-traditional households. The most impactful action planned in 2024 is the assessment and analysis of Evanston's key community features to determine updates to be made to Evanston's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code. These updates will take place in 2024 with adoption anticipated in April 2025. This will be the city's first Comprehensive Plan update since the year 2000 and zoning code rewrite since 1993. These updates expect to simplify regulations, streamline processes, eliminate exclusionary practices that result in systemic inequities.

Discussion:

Housing cost burden is the greatest housing issue impacting Evanston's residents. Although Evanston's median monthly rent of \$1,526 is less than 30% of monthly income to an Evanston household earning the City's median annual income of \$87,345, this masks the housing cost burden of low-and-moderate

income households. Over 68% of Evanston renter households (5,842 households) and over 60% of homeowner households earning <\$75,000 are housing cost burdened. These housing cost burdens disproportionately impact non-White alone households, whose median incomes are well below the citywide median. With a median home value of \$410,600, and less than 15% of owner-occupied units valued at or below \$200,000, it is particularly difficult for low-or moderate-income households to consider homeownership within Evanston. Based on current interest rates, a 20% down payment (no PMI), average Cook County property taxes, and not including HOA fees, purchasing the median home would cost \$3,417 in monthly mortgage payments, affordable only to households earning over \$137,000 annually, assuming no other major debt. Evanston's lack of diversity in housing development and aging housing stock worsen Evanston's housing affordability. About 37% of Evanston's housing stock are attached and detached single-family homes. About 38% are multi-family buildings of 10 or more units. The 25% of units are 2-9 unit residential buildings. Over 50% of housing units were built before 1950 and the current zoning code makes it difficult to build housing typologies that are more affordable to low and moderate-income households. Evanston's aging housing stock is expensive to maintain and rehabilitate. Additionally, high property costs particularly in predominantly single-family neighborhoods with larger required lot sizes and transit oriented corridors have resulted in the concentration of affordable housing in the west and south Evanston neighborhoods. Another barrier to affordable housing is the shortage of decent, affordable, and accessible housing for persons with physical disabilities is due to the large part to the age of housing stock, most of which was built before the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed. Much of the City's older homes are difficult to retrofit for accessibility because they are multi-story units with stairs. Some facilities designed to accommodate people with mobility disabilities exist in Evanston including the two buildings HACC updated per its Section 504 Transition Plan. Additional units are being made available through the IHO within new market rate developments. However, stakeholders and HACC waiting list data suggest that the unmet need for affordable accessible housing will continue to be significant. The City's occupancy standards for rental housing that limits the number of unrelated persons residing in a single housing unit can be an additional barrier to affordable housing, particularly for non-traditional households. In order to most effectively address the housing needs of its low-moderate, and middle-income residents, and maintain its economic and racial diversity. Priority for income-restricted rental and ownership units will be given to eligible households that live in Evanston or have a household member that works in Evanston wherever possible and in compliance with fair housing. The City has developed a centralized wait list for income restricted units developed through the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance to facilitate access to affordable housing for its residents. Rent assistance programs funded with HOME and local funds will be used in Evanston to the greatest extent feasible to minimize displacement of lower income residents.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The following are actions to be undertaken by the City of Evanston to address obstacles to 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.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The following are priority needs in 2024: Housing for Evanston residents at risk of, currently experiencing, and/or living in non-congregate shelter homelessness; Workforce Development; including job counseling, placement and support for low and moderate income residents; Care for preschool, elementary, and middle school children; particularly for parents/families with essential/front-line jobs that do not have an adult at home to care for children, including school age children learning remotely, and older family members; Mental health needs including individual and group counseling services, psychiatric services and medication management, and services targeted to youth and BIPOC populations. The City will continue to use remaining 2023 ESG Homelessness Prevention and rapid re-housing funds in partnership with our CoC, the Alliance, to support households experiencing homelessness or who are housing insecure. ESG funds also provide support for street outreach and shelter operations; CDBG and local funds support shelter operations, emergency shelter during winter months and outreach efforts. All ESG-CV and all CDBG-CV funds allocated to homeless shelter operation, food assistance and rent assistance have been allocated and expended. City staff will continue working with local providers and the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County, the City's CoC, and encourage local organizations to apply for State of Illinois ESG funds to potentially offset the loss of Evanston ESG funds for FY24. The City restructured its allocation process for public service funds to incorporate a resident-focused delivery of needed services; funds are allocated by the Social Services Committee for services including holistic case management, mental health services, and safety net services that meet basic needs including food, child care, youth programs and legal services. The restructure aligns with the City goal of eliminating systemic inequities in service delivery, particularly for POC and to facilitate recovery from the pandemic taking into account the disparate impact on BIPOC populations. Additionally, the City approved ARPA funding for the construction of a mental health living room that would provide community-based mental health services that could be accessed by people experiencing a mental health crisis as an alternative to 911 or hospitalization. Living Rooms provide a safe space for people in crisis and are a cost-effective alternative source for peer counselors, counselors to teach de-escalation skills and provide referrals for housing, healthcare and other necessities. This project is in partnership with Presence Saint Francis Hospital and Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center. The City continues to assess the impacts of the pandemic; staff works closely with service providers to assess the needs of the populations they serve. Vital public service needs include individual/group counseling, workforce development/job training, and child care for households

