

FFY₂₁ CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT

FOR THE PRIOD JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

Community Development Block Grant HOME Investment Partnership Program



HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND GRANTS

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CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

The FFY2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) describes Howard County's affordable housing and community development activities carried out over the past program year running from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The CAPER also provides a community a concise breakdown of the federal funds used for activities that were undertaken during the program year and an evaluation of the County's progress of carrying out the goals and objectives as stated in the Five Year Consolidated Plan FFY 2020 - 2024. Howard County is designated as an entitlement jurisdiction for two funding programs administered by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program.

Over the past year, Howard County has worked to preserve and retain the affordable housing stock through housing rehabilitation projects, and to increase the availability of affordable permanent housing for persons with disabilities, special needs populations and low-income working families in our community. To encourage homeownership, Howard County is working with income eligible household move towards the goal of homeownership by providing access to down payment assistance, to make the home purchase more affordable.

To address the complex issues contributing to homelessness in our community, the public services activities helped to provide a multi-faceted network of programs and support services that prevent homelessness as often as possible and coordinates care for homeless individuals and families, so they may become self-sufficient as quickly as possible. In addition to these other activities, Howard County worked with three (3) of our nonprofit partners to provide needed rehabilitation to their facilities helping to preserve these programs that serve Howard County residents with disabilities; and, to provide affordable daycare services for income eligible Howard County households.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
AM-1 Overall Coordination	Administration, Planning, and Management	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Other	Other	20	8	40.00%	4	4	100.00%
CD-1 Community Facilities and Infrastructure	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	2500	717	28.68%	675	79	11.70%
HO-1 Housing	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		0	0	
HO-1 Housing	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	
HO-1 Housing	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Housing for Homeless added	Household Housing Unit	5	1	20.00%			
HO-2 Operation/Support	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	

HO-2 Operation/Support	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	375	821	218.93%	60	797	1,328.33%
HO-2 Operation/Support	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	1000	142	14.20%	140	118	84.29%
HO-2 Operation/Support	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0		0	0	
HO-2 Operation/Support	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	
HS-1 Housing Support	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$160000	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	1	1	100.00%	1	1	100.00%
HS-1 Housing Support	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$160000	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	
HS-1 Housing Support	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$160000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	15	9	60.00%	5	4	80.00%
HS-3 Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	

HS-3 Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	20	42	210.00%	20	32	160.00%
HS-3 Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	
HS-3 Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	125	32	25.60%	25	17	68.00%
HS-3 Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Housing for Homeless added	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	
HS-3 Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	
SN-1 Housing	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	
SN-1 Housing	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	10	1	10.00%	1	1	100.00%
SN-1 Housing	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	

SN-1 Housing	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0		0	0	
SN-2 Social Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	
SN-2 Social Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	200	41	20.50%	45	5	11.11%
SN-2 Social Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

REPORTING NOTE: Please see - “FFY21 Project Descriptions and Outcomes that has been uploaded into IDIS for detailed project outcomes by activity names and IDIS numbers.

Howard County made good progress towards its Consolidated Plan goals over the last year:

- **Homeowner Rehabilitation:** The County assisted 17 homeowner units (CDBG)
- **Renter-Occupied Rehabilitation:** The County assisted 32 renter households (CDBG)
- **Facilities & Improvement Rehabilitation:** The County assisted 3 units which serving person with severe disabilities, and to create affordable childcare services (CDBG)
- **Affordable Housing Acquisition:** The County assisted 1 unit (CDBG)
- **First Time Homebuyer Assistance:** The County assisted 4 households (HOME)

During FFY2021, the County was able to rehabilitate seventeen (17) homeowner and thirty-two (32) rental housing units, to increase safety and help preserve affordable housing for low-income families living in them.

CDBG was also used to create one (1) additional unit of affordable housing for low-income families working in Howard County and are in need of affordable housing.

In addition, CDBG was used to rehabilitate three (3) public facilities to preserve access to programs for persons with severe disabilities; and, to provide affordable daycare services for income eligible Howard County households. HOME Program funds were used to assist four (4) moderate-income families to achieve homeownership with downpayment and closing cost assistance.

Through CDBG public service funding; 797 individuals were diverted from homelessness through housing stabilization funding; 118 homeless individuals accessed critical social and support services for both the sheltered and unsheltered homeless; 10 households which were victims of domestic violence/human trafficking were provided safe sheltering after fleeing situations of violence.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOME
White	218	3
Black or African American	610	21
Asian	45	8
American Indian or American Native	2	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	6	0
Total	881	33
Hispanic	51	0
Not Hispanic	830	33

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

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CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	1,393,992	1,347,867
HOME	public - federal	485,257	196,249

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

During FFY2021, Howard County had \$1,896,920.81 in available HUD funds. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation was \$1,383,213. The County received \$28,450.81 in Program Income (PI). The total amount of CDBG funding available was \$1,411,663.81. The HOME Program allocation was \$485,257. The County used \$0 in HOME PI in FFY2021.

For FFY2021 the total expended in CDBG funding was \$1,347,867.42 and the total expended in HOME funding was \$196,248.86. Howard County spent a combined total of \$1,544,116.28 in HUD funding on activities benefitting income-eligible, at-risk and vulnerable residents throughout the county.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Howard County Target Area	100		Countywide

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

One hundred percent of the CDBG and HOME Program expenditures benefitted income-eligible Howard County residents

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

Howard County Government provides additional funding resources through Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), which supported the goals and outcomes of the CDBG and HOME Program activities. \$5,995,000 was funded through Howard County's Fiscal Year 2022 budget to continue support for the DHCD's Community Renewal Fund. In FFY2021 Howard County continued to provide funding to area non-profits through a funding application, the County's MIHU Fee-In-Lieu Program, \$400,000 further supported the goals set within the Consolidated Plan. No County-owned land or properties were utilized during this program year.

In addition, the County provides funding through its' Community Service Partnerships Grant Program (CSP). This is a local, competitive grants program administered by the Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS). In FY22, DCRS awarded \$8,007,467 in CSP funding to local agencies, a portion of which supports the Plan to End Homelessness activities for the Continuum of Care (CoC), and the Coordinated System of Homeless Services (CSHS), the CoC's coordinated assessment system.

As the Lead Agency for the CoC, DCRS also administers the following Federal and state grants:

- The Homelessness Solutions Program grant - The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Neighborhood Revitalization, administers the Homelessness Solutions Program (HSP). HSP brings together six different funding sources, including the State's ESG Allocation, in order to provide one consolidated stream of funding for local Continuums of Care to address homelessness.
- The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funded by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Non-profits have utilized funds from private lenders to support HOME-assisted projects and the County's only CHDO has used State Bond financing when acquiring properties to house low-income disabled persons.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	6,025,814
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	0
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	6,025,814
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	30,121
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	5,995,693

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match
673	10/23/2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
674	01/10/2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
675	03/19/2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
676	03/19/2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
689	06/24/2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period				
Balance on hand at beginning of reporting period	Amount received during reporting period	Total amount expended during reporting period	Amount expended for TBRA	Balance on hand at end of reporting period
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
0	0	0	0	0

Table 7 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period						
	Total	Minority Business Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			
Number	0	0	0			
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted						
	Total	Minority Property Owners				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition

Parcels Acquired		0	0			
Businesses Displaced		0	0			
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced		0	0			
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced		0	0			
Households Displaced	Total	Minority Property Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	110	851
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	1	1
Total	111	852

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	60	797
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	2	1
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	45	49
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	6	5
Total	113	852

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

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Howard County was successful in completing the following Affordable Housing goals for FFY2021:

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The County continues to successfully manage the CDBG and HOME Programs as we work with our nonprofit partners, FFY2021 surpassed anticipated goals set for this program year.