impacted by COVID-19. Evanston's goal is to provide support for the most at-risk populations as outlined above to provide needed services directly to identified populations rather than funding traditionally funded programs that meet a wider variety of needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Evanston's update to its Residential Landlord Tenant Ordinance (RLTO) will help to create predictability for landlords through the adoption of more consistent regulations throughout the region and stabilize tenants by reducing turnover and bolstering rights. Evanston continues to partner with Metropolitan Tenants Organization (MTO) and Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing (LCBH) to strengthen landlord/tenant relations, especially low-income households, increase awareness of landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities, and provide representation and other legal relief to low-income residents as it relates to housing stability. LCBH participates in the Cook County Legal Aid program, providing legal assistance to residents with eviction, retaliation, illegal lockouts, and bankruptcy issues. This contract was up for renewal in December 2023. The update to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance will continue to increase opportunities for low-mod households to live in income-restricted units in high-opportunity areas that would otherwise be unaffordable to them. The City of Evanston will continue to partner with Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) to manage the waitlist for income-restricted Inclusionary Housing Ordinance units and for affordable homeownership programs in Evanston. CPAH's contract is up for renewal for 2024 following its sixth year partnering with the City of Evanston to place low-, moderate-, and middle-income families into affordable housing. Twenty-one new inclusionary housing units are expected to become available in 2024 to eligible households at or below 60% AMI throughout the community within private market rate developments. This is additional to the 72 existing units. The City of Evanston's locally funded Affordable Housing Fund, develops and rehab affordable housing for persons of up to 120% of the area median income. The fund also supplements CDBG and HOME funds to develop and maintain much-needed affordable housing throughout Evanston. For the past four years, the City Council has named expanding affordable housing options as one of its annual goals. The City Council approved the creation of new detached or internal accessory dwelling units, zoning changed to allow for smaller lots and the use of City owned land for affordable housing development. The Five-Fifths TIF which is intended to maintain the cultural, socioeconomic, and racial diversity in Evanston's Fifth Ward will also continue to provide a sustainable source of funds to help long-time property owners maintain and upgrade housing. With a focus on sustainability, climate resilience, and energy efficiency, the ARPA funded pilot project "Green Homes Evanston" (formerly One Stop Shop Retrofit) is expected to start rehabilitation projects in 2024 and should provide an opportunity to expand housing rehabilitations and the potential to combine various sources of funding for more impact, while keeping low- and moderate-income households in their homes. City Council also approved a 60-unit mixed-income development serving households earning 30%-80% of the area median income and will be funded in part by the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), through a collaboration between the City of Evanston and the Housing Authority of Cook County. Construction on the project is expected to begin in 2024. Two additional projects funded by ARPA and identified through the