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Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Howard County does not anticipate future Annual Action Plans to be impacted by the current year's outcomes. The County will continue to implement affordable housing programs in the most efficient and effective ways possible. The County is committed to creating and maintaining partnerships that will foster the creation of more affordable units in the future.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	699	0
Low-income	256	0
Moderate-income	125	4
Total	1,080	4

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

Over this past program year, most of the household incomes of the families receiving assistance through our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs were extremely low income with incomes between 0-30 percent area median income (AMI).

Howard County data breakdown for combined CDBG and HOME families served shows that household incomes of 65% of the families fell into the <30% AMI (extremely low income), 24% fell into the 31% - 50% AMI (low-income) and 11% of the families fell into the 51-80% AMI (low-moderate income).

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Howard County adopted a local Plan to End Homelessness (PEH) in 2010 and updated the plan in February of 2020 known as The Path Home. The Path Home establishes strategic goals that will align resources and services within the homeless response system. The strategic goals will guide specific annual action plans. The goals and action plans will place emphasis on ensuring that the coordinated entry system includes necessary, appropriate, quality interventions and sufficient capacity to meet the needs of those presenting to the system. These interventions will be housing first and housing resources focused.

Howard County uses a Coordinated Entry System to meet the individualized needs of homeless persons. It utilizes the following four (4) steps:

1. Access through entry points known to the community. Accomplished by: hotline, prevention, safe house, and street outreach.
2. Assess strengths, barriers, and vulnerabilities. Accomplished by: triage and standard assessment VI-SPDAT and Prevention Targeting Tool.
3. Prioritize specific and defined set of criteria. Accomplished by: By-Name list.
4. Refer connection to available resources. Accomplished by: prevention, shelter, case management, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Howard County's Strategic Plan to End Homelessness's Goal #2 is to ensure that every person experiencing homelessness in Howard County has access to immediate, safe, and appropriate shelter. An effective homeless response system includes immediate access to low-barrier emergency shelter coupled with skilled, engaged street outreach. The Coalition is committed to ensuring that no person is forced to sleep in a place not intended for human habitation or loses their life because of their homeless experience. The Coalition will provide continuous outreach to unsheltered homeless individuals who otherwise might not seek out services and ensures sufficient emergency shelter capacity to meet the needs of the community. Howard County intends to meet this goal by:

- Ensure adoption of a system-wide housing first approach by all Coalition members and eliminate policies and practices that do not embrace a housing first approach. This includes county residency requirements; participation in services; income requirements; and behavior requirements unrelated to health and safety.

- Establish a housing-focused street outreach team whose primary responsibility is to identify and engage people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and connect them to shelter (if available and desired) and coordinated entry for permanent housing resources.
- The CoC should collect, review and analyze key output and performance measure outcome data to ensure on-going effectiveness of street outreach services.
- Continue implementation of a low-barrier, housing first approach to accessing and staying in emergency shelter in Howard County, and eliminate requirements unrelated to health and safety to access and remain in shelter.
- Provide housing-focused, rapid-exit services to quickly connect all households residing in emergency shelter to safe and appropriate permanent housing.
- Regularly review program level data on shelter outcomes relating to placement rates in permanent housing, timely exits and cost-effectiveness to target system performance improvement strategies.
- Target limited transitional housing resources to the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness by participating in the coordinated entry system and eliminates rules that screen people out due to perceived barriers.
- Shift the focus of supportive services in transitional housing programs to align with a housing-focused, rapid-exit approach.

(Source: The Path Home, Howard County’s Strategic Plan to End Homelessness, The Five-Year Plan 2020 to 2025, pg. 25)

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

Howard County’s Strategic Plan to End Homelessness’s Goal #1 is to ensure that there are no new or repeat episodes of homelessness in Howard County. An effective homeless response system is one that safely and appropriately diverts households from homelessness and provides targeted homelessness prevention whenever possible. Howard County’s Coordinated Entry System will provide comprehensive, housing first services that apply a lens of racial equity, are culturally competent, and are guided by evidence-based best practices to minimize the duration and compounding impact of homelessness. This will include supportive pathways for those who do experience homelessness to achieve income maximization, exit to stable housing quickly, and prevent a repeat episode of homelessness in the future. Howard County intends to meet this goal by:

- Undertake a review and analysis of all prevention programs and prevention-type services that are both, operating in Howard County, and based on the goals of The Path Home.

- Determine which programs most appropriately align with the role of the homeless response system and which may be better funded outside the system.
- Establish a system-wide homeless prevention program — with written standards — to include a standardized assessment and performance measure outcome benchmarks and goals.
- Develop and support a robust structure to implement diversion strategies and measure the impact on the homeless response system.
- To increase employment opportunities for households experiencing homelessness in Howard County, the CoC Lead Agency should coordinate a system-wide employment strategy informed by data and the coordinated entry process.
- The Coalition, led by the CoC Board, should explore and identify factors driving racial and ethnic disparities to determine who is experiencing homelessness and how different types of permanent housing resources are distributed by the homeless services system.
- The CoC Board should develop an action plan to reduce disparities and establish community-level performance measured outcome goals to track progress on these efforts.
- Re-assess and streamline current coordinated entry core elements — the ACCESS, ASSESS, PRIORITIZE and REFER processes — to achieve simplicity, clarity and transparency in system coordination and decision-making.
- Develop a dashboard using HMIS to track progress on system flow improvements and outcomes.

(Source: The Path Home, Howard County’s Strategic Plan to End Homelessness, The Five-Year Plan 2020 to 2025, pg. 23)

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

Howard County’s Strategic Plan to End Homelessness’s Goal #3 is to increase access to permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness in Howard County. An effective homeless response system has an affordable and diverse supply of housing that meets the needs of the most vulnerable persons. Currently, households experiencing homelessness in Howard County struggle to access permanent housing in a timely manner. Challenges include limited landlord engagement and recruitment; limited affordable housing; and limited rapid re-housing program capacity. Howard County intends to meet this goal by:

- To ensure that the most vulnerable households fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking are prioritized for all available housing resources within the CoC, and to come into compliance with federal and state requirements, Hope Works HSP (ESG) funded program should more fully participate in the coordinated entry system.

- To increase permanent housing opportunities and decrease the time people experience homelessness in Howard County, the CoC Lead Agency should coordinate a systemwide landlord engagement strategy to create a pipeline of available units informed by data and the coordinated entry process.
- Adopt the National Alliance to End Homelessness' Rapid Re-Housing Performance Benchmarks and Program Standards to fully incorporate the three core components and current best practices into CoC rapid re-housing projects.
- Scale up rapid re-housing resources to make it the primary housing intervention in Howard County CoC.
- Assess current permanent supportive housing projects and formalize a "move on" strategy to increase system flow and to ensure that this deep resource is serving the most vulnerable households using a dynamic prioritization approach.
- Ensure that all permanent supportive housing adopts and implements a housing first approach in both policy and practice.

(Source: The Path Home, Howard County's Strategic Plan to End Homelessness, The Five-Year Plan 2020 to 2025, pg. 27)

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Housing Commission has developed partnerships with Bridges to Housing Stability, the Howard County Department of Corrections, and the Howard County Health Department to provide housing and supportive services individuals with disabilities, homeless individuals, and returning citizens.

The Housing Commission has continued its participation in the Baltimore Regional Project-Based Voucher (PBV) Program that is designed to encourage new quality affordable rental housing in the metropolitan Baltimore area, particularly in safe neighborhoods with high quality public schools that are close to job growth. In 2019, the Housing Commission was awarded twenty (20) project-based vouchers for the Artist Flats at New Cultural Center.

The Housing Commission is actively pursuing funding for a multi-year demonstration project that would enable participants in the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) to relocate to neighborhoods with less poverty. The proposed voucher de-concentration plan would enable: disadvantaged families to benefit from the opportunities that come with living in surroundings that are more economically diverse; at-risk neighborhoods to benefit from an infusion of families that have more moderate ranges of income lessening the concentration poverty and stabilizing property values; stabilize neighborhoods; and support more racially and economically-mixed neighborhoods.

Discussion

Howard County has identified that there is a need for decent, safe, and sanitary housing that is affordable and accessible to address the households affected by housing problems, severe housing problems, and housing cost burdens. The largest income group affected by housing problems in the County are extremely low-income households. The Howard County Housing Commission is a vital part of the County's affordable housing strategy. The Housing Commission is the primary assisted housing provider of housing for extremely low income, very low income, and lower income residents of Howard County.

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

The Howard County Housing Commission operates a Housing Choice Voucher for Homeownership Program. The Commission does not limit participation in the program. The program eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Families participating in the Section 8 Homeownership Program must be in good standing, and must have participated in the Section 8 Program, or other Howard County or Housing Commission programs for at least 2 years prior to execution of the Contract of Sale. The family

must also have participated in the Family Self Sufficiency Program for a period of at least 18 months prior to the date of settlement.

- With exception of elderly and disabled households the minimum income required for program participation is \$40,000. If the family meets the HUD minimum income requirements of the Federal Minimum hourly wage rate multiplied by 2,000 hours and has been pre-qualified for financing with a lending institution.
- Welfare assistance shall not be counted towards the \$40,000 minimum income requirement unless the head of household is elderly or disabled, as defined in the Administrative Plan.
- Eligible families must demonstrate that at least one adult member of the family who will own the home at commencement of homeownership assistance is currently employed at least 30 hours per week and has been continuously employed for at least one year prior to commencement of homeownership assistance. This requirement does not apply for families where the head of household is elderly or disabled.
- In order to qualify for participation in the Section 8 Homeownership Program, the family must qualify as a "first-time homeowner". A first-time homeowner is defined as a family of which no member owned or presently has any ownership interest in a unit during the three years before commencement of homeownership assistance. A first-time homeowner also includes a single parent or displaced homemaker who while married, owned a home with his or her spouse, or resided in a home owned by his or her spouse.
- Eligible families shall not include any family with a member who has previously received assistance under the homeownership option and has defaulted on a mortgage securing debt incurred to purchase the home.
- Prior to commencement of homeownership assistance, the family must attend and satisfactorily complete pre-assistance homeownership counseling with a HUD approved counseling agency, or an equivalent program of counseling activities as designated by the Commission.

The Howard County Housing Commission operates a Family Self-Sufficiency Program. The Commission does not limit participation in the program if demand exceeds the HUD required size limit. The Housing Commission also sponsors a "Getting Ahead" Program that targets Family Self Sufficiency Participants, Zero Income Families and other low- income families residing in Howard County. The "Getting Ahead" Initiative examines the causes of Poverty and helps participants to understand that poverty is not simply caused by the choices of the individual but is both "generational" and "situational". Program participants perform a Self-Assessment, identify personal strengths and establish a personal plan for building resources. The initiative focuses on "Bridges out of Poverty" and examines what the community has to offer as well as what participants can contribute to the community.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Not applicable; the Housing Authority is not designated a "troubled" in its most recent SEMAP assessment.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

Howard County continued to work both locally as well as regionally to improve public opinion and public policy which create barriers to affordable housing. Howard County along with Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, and Harford County fund a portion of the salary for a Housing Policy Coordinator who is responsible with coordinating and guiding the implementation of the regional initiatives to address identified potential impediments to Fair Housing Choice. Due to space restriction, the following initiatives are some that the Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Implementation Plan collaborative worked on in FFY20201:

- BMC Housing Committee continued to be a forum for discussing AI implementation and other key fair housing and housing-related issues, including:
- Reconvening the BMC's Housing Affordability Preservation Task Force, exploring notification requirements and Year 15 preservation issues related to Low Income Housing Tax Credits. Tackling racial gaps in homeownership. The 2020 Maryland Housing Needs Assessment. How Montgomery County eliminated its development moratorium around school capacity. Baltimore City's Equity in Planning work through its Planning Department. Work with the Maryland Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) around affirmative marketing of State-supported rental housing.
- The Regional Project-Based Voucher (PBV) Program continued to progress: More than 30 families have leased in the first four developments to be completed: Riverwatch II in Elkridge, Homes at Fountain Green in Bel Air, Robinson Overlook in Columbia, and Town Courts in Annapolis. Program issued two requests for proposals, one in July 2021 and one in March 2022, receiving a total of six proposals requesting a total of 139 vouchers. Only one achieved the threshold for an award, receiving 20 project-based vouchers. The Regional Fair Housing Group pursued its priority strategies for tackling racial homeownership gaps: Held six focus groups with housing counseling agencies that included a total of 29 housing counselors. Top barriers included resources to put toward a down payment and ongoing mortgage payments as well as lack of available homes at a reasonable price. Conducted an electronic survey of people who have received housing counseling in an effort to buy a home. Compiled a chart with all State and local down payment assistance programs in the Baltimore region. Compiled a list of lenders who work with housing choice voucher (HCV) homeownership programs and discussed with PHAs how to boost existing programs and start new ones. Learned about a new race-conscious mortgage product being developed by Neighborhood Housing Services-Baltimore in order to narrow Baltimore's racial homeownership gap. Working with Maryland DHCD, the Regional Fair Housing Group: Conducted a survey of more than 100 property managers, with the assistance of the Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition, on their needs regarding affirmative fair housing

marketing. Explored improvements to www.MDHousingSearch.org, such as automatic population of accessibility features and clearer advance posting of affordability for new properties, to improve it as a clearinghouse for available affordable housing and as an affirmative marketing tool. Received Maryland DHCD data on LIHTC unit occupancy by race; initiated an effort to improve reporting of housing choice voucher use, with 90 percent of that data missing.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The most common housing problem in Howard County is housing affordable. According to the 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 44.8% all renter households were cost overburdened by 30% or more, 23.9% of owner households with a mortgage were cost overburdened by 30% or more, and 10.1% of owner households without a mortgage were cost overburdened by 30% or more.