participatory budgeting process will be implemented starting in 2024: housing subsidies to reduce rental rates of owner-occupied multi-family properties to promote housing affordability across Evanston and housing services for Evanston residents with refugee status.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City's Health & Human Services Department receives the TORRENS grant from Cook County Department of Public Health which offers financial assistance for low income property owners. The grant will provide up to \$300,000 and ends on November 30, 2024. They also receive a yearly grant of \$24,900 from the Illinois Department of Public Health to aid in paying for testing and inspection supplies. The Evanston Health & Human Services Department is partnering with the Cook County Department of Public Health to provide lead hazard removal at NO COST to the resident or owner. This opportunity is made possible by a four year grant from HUD. The income requirements of this grant can be applied to tenants of a rental property. In addition to responding to cases of childhood lead poisoning the Evanston HHS also provides preventative lead risk assessments for Evanston residents as long as there is either a child age 6 or less or a pregnant woman is living at the property. This is a proactive service offered to the residents of Evanston to help them become aware of the possible lead hazards in their home along with preventing their child from becoming lead poisoned.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City approaches reducing the number of poverty level families through rental subsidies including the ESG funded Rapid-Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention programs, Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), and the City's General Assistance program. Other supports include workforce development initiatives, a guaranteed income program for income eligible households, and emergency assistance programs that provide a one-time payment to help households remain stable. The City's Workforce Development Division supports underserved populations, particularly residents between the ages of 18 and 30 years old, in connecting participants to careers in healthcare, retirement and senior living, and apprenticeship programs in HVAC, carpentry, masonry, concrete, and more. In addition, the City's Lead Service Line Replacement program, initiated in 2022 with ARPA funds, also has an apprenticeship program that provides on the job training with a living wage for entry-level manual labor workforce development. The City also supports job seekers with an online social platform that connects job seekers with others with similar skill sets and interests and current employment opportunities based on Evanston WorkforceCONNECT, a professional social platform to help people build a professional network, market skills and connect with employment opportunities. The Five-Fifths TIF, which is intended to maintain the cultural, socioeconomic, and racial diversity in Evanston's Fifth Ward, is expected to continue improving the City's economy through the expansion of affordable housing and creating job training/workforce development programs. It can be used for targeted upgrades to infrastructure, amenities, and business districts. Finally, 2024 will mark the City's fifth year of facilitating the Community Member Relief fund, which provides emergency financial support for residents who are undocumented

and not eligible for emergency or general assistance. Last year, the City provided a total of \$26,054.15 in relief to 15 community members. 2024's budget of \$50,000 is set to almost double the impact in 2024.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

City staff works throughout the year to increase institutional structure, both within the City and in consultation with our partner agencies. This is accomplished through providing technical assistance on federal grant management requirements, such as providing information about Davis-Bacon requirements, financial management and other grant management procedures. Staff maintains contact with partner agencies throughout the year, offering referrals for funding and training opportunities where appropriate. All policies and procedures related to internal grant management procedures are being reviewed, and will be updated when areas of opportunity for efficiency and collaboration are identified. Additionally, investment is made in technology that assists departments within the City to more effectively and efficiently manage grant programs; an example is CDM, which is the City's management software program for all housing-related projects that require project or loan management and ongoing compliance. Staff also attends relevant training and conferences, where available, on all aspects of grant and project management. Additionally, the City of Evanston is conducting an overhaul of Civic Platform and its 311 system to improve efficiency and communications systems; and is reviewing its civic engagement strategies to improve inclusion and equity in public participation processes. Furthermore, the Community Development Department is a member of various associations such as the National Community Development Association (NCCA), National League of Cities (NLC), and the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE).

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

The City is heavily invested in collaborations throughout the community, as evidenced by the multiple roundtable discussions held with City staff and service providers to assess community needs and recovery efforts that provide equitable support to vulnerable populations. The City has successfully paired with multiple health service providers, such as Erie Family Health Center, which provides bi-lingual medical, dental and mental health services to the community, regardless of the person's ability to pay and AMITA Health Saint Francis Hospital Evanston. These critical partnerships have increased the community's access to quality, affordable healthcare. Family Focus, James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, Connections for the Homeless, and Youth & Opportunity United provide case management services to vulnerable populations including justice impacted and/or homeless youth, and DCFS involved families. The City also supports North Shore Senior Center providing case management and benefits enrollment services to seniors, and the Housing Authority of Cook County to expand needed case management and mental health services to low-income elderly and residents with disabilities.

Discussion:

The City's Community Development Department, in collaboration with the Economic Development Department, is committed to making Evanston the most livable city in America, and this commitment is evident in our community partnerships and investment in economic and neighborhood development. The actions identified above will further this initiative and will increase opportunities for low- and moderate- income residents to receive necessary services and have access to affordable housing options.

The City of Evanston will be conducting an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) with the Cook County Home Consortium members. Part of this process includes coordination with other governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations, reviewing goals to research and reduce impediments to fair housing. The group is continuing to incorporate new guidance and hopes to complete the assessment in 2024.

City staff will also work with contractors to ensure CDBG and HOME-ARP projects comply with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) as detailed in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. 117-58 and 2 CFR 184.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Housing and Grants staff is responsible for ensuring compliance with all program specific requirements, as well as for program monitoring and reporting. In addition, staff ensures that federal cross-cutting requirements, including the Omni Circular, Davis-Bacon and Related Acts, Uniform Relocation Act, and Section 3, are met.

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.

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**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)**

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

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The City does not plan to use HOME funds for homebuyer activities in 2024; HOME resources will be focused on rental housing needs, primarily of households whose incomes do not exceed 60% of the area median income. If homebuyer activities were to be undertaken, the City would use recapture provisions to maintain long-term affordability for ownership projects with direct homebuyer subsidies in the form of down payment or closing cost assistance, or purchase price reductions (soft second mortgages) used to maintain compliance. The length of the affordability period would be based on the amount of HOME subsidy and forgiven on a pro-rata basis as long as the property remains the owner's primary residence. The balance is due only if the property is sold or ceases to be the buyer's primary residence before the end of the affordability period, subject to net proceeds. The City's recapture terms are based on the minimum HOME requirements.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

If homebuyer activities were undertaken, the City would record a Junior Mortgage and Land Use Regulatory Agreement (LURA) deed restriction that acts as the Affordable Housing Restriction to ensure that the HOME funds are subject to recapture if the unit does remain the principal residence of the purchaser for the length of the affordability period. Buyers would also sign an Agreement with the City describing the HOME subsidy. The City considers requests to subordinate its junior mortgage in a refinance of the first mortgage as long as the borrower does not receive any cash back as part of the refinancing and the new loan amount does not exceed the original first mortgage with allowances for generally accepted financing costs. The City will not subordinate to a negative amortization loan or any loan it deems to be predatory. Loan principal would be forgiven. At the rate

of 1/60th per month for a 5 year term, At the rate of 1/120th per month for a 10 year term, At the rate of 1/180th per month for a 15 year term.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

HOME funds may be used to refinance existing debt secured on multi-family rehab projects, excluding projects whose debt is made or insured by any federal program. The City may consider using HOME funds to refinance existing debt in specific situations using the following guidelines: To ensure that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity, HOME funds may be used only to refinance the rehabilitation portion of a loan and up to 40% of acquisition financing. The property must be inspected to ensure disinvestment has not occurred. The Project pro forma will be reviewed to ensure that the long-term needs of the project can be met and that serving the targeted population is feasible. It must be stated whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both. Whether the length of the affordability will extend beyond the minimum 15 years will be determined and specified before HOME funds are invested. The project must be located in Evanston. HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(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.

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CITY OF EVANSTON SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE 2024 ACTION PLAN THROUGH JUNE 24, 2024.

The City of Evanston's Draft 2024 Action Plan is open for public comment from Thursday, May 23, 2024 through Monday, June 24, 2024. The Draft 2024 Action Plan describes how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs will be used to improve the quality of life primarily for low and moderate income Evanston residents and has been updated to include finalized grant awards for FY2024.

A draft of the 2024 Action Plan may be viewed in person at the Evanston Public Library (1703 Orrington Ave, Evanston) and Robert Crown Community Center (1801 Main St, Evanston) or online at www.cityofevanston.org/conplan beginning May 23, 2024.

Questions and comments may be submitted via email to housing@cityofevanston.org, in writing to Jessica Wingäder at 2100 Ridge Ave., Room 3304, Evanston, IL 60201, or during the public joint meeting of the Social Services Committee and the Housing & Community Development Committee on Thursday, June 13, and the City Council meeting on Monday, June 24, 2024, both at 7 pm at the Lorraine Morton Civic Center located at 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201. All interested persons are encouraged to participate.

The 30-day public comment period for the Action Plan will close following any input received during the public meeting of the City Council on Monday, June 24, 2024.

For more information regarding the report and/or meeting, please email housing@cityofevanston.org or call/text 847-448-4311. For convenience, residents can simply dial 3-1-1 while in Evanston.
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The City's Social Services Committee and Housing & Community Development Committee will hold a joint hearing for public comment on the [Draft 2024 Action Plan](#) on Thurs., June 13, at 7 p.m. There will be a second opportunity to provide public comment at the City Council meeting on Mon., June 24, at 7 p.m. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the Draft 2024 Action Plan's 30-day comment period, which opens Thurs., May 23, and closes Mon., June 24, after the City Council meeting. Comments may be submitted [in writing](#) before the City Council meeting or [in person](#) at the meetings on June 13, and June 24. Questions and comments about the draft Action Plan may also be emailed to housing@cityofevanston.org or submitted by calling 311 (if outside the City of Evanston dial 847-448-4311).