The need for accessible, decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing exceeds the supply of housing especially for cost-burdened and low-income (6,039 households with a housing problem), very low-income (5,265 households with a housing problem), and extremely low-income (4,330 households with a housing problem) households in the County.

Howard County continued to partner with and provide funding to local nonprofits for the development of affordable housing to create housing opportunities for the income-eligible households and special needs populations throughout the county. Howard County worked on the following strategies during the program year:

- Continue to support the preservation of affordable housing through funding provided Rebuilding Together to provide rehabilitation to low-income homeowners to remain in their homes (17 units)
- Continue to support the preservation of affordable housing through funding provided to Bridges to Housing Stability and Howard County Housing Commission to provide rehabilitation to preserve low-income rental units for clients in their programs (32 units)
- Continue to support the preservation of special needs housing serving vulnerable populations through funding provided to Living in Recovery (1 unit of special needs housing)
- Continue to support the creation of affordable housing for low-income households working in Howard County through funding provided Bridges to Housing Stability (1 unit).
- Continue to provide funding for homeownership through the County's Settlement and Downpayment Program (SDLP) (4 units)

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Howard County Health Department (HCHD) has a standard procedure for cases of elevated blood lead level in children that involves coordination with Lead Poisoning Prevention Program of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), screening and education for parents of children with elevated

blood lead levels, contact with local providers to ensure follow-up tests are performed at appropriate intervals, and maintenance of patient records to document our case management efforts and outcomes.

Regarding testing, the Maryland Guidelines for Assessment and Management of Childhood Lead Exposure mandate testing for all children at ages 12 and 24 months. These children can be tested by capillary (“finger stick”) testing at their provider’s offices or sent out for venous blood draws. All children who are identified as having elevated blood lead levels via capillary test are then sent for confirmatory venous blood testing. All lead levels of 5 µg/dL or greater, whether venous or capillary, are reported to Childhood Lead Registry at MDE. MDE then notifies the local health department in the county where the child resides.

For Fiscal Year 2022 (July 2021-June 2022), eighteen children under the age of six were identified as having blood lead levels between 5-9 µg/dL. A total of seven children under the age of six were identified as having blood lead levels of 10 µg/dL or above. For each new case that is identified, the nurse case manager contacts the family to provide education about the effects of lead on children, identify possible sources of exposure through a detailed assessment, and make recommendations on reducing exposure and seeking appropriate follow-up testing. For children with levels of 5 µg/dL or greater, the case manager also arranges a home visit with an inspector from MDE to identify sources of lead in the home if the family agrees.

Homes in Howard County are generally a low risk for lead exposure, as the majority of the housing stock was built after 1978 when lead in paint was banned. Instead, the most prevalent sources of lead exposure identified in recent home inspections include imported spices, imported gold and silver jewelry, and religious and ceremonial powders like Kumkum and Kajal. The Health Department has an infographic reviewing multiple possible sources of lead exposure including those most common in the area, which is shared with families among other educational resources. HCHD has also transitioned to documenting its childhood lead case management activities in REDCap, a secure online database that allows improved coordination with MDE and easier referral for households who qualify for lead abatement.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Howard County’s anti-poverty strategy is based on addressing factors that cause poverty. Poverty is realized when a household’s basic needs for food, clothing and shelter are not being met. Poverty is a

function of income stability, which is related to a number of other factors such as access to affordable housing, rental assistance, homelessness prevention, emergency food and shelter, health care, children's services, job training and employment development, and transportation. Through partnering with non-profits in our community Howard County implemented the following strategies:

- Continue to support efforts to create affordable housing through funding provided to Bridges to Housing Stability (1 unit); and Howard County Settlement Downpayment Loan Program (SDLP) (4 units)
- Continue to support the preservation of affordable housing through funding provided Rebuilding Together to provide rehabilitation to low-income homeowners to remain in their homes (17 units)
- Continue to support the preservation of affordable housing through funding provided to Bridges to Housing Stability and Howard County Housing Commission to provide rehabilitation to preserve low-income rental units for clients in their programs (32 units)
- Continue to support the preservation of facilities serving vulnerable populations through funding provided Living in Recovery (1unit special-needs housing)
- Continue to support housing stability for income-eligible families through funding provided to the Community Action Council of Howard County (797people)
- Continue to support programs providing emergency and transitional housing through funding provided to HopeWorks (5 people)
- Continue to support homeless service providers that connect Howard County homeless residents to housing and services to help stabilize them as they transition to self-sufficiency through funding provided to Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center (113 people)
- Continue to support rehabilitation of a facility that will provide critically needed affordable childcare through funding provided to The United Way of Central Maryland (1 unit)
- Continued to support the preservation of facilities serving vulnerable populations with severe disabilities through funding provided to The Arc of Howard County (4 units).

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

In FFY2021, Howard County funded 10 non-profit partners with CDBG and HOME funding to support the various missions of developing or preserving affordable housing or providing critical services to at-risk populations.

- Public service funding for homeless residents and families fleeing violence; and families in crisis trying to sustain their housing
- Continue to support the preservation of affordable housing through funding provided Rebuilding Together to provide rehabilitation to low-income homeowners to remain in their homes (17 units)
- Continue to support the preservation of affordable housing through funding provided to Bridges to Housing Stability and Howard County Housing Commission to provide rehabilitation to

- preserve low-income rental units for clients in their programs (32 units)
- Continue to support the preservation of facilities serving vulnerable populations through funding provided Living in Recovery (1unit special-needs housing)
- Continue to support rehabilitation of a facility that will provide critically needed affordable childcare through funding provided to The United Way of Central Maryland (1 unit)
- County Settlement Downpayment Loan Program (SDLP) (4 units)
- Continue to support rehabilitation of a facility that will provide critically needed affordable childcare through funding provided to The United Way of Central Maryland (1 unit)
- Continued to support the preservation of facilities serving vulnerable populations with severe disabilities through funding provided to The Arc of Howard County (4 units).

Howard County Government provided additional funding resources through Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), which supported the goals and outcomes of the CDBG and HOME Program activities. \$3,004,000 was funded through Howard County’s Fiscal Year 2022 budget to continue support for the County’s Housing Initiative Loan Fund. In FFY2021 Howard County continued to provide funding to area non-profits through a funding application, the County’s MIHU Fee-In-Lieu Program, \$400,000 which further supported the goals set within the Consolidated Plan.