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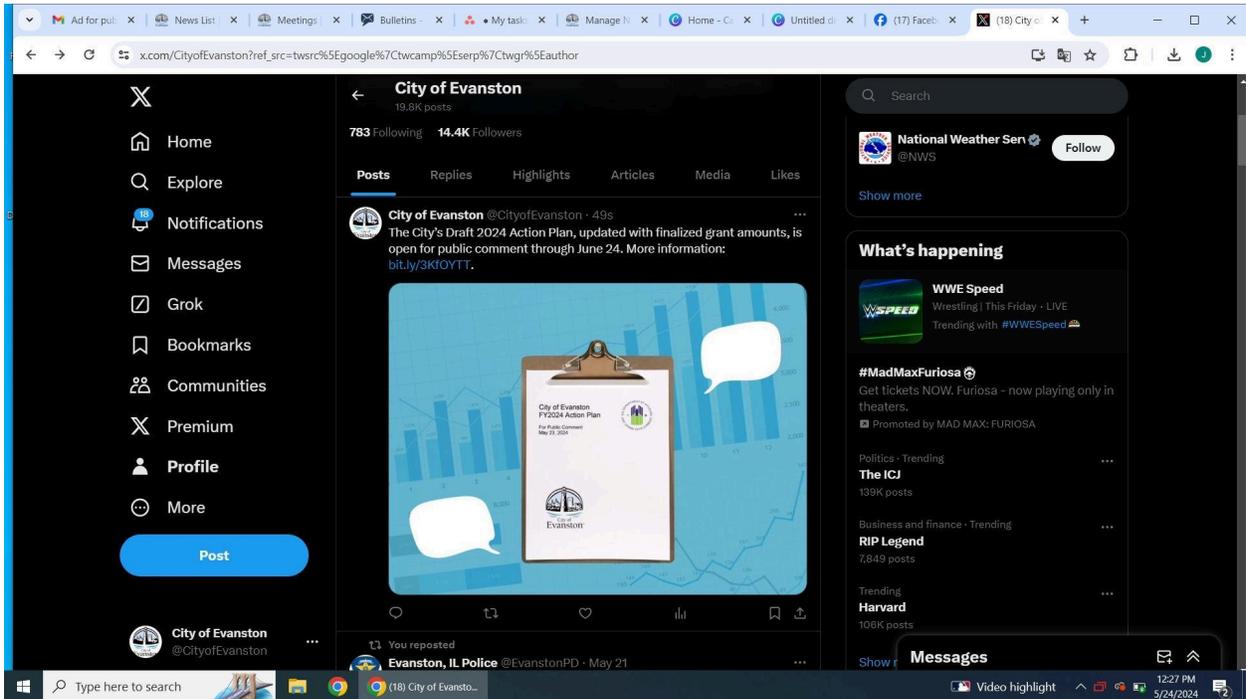
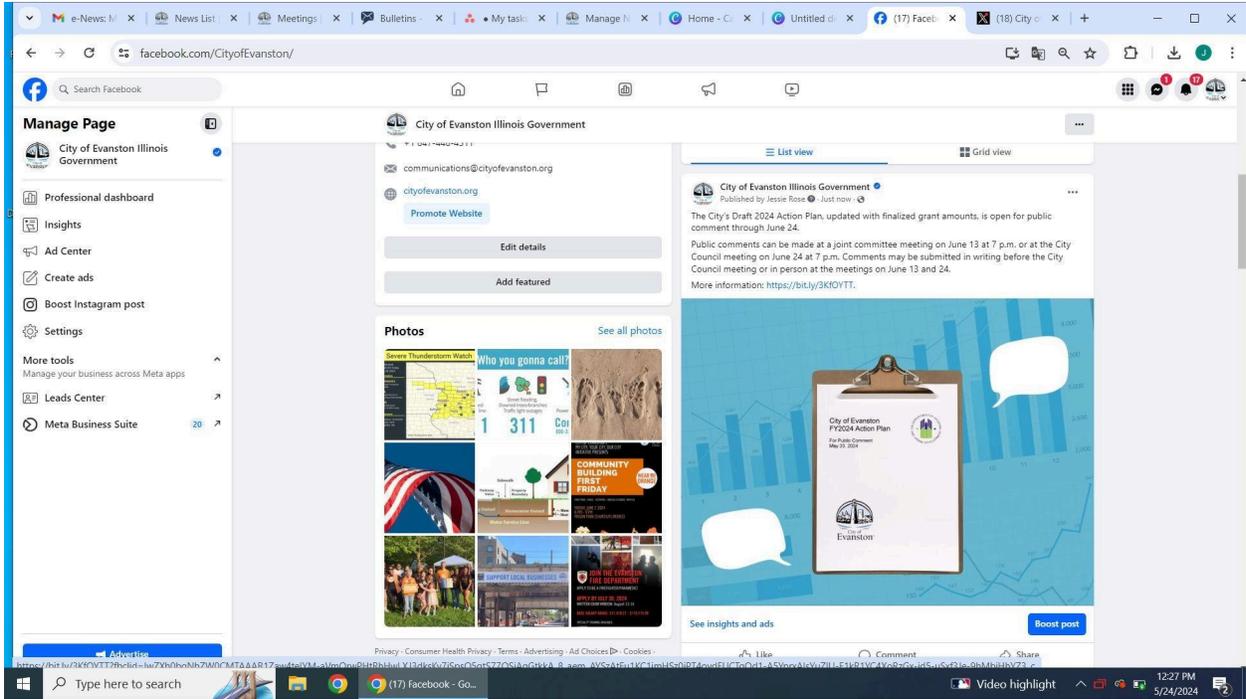
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Public Comment Summary:

Public comment on the draft 2024 Action Plan, which was updated to include final grant amounts, was received virtually at the [City Council](#) meeting held [June 24, 2024](#) (starts at 56 minutes 19 seconds) and provided by Betty Ester, a Community Organizer with the Citizens Network of Protection. Ms. Ester requested an explanation for the loss of FY 2024 ESG.

An explanation of FY2024 ESG including impacts of the loss of funding was provided in the Action Plan as well as in a memo to the joint [Housing & Community Development Committee](#) and [Social Services Committee](#) held on Thursday, [June 13, 2024](#) and included a statement explaining that Evanston is an entitlement community so federal awards are allocated on a formula basis. Each entitlement community's annual funding allocation is determined by HUD following a formulation which uses several objective measures of community need including poverty levels, population, housing overcrowding, and other factors, in comparison to other metropolitan areas. Formulas are used to determine award amounts for the City's three federal grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Grant (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). For 2024, it was determined that Evanston is not eligible to receive an ESG award as it did not meet the minimum threshold to receive direct entitlement.

Ms. Ester also had concerns that the Housing & Community Development Committee lacked information about the recent loss of affordable housing units and that the Committee is short two members. Their replacements should be low and moderate-income residents.

Detailed staff reports about the loss of affordable housing units at the Wesley apartments and the assistance being provided to their residents in Evanston were presented to the Housing & Community Development Committee at the March and April meetings as well as at various City Council meetings. The future of this privately-owned property has not yet been determined. However, the inclusion of the current residents in any plans for the property will be prioritized.