In addition, the County provided funding through its’ Community Service Partnerships Grant Program (CSP). This is a local, competitive grants program administered by the Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS). In FY22, DCRS awarded \$8,007,467 in CSP funding to local agencies, a portion of which supports the Plan to End Homelessness activities for the Continuum of Care (CoC), and the Coordinated System of Homeless Services (CSHS), the CoC’s coordinated assessment system.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Howard County Departments, Committees and Boards focused on coordinating housing and social service resources in the county:

- The **Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)** functions as the lead agency for community development and affordable housing programs in Howard County. As the lead agency, the Community Planning and Grants Division plans, administers and implements the federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program. Each year, as a part of the CDBG and HOME application process, local agencies/organizations are invited to submit proposals for grant eligible activities and to participate in the consultation process through attending a public hearing or responding directly to the correspondence or survey. DCRS staff participate in the development of the Needs Hearings, and the annual application process for CDBG and HOME Program funding to ensure continuity in funding priorities.

- The **Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS)** is the lead agency for both the Howard County CoC and HMIS. DCRS receives CoC funding on behalf of Howard County Government and works with partner agencies to further the goals of HUD. DCRS prepares and submits the CoC Collaborative Application to HUD. The DCRS staffs the Homeless Services Steering Committee. The committee provides a forum for discussing the Plan to End Homelessness, educating the community on homeless issues, eliciting input on the operations of homeless services and programs, and advocates on federal, state, and county levels regarding income-eligible affecting homelessness and at-risk of homelessness.
- **Howard County Coordinated System of Homeless Services (CSHS)** is a network of community services and supports coordinating efforts to end homelessness in Howard County through the Continuum of Care. The goals of the system are to efficiently use community resources to reduce the number of homeless families and individuals, reduce the number of newly homeless, shorten the length of homeless episodes, and reduce the number of returns to homelessness. CSHS is comprised of 15 service providers and government agencies which offer resources to households in need, to prevent loss of stable housing or regain housing that has been lost.
- **Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council (HTPCC)** established in 2019 by County Council Bill 52-2019 and comprised of 23 members, the HTPCC advises County Government on human trafficking prevention measures. The Council also conducts outreach and educational efforts to spread awareness of the warning signs of human trafficking.
- The **Howard County Local Children's Board** is comprised of public and private members working collaboratively to ensure a strong continuum of services for families and children in our community. Also known as the Local Management Board, there is a functioning board in all 24 jurisdictions in Maryland that work in partnership with the Governor's Office for Children to ensure children grow up healthy, secure and successful.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

Howard County used CDBG funding for two separate fair housing activities which all work to address fair housing efforts both locally as well as a regional approach.

The Howard County Office of Human Rights and Equity – Fair Housing Activity; funded through the CDBG Planning/Administrative Activity. Howard County used CDBG funding to support matched paired testing of market rate units in the County. This activity proposes to address several of the impediments to fair to fair housing identified in 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

The Columbia Housing Center – Affirmative Marketing Program; funded through the CDBG Planning/Administrative Activity. Howard County used CDBG funding in response to new residential segregation patterns that are forming in parts of Columbia to support the creation of a program based on the successful Oak Park Regional Housing Center, which will help landlords find tenants and tenants finds homes, while promoting racial integration. This effort helps Howard County carry out our duty to affirmatively further fair under the federal Fair Housing Act.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

The Department continued to strengthen its programs through the ongoing development of its policies and procedures. The Division of Community Planning and Grants facilitates the administration of the CDBG and HOME Programs through ongoing, consistent application of procedures put in place to ensure the program requirements are met. Through desk audits, on-site visits, program reporting reviews, maintaining contact with grant recipients and by providing technical assistance when needed, the Division keeps both programs performing with expected outcomes in a timely manner.

In the area of sub-recipient management, applications for funding are received on an annual basis from nonprofit organizations. The applications are graded and approved or denied by the Grant Review Committee. Applications are reviewed against the goals and objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan to determine the project's impact on the community. All applicants ensure that eligible activities meet the requirements of the applicable federal regulations. Organizations receiving funding under the CDBG and HOME programs are obligated to provide both programmatic and fiscal reports to ensure that activities are being carried out in the manner prescribed in Grant and Subrecipient Agreement Statements of Work. Quarterly reports, on-site monitoring and technical assistance visits along with regular communication provide opportunities to observe the effectiveness of project/ service delivery. All organizations submitting applications for CDBG and HOME funding are required to submit the most recent copy of their organization's audit report. The County is required to conduct an annual single audit, which is performed by an independent auditor, to ensure fiscal accountability.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

In accordance with federal requirements, Howard County's Consolidated Annual Performance Report submission was released for a fifteen (15) day public comment period commencing on September 05, 2022 and continuing through September 20, 2022.

The draft CAPER was available for public review and comment beginning September 05, 2022 through September 20, 2022. The draft CAPER was available on Howard County's website at www.howardcountymd.gov/DHCD-Grants.

Written comments were to be directed to Kelly Cimino, Director, Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development or to Elizabeth Meadows, Chief, Community Planning and Grants, at the Howard County Housing office, at 9820 Patent Woods Drive, Suite 24, Columbia, MD 21046. Comments could be provided by email, either to Kelly Cimino at kcimino@howardcountymd.gov or to Elizabeth Meadows at emeadows@howardcountymd.gov. All comments received by September 20, 2022 at 11:59.99 PM, were accepted.

See attached documents uploaded into IDIS.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction’s program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

Howard County made no changes to our program objectives this past program year.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-50 - HOME 24 CFR 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in 24 CFR §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

All HOME-assisted units located in the County, per the final HOME rule 92.504(d) is subject to an on-site monitoring visit. Each HOME-assisted project is monitored at least once every 3 years. However, due to the global pandemic, COVID-19 all on-site monitoring visits were paused for program year FFY2021. The County requested the use of HOME waivers and suspensions to respond to COVID-19, keep County staff safe, and ultimately reduce the spread of the virus. In a letter dated May 21, 2020 to HUD, the County requested a waiver related to on-site inspections of HOME-assisted rental housing. This waiver was approved by HUD in a response letter to the County dated May 22, 2020 and in additional guidance from HUD all waivers were extended until March 2022. The County intends to resume on-site monitoring visits of HOME-assisted units in the near future.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 24 CFR 91.520(e) and 24 CFR 92.351(a)

Howard County remains committed to affirmatively marketing HOME-assisted units. In program year FFY2018, the County held its first affirmative marketing training for housing providers, property managers and CHDO's, with the intention to have annual training in subsequent program years. However, due to continuation of the global pandemic, the County turned all its resources to addressing the needs of the rental housing community.

In assessing the County's affirmative marketing efforts in an unprecedented year, the County has been successful in keeping over 3000 Howard County residents safely housed, avoid eviction and foreclosure, episodes of homelessness and reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

The County has worked collaboratively with housing and human-service partners, CHDOs, and property management companies in addressing the immediate needs of renters and homeowners that either suffered a loss or reduction in income due to the pandemic. Information was disseminated physically to housing agencies, libraries, the Sheriff's office, the courts once reopened, the County's COVID portal on its website, and on all social media platforms in English, Spanish and Korean to ensure that all households had access to housing assistance information. Howard County is intent on affirmatively marketing all units offered for sale or lease.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects,

including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

In program year FFY2021, the County didn't receive any program income generated from HOME-assisted activities. As such no program income was utilized for any HOME projects. All prior receipted program income was utilized on HOME eligible activities in the prior program year FFY2020.

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 24 CFR 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 24 CFR 91.320(j)

During FFY2021, the County was able to rehabilitate seventeen (17) homeowner and thirty (32) rental housing units, to increase safety and help preserve affordable housing for low-income families living in them.

CDBG was also used to create one (1) additional unit of affordable housing coupled with supportive housing services for a low to moderate income household. In addition, CDBG was used to rehabilitate two (2) public facilities to preserve access to programs for persons with severe disabilities. HOME Program funds were used to assist four (4) moderate-income families achieve homeownership with the settlement downpayment assistance.

CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours					
Total Section 3 Worker Hours					
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours					

Table 14 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers					
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.					
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).					
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).					
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.					
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.					
Held one or more job fairs.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.					
Assisted residents with finding child care.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.					
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.					
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.					
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.					
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.					

Other.					
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Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

The expenditure of these funds did not result in any covered contracts or new hires during the 12-month period selected.

Attachment

CDBG ý CDBG-CV PR-26 Financial Summary Report

SECTION 1 - BUDGETARY ACCOUNT INFORMATION	
01 UNEXPENDED CDBG FUNDS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	1,395,634.42
02 REVENUE FROM GRANT	1,362,217.36
03 REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES	0.00
04 RECEIVED FROM GRANTEES/RECIPIENTS	0.00
05 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM EXPENSE	25,459.31
06 CURRENT YEAR EXPENSE FOR PROGRAM INCOME (NOT SETTING)	0.00
07 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE FUNDING AGENCY	0.00
08 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LOCAL CDBG ACCOUNT	0.00
09 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AVAILABLE	0.00
10 TOTAL AVAILABLE CDBG FUNDS (01-09)	3,062,512.53
SECTION 2 - BUDGETARY ACCOUNT INFORMATION	
11 EXPENDITURE OTHER THAN CAPITAL EXPENSES AND PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	1,247,460.42
12 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOAN/OD REPORT	152,340.43
13 AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOAN/OD REPORT (11 OR - LINE 12)	1,095,120.00
14 DEBITABLE INDEBT FOR AMOUNT SUBJECT TO	152,340.43
15 DEBITABLE INDEBT FOR AMOUNT SUBJECT TO	0.00
16 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AVAILABLE	(152,340.43)
17 TOTAL DEBT OBLIGATION (14 + 15 + 16)	1,042,779.57
18 UNEXPENDED CDBG FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	1,362,217.36
19 EXPENSED FOR LOAN/OD (17 - 18)	0.00
20 EXPENSED FOR OTHER LOAN/OD ACTIVITIES	1,341,817.64
21 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL LOAN/OD CREDIT	1,341,817.64
22 TOTAL LOAN/OD CREDIT (20 + 21)	2,683,635.30
23 NET AMOUNT LOAN/OD REPORT (13 - 22)	388,514.70
SECTION 3 - BUDGETARY ACCOUNT INFORMATION	
24 PROGRAM INCOME/CHARGES TO BE CALCULATED	77,322.00
25 CHARGES TO BE CALCULATED SUBJECT TO LOAN/OD BENEFIT CALCULATION	0.00
26 CALCULATED CHARGES SUBJECT TO LOAN/OD BENEFIT	0.00
27 CHARGES SUBJECT TO LOAN/OD BENEFIT (24 - 25 - 26)	77,322.00
SECTION 4 - BUDGETARY ACCOUNT INFORMATION	
28 UNEXPENDED CDBG FUNDS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	1,395,634.42
29 REVENUE FROM GRANT	1,362,217.36
30 REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES	0.00
31 RECEIVED FROM GRANTEES/RECIPIENTS	0.00
32 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM EXPENSE	25,459.31
33 CURRENT YEAR EXPENSE FOR PROGRAM INCOME (NOT SETTING)	0.00
34 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE FUNDING AGENCY	0.00
35 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LOCAL CDBG ACCOUNT	0.00
36 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AVAILABLE	0.00
37 TOTAL AVAILABLE CDBG FUNDS (32-36)	3,062,512.53
38 EXPENDITURE OTHER THAN CAPITAL EXPENSES AND PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	1,247,460.42
39 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOAN/OD REPORT	152,340.43
40 AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOAN/OD REPORT (38 OR - LINE 39)	1,095,120.00
41 DEBITABLE INDEBT FOR AMOUNT SUBJECT TO	152,340.43
42 DEBITABLE INDEBT FOR AMOUNT SUBJECT TO	0.00
43 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AVAILABLE	(152,340.43)
44 TOTAL DEBT OBLIGATION (41 + 42 + 43)	1,042,779.57
45 UNEXPENDED CDBG FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	1,362,217.36
46 EXPENSED FOR LOAN/OD (44 - 45)	0.00
47 EXPENSED FOR OTHER LOAN/OD ACTIVITIES	1,341,817.64
48 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL LOAN/OD CREDIT	1,341,817.64
49 TOTAL LOAN/OD CREDIT (47 + 48)	2,683,635.30
50 NET AMOUNT LOAN/OD REPORT (40 - 49)	388,514.70

LINE 17 DETAILS ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 13
 Report returned no data.

LINE 18 DETAILS ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 18
 Report returned no data.

CDBG-CV PR-26 FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT



PART I: SUMMARY OF CDBG-CV RESOURCES	
01 CDBG-CV GRANT	1,988,637.00
02 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LINE-OF-CREDIT	0.00
03 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LOCAL CDBG ACCOUNT	0.00
04 TOTAL AVAILABLE (SUM. LINES 01-03)	1,988,637.00
PART II: SUMMARY OF CDBG-CV EXPENDITURES	
05 DISBURSEMENTS OTHER THAN SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS AND PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	1,756,376.70
06 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	0.00
07 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS	0.00
08 TOTAL EXPENDITURES (SUM. LINES 05-07)	1,756,376.70
09 UNEXPENDED BALANCE (LINE 04 - LINE 8)	232,260.30
PART III: LOWMOD BENEFIT FOR THE CDBG-CV GRANT	
10 EXPENDED FOR LOWMOD HOUSING IN SPECIAL AREAS	0.00
11 EXPENDED FOR LOWMOD MULTI-UNIT HOUSING	0.00
12 DISBURSED FOR OTHER LOWMOD ACTIVITIES	1,756,376.70
13 TOTAL LOWMOD CREDIT (SUM. LINES 10-12)	1,756,376.70
14 AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOWMOD BENEFIT (LINE 06)	1,756,376.70
15 PERCENT LOWMOD CREDIT (LINE 13/LINE 14)	100.00%
PART IV: PUBLIC SERVICE (PS) CALCULATIONS	
16 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES	1,777,301.00
17 CDBG-CV GRANT	1,988,637.00
18 PERCENT OF FUNDS DISBURSED FOR PS ACTIVITIES (LINE 16/LINE 17)	89.20%
PART V: PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION (PA) CAP	
19 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	0.00
20 CDBG-CV GRANT	1,988,637.00
21 PERCENT OF FUNDS DISBURSED FOR PA ACTIVITIES (LINE 19/LINE 20)	0.00%

LINE 10 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 10
 Report returned no data.