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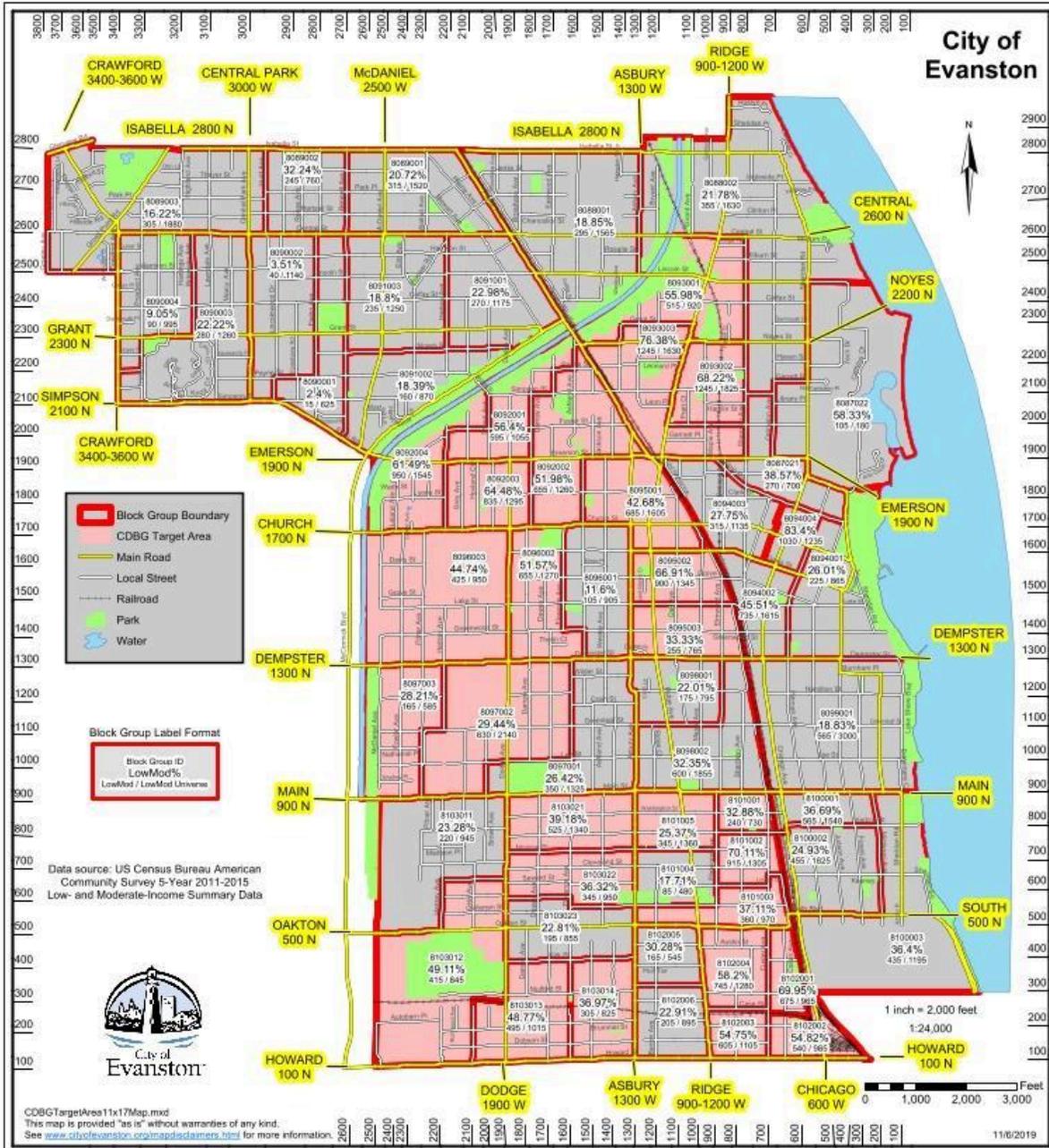
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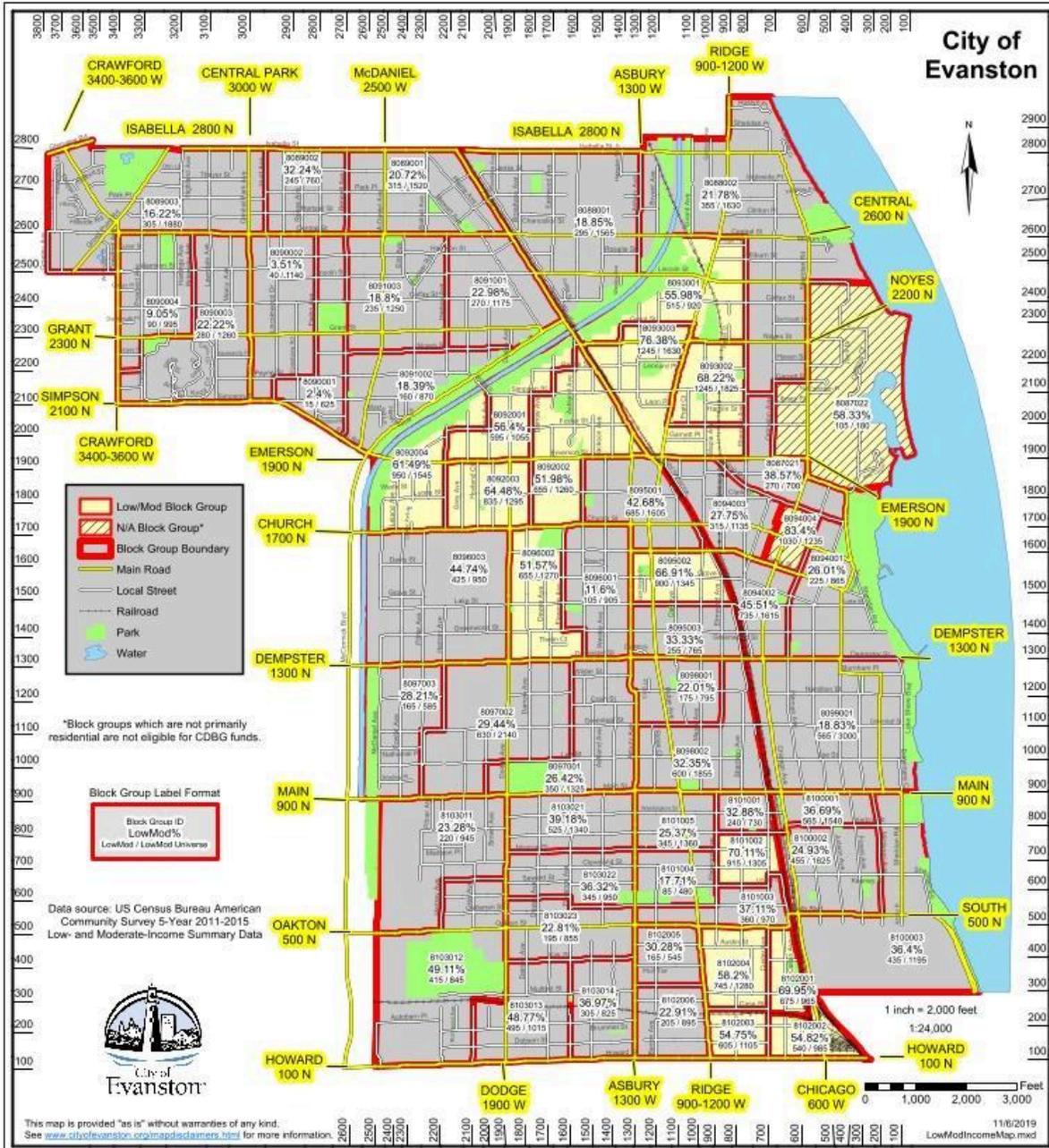
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* a. Legal Name: City of Evanston		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 83-8025910		* c. UIC: GOVIMP08P031
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Prefix: * First Name: Marion		
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* a. Federal	1,765,811.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
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* f. Program Income	163,577.00
* g. TOTAL	1,878,388.00