LINE 11 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 11
 Report returned no data.

LINE 12 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 12

Plan Year	IDB Project	Line Activity	Number	Activity Name	Initial Cost	Program Objective	Drawn Amount
2019	25	579	5510253	Community Action Council - Housing Stability - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$541,256.00
			5527952	Community Action Council - Housing Stability - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$20,258.00
	54	580	5527952	Grassroots - Housing Stability - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$10,450.47
			5318204	Grassroots - Housing Stability - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$73,710.80
	25	581	5597932	Family and Children's Services - Housing Stability - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$3,000.00
			5318204	Family and Children's Services - Housing Stability - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$67,258.00
	26	585	5374146	Family and Children's Services - Housing Stability - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$248.00
			5597932	FIRM - Housing Stability - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$20,207.00
	28	586	5318204	FIRM - Housing Stability - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$33,800.00
			5374146	FIRM - Housing Stability - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$1,500.00
	28	586	5593017	The Arc of Howard County - COVID-19 Public Service - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$21,154.75
			5333258	The Arc of Howard County - COVID-19 Public Service - COVID-19	200	LWC	80.00
	30	588	5527952	The Arc of Howard County - COVID-19 Public Service - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$81,970.00
			5318204	The Arc of Howard County - COVID-19 Public Service - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$63,907.57
2020	20	570	5516524	Living in Recovery - Housing Stability - COVID-19	250	LWC	\$18,250.00
			5434455	FFY19 Housing Stability Program - Bridges to Housing Stability - COVID-19	250	LWC	\$54,007.25
		571	5449921	FFY19 Housing Stability Program - Bridges to Housing Stability - COVID-19	250	LWC	\$62,140.75
			5476428	FFY19 Housing Stability Program - Bridges to Housing Stability - COVID-19	250	LWC	\$60,110.00
		571	5510083	FFY19 Housing Stability Program - Bridges to Housing Stability - COVID-19	250	LWC	\$1,500.42
			5333017	FFY19 Housing Stability Program - Bridges to Housing Stability - COVID-19	250	LWC	\$28,785.45
		571	5449921	FFY19 Housing Stability Program - Howard County Housing Commission -	250	LWC	\$141,101.00
			5476428	FFY19 Housing Stability Program - Howard County Housing Commission -	250	LWC	\$126,063.00
		571	5510083	FFY19 Housing Stability Program - Howard County Housing Commission -	250	LWC	\$24,284.82
			5333017	FFY19 Housing Stability Program - Howard County Housing Commission -	250	LWC	\$18,380.00
Total							\$1,772,331.94

LINE 16 (DETAIL) ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 16

Plan Year	IDB Project	Line Activity	Number	Activity Name	Initial Cost	Program Objective	Drawn Amount
2019	25	579	5510253	Community Action Council - Housing Stability - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$541,256.00
			5527952	Community Action Council - Housing Stability - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$20,258.00
	24	580	5527952	Grassroots - Housing Stability - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$10,450.47
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	28	586	5593017	The Arc of Howard County - COVID-19 Public Service - COVID-19	200	LWC	\$21,154.75
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Total							\$1,772,331.94

LINE 19 (DETAIL) ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 19
Report returned no data.

Additional CR-10 ÿ CR-20

Additional Narrative for CR-10 & CR-20

Additional CR-10 Narrative

CDBG & HOME Beneficiaries FFY2021

Race	CDBG	HOME	Total in Racial Category	Percentages
White	231	1	232	21.2%
Black or African American	644	2	646	59.2%
Asian	45	1	46	4.2%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2	0	2	0.2%
Black or African American and White	2	0	2	0.2%
Asian and White	1	0	1	0.1%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	6	0	6	0.5%
Other-multi	157	0	157	14.4%
Total	1088	4	1092	100%
Hispanic	91	0	91	8.35%
Not Hispanic	995	4	999	

Narrative:

Due to the CAPER template not allowing additional racial classifications to be added, we have expanded the table above to include the racial classifications of the beneficiaries served.

Of the households served during program year FFY2021, 21.2% were White, 59.2% were Black/African American, 4.2% were Asian, 0.2% were Black/African American and White, 0.1% were Asian and White, and 0.5% were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and 14.4% were Other-multi race.

Of the total individuals served, 8.35% identified themselves as Hispanic, while the rest identified themselves as non-Hispanic.

Over this past program year, most of the household incomes of the families receiving assistance through our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs were extremely low income with incomes between 0-30 percent area median income (AMI).

Howard County data breakdown for combined CDBG and HOME families served shows that household incomes of 65% of the families fell into the <30% AMI (extremely low income), 24% fell into the 31%-50% AMI (low-income) and 11% of the families fell into the 51-80% AMI (low-moderate income).

Additional Narrative for CR-20 Affordable Housing

Category	Extremely Low-Income	Low-Income	Moderate-Income
Renter Households Served	16	6	6
Owner Households Served	8	7	6
Homeless Households Served (Part of the Renter households demographic)	0		

SECTION 215 HOUSING

Section 215 refers to the qualifications as affordable housing pursuant to Section 215 of the HOME Investment Partnerships Act. HUD’s regulations at 24 CFR 92.252 and 2 CFR 92.254 further defines the qualification:

- **Affordable rental housing** is that which does not exceed **the fair market rent in the area** or which does not exceed 30 % of household income for a household earning 65% area’s median income (AMI).
- **Affordable owner-occupied housing** - the regulation also defines affordable owner-occupied housing as that which has an initial purchase price that does not exceed 95 % of the median purchase price of a comparable unit for the jurisdiction or has an estimated appraised value at acquisition that does not exceed the limit.
- **Rehabilitation not involving acquisition** – housing currently owned by a family qualifies if the estimated value after rehabilitation does not exceed 95% of the median purchase price of the area, and the housing is the principal residence of an owner whose family qualifies as a low-income household

All projects being reported on meet the Section 215 housing definitions. The accomplishments include assistance provided to very low, low- and moderate-income renters and homeowners, as well as the number of homeless families served.

WORST CASE NEEDS / SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS

Howard County defines “persons with special needs” as including individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness, persons with physical and mental disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and frail extremely to low-income seniors.

Consistent with our Consolidated Plan, we continue to look at special needs populations in terms of:

1. Households with extreme cost burdens, and therefore at-risk of homelessness;
2. Persons with mental or physical disabilities; including the elderly; and
3. Other special needs populations.