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* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision
* 3. Date Received: 01/12/2024		* 4. Applicant Identifier: 36-6005870
5a. Federal Entry Identifier: 11-172038-Evanston		5b. Federal Award Identifier: H24HC190210
State Use Only: 6. Date Received by State: _____ 7. State Application Identifier: _____		
II. APPLICANT INFORMATION		
* a. Legal Name: City of Evanston		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 36-6005870		* c. UEI: 000000000000000000
d. Address:		
* Street	2100 Edge Avenue	
* Street2		
* City	Evanston	
* County/Parish		
* State	IL	
* Province		
* Country	USA	
* Zip / Postal Code	60201-2716	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Community Development		Division Name: Housing and Grants
f. NBH&I and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix:		* First Name: Maria
Middle Name:		
* Last Name:	Johnson	
Suffix:		
Title:		
Organizational Affiliation: _____		
* Telephone Number:	847-448-8629	Fax Number: _____
* Email:	maria.johnson@cityofevanston.org	

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="City or Township Government"/>	
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
* Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: <input type="text" value="Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>	
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.219"/>	
CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="HOME Program"/>	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text" value="H24W070219"/>	
Title: <input type="text" value="HOME Investment Partnership Program"/>	
13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text"/>	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> Add Attachment Cancel Attachment View Attachment </div>	
* 16. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="City of Evanston 2024 HOME Investment Partnership Program"/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> Add Attachment Cancel Attachment View Attachment </div>	

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16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant: IL-09	* b. Program/Project: EC-09
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: 03/01/2024	* b. End Date: 12/31/2024
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal:	300,515.43
* b. Applicant:	
* c. State:	
* d. Local:	
* e. Other:	
* f. Program Income:	27,384.00
* g. TOTAL:	330,983.43
19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach:	
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21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms. If I accept an award, I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1004)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internal site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix:	* First Name: Luke
Middle Name:	
Last Name: Stone	
Suffix:	
* Title: City Manager	
* Telephone Number: 547-440-8177	Fax Number:
* Email: lstone@cityofwauwatosa.org	
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	* Date Signed: 06/25/2024



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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4783) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
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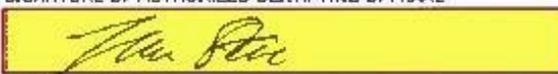
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14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
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CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

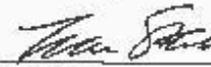
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.



Signature of Authorized Official

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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation – It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan – Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan – It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds – It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2024 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force – It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.



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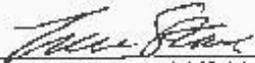
Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance – If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs – It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing:



Signature of Authorized Official

08/26/2024
Date

City Manager
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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