In FFY21, through CDBG public service funding; 797 individuals were diverted from homelessness through eviction prevention funding; 118 homeless individuals accessed critical social and support services for both the sheltered and unsheltered homeless; 10 households which were victims of domestic violence/human trafficking were provided safe sheltering after fleeing situations of violence. CDBG was also used to create one (1) additional unit of affordable housing for low-income families working in Howard County and are in need of affordable housing.

Project Descriptions and Outcomes

FFY2021 CAPER - PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS & OUTCOMES

CDBG SPECIFIC ACTIVITY

Howard County used CDBG funds to address the following Consolidated Plan objectives during FFY2021. Activities carried out the past year are listed below by national objective.

LOW TO MODERATE HOUSING (LMH) ACTIVITIES:

The following activities provided or improved permanent residential structures to be occupied by low to moderate-income households under 570.208(a)(3):

REBUILDING TOGETHER HOMEOWNER REHAB **\$174,173.30**
IDIS Project # 666 **(FFY2020)**

Rebuilding Together Howard County, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG funding to administer the Year-Round Homeowner Rehab program throughout Howard County. The program was developed as a key tool in Howard County’s toolbox to preserve affordable housing stock for income-eligible homeowners in the county. The CDBG funding has allowed Rebuilding Together to address rehabilitation needs that mitigate situations within the home that compromise the health and safety of residents living there. These upgrades allow the homeowner to remain in the home for many years to come; and stabilize the neighborhood as well.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this CDBG activity (Home Repairs) had been given an amended grant term to allow for the safe administration of these home repairs to be performed during the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, homeowner rehabilitation projects were completed for 17 households. Of those completed:

- 12 new roofs were installed
- 7 repair provided new energy efficient windows
- 3 repairs provided new HVAC systems
- 8 repairs assisted elderly homeowners, and
- 10 repairs assisted female-headed households.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3) – Low to Moderate Housing Benefit

Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.202 – Rehab single units, residential

Beneficiaries	Race (households)	Hispanic	Elderly	Female HH	% AMI
17 Households	8 White 9 Black	0	8	10	0-80%

BRIDGES TO HOUSING STABILITY - ACQUISITION
IDIS # 704

\$105,240.00

Bridges to Housing Stability, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG Program funds to acquire one (1) housing unit in FFY21 to rent to persons working in Howard County earning between 30 percent and 60 percent AMI as defined by HUD.

Income eligibility: Howard County residents between 0% - 80% Area Median Income for the Baltimore Metropolitan Region, adjusted by family size, as established by HUD.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, Bridges purchased one condominium unit (1) 2-bedroom, 2- bath condominium property in an area of opportunity in Howard County.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3) – Low to Moderate Housing Benefit
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(a) – Acquisition of Real Property

Beneficiaries	Race (persons/households)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
1 Household	1 Unknown			<80%

BRIDGES TO HOUSING STABILITY - REHAB
IDIS #702

\$35,317.00

Bridges to Housing Stability, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG Program funds to rehabilitate eight (8) rental housing units they own in their Alliance Program portfolio in FFY21. The renovations will make the homes safer and more accessible for disabled and aging family members. As well as addressing inefficient units with energy efficient upgrades. Bridges rent to persons working in Howard County earning between 30 percent and 60 percent AMI as defined by HUD.

Income eligibility: Howard County residents between 0% - 80% Area Median Income for the Baltimore Metropolitan Region, adjusted by family size, as established by HUD.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, Bridges used CDBG funding for rehabilitation costs for 8 units to preserve affordable housing for Bridge's residents.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3) – Low to Moderate Housing Benefit
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.202 – Rehab single units, residential

Beneficiaries	Race (persons/households)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
8 Households	2 White 5 Black 1 Other Multi-racial		5	<80%

**HOWARD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION - REHAB
IDIS #705**

\$105,237.00

Howard County Housing Commission, the County's Housing Authority, used CDBG Program funds to rehabilitate twenty-four (24) rental housing units they own for families in their Housing Choice Voucher Program in FFY2021. The funding will be used to roof replacements. The renovations are going to increase energy efficiency and preserve affordable housing for families residing in the units. The household incomes average \$25,000.00 per year or less, which equates to about 30 % AMI as defined by HUD.

Income eligibility: Howard County residents between 0% - 80% Area Median Income for the Baltimore Metropolitan Region, adjusted by family size, as established by HUD.
Eligibility requirement: Rehabilitation of existing dwelling units.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, HCHC used CDBG funding for rehabilitation costs for 24 units to preserve affordable housing for their residents.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3) – Low to Moderate Housing Benefit
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.202 – Rehab single units, residential

Beneficiaries	Race (persons/households)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
24 Households	3 White 20 Black 1 Unknown		23	<80%

LOW TO MODERATE INCOME AREA (LMA) ACTIVITY:

In FFY2021 the following activities benefitted a low to moderate-income area pursuant to 570.208(a)(1).

**ROGER CARTER RECREATION CENTER RE-DEVELOPMENT
IDIS # 562**

\$196,984.96

The Howard County Housing Commission, the County's Housing Authority, and a Howard County Housing and Community Development Organization, invests annual CDBG funds under an approved Pre-award strategy for this project. The Roger Carter Recreation Center Re-development is a key vehicle for neighborhood revitalization. This activity will benefit the residents of Burgess Mill Station and surrounding Ellicott City area in the community located on Burgess Mill Way, Ellicott City, MD 21043. This is an on-going activity until 2043

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1) – Low-Mod Area Benefit
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(c) – Neighborhood Facilities

LOW TO MODERATE CLIENTELE (LMC) ACTIVITIES:

The following activities benefited low to moderate-income clientele pursuant to 91.520(a) and (c):

EMERGENCY PUBLIC FACILITY PROJECT **\$24,000**
IDIS #701

The Howard County Housing Commission, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, invests annual CDBG funds under an approved Pre-award strategy for this project. This activity allocated funds to support the property acquired by long-term leasing of a public facility being utilized as a provision of emergency housing. This activity is administered by Hope Works of Howard County, Inc., another 501 (c)(3) nonprofit. The activity provides safety to Howard County residents who are struggling with domestic abuse.

Accomplishment Data: During this activity program year, 5 persons fleeing domestic violence situations received emergency sheltering and supportive services.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Low-Mod Limited Clientele

Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(e) – Homeless Facilities

Beneficiaries	Race (persons)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
5	5 White	3	2	Presumed Benefit - Homeless

LIVING IN RECOVERY -REHAB FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT **\$35,237.00**
IDIS #697

Living in Recovery Inc., a 501 (c) (3) non-profit in Howard County used CDBG funds in FFY21 for interior painting and trim work, improved lighting, replaced 6 bedroom doors, new gas range/oven, and renovated 3 bathrooms in one of their sober living facilities.

Income eligibility: Howard County residents recovering from addictions that earn between zero and eighty percent of the area median income (AMI) for the HUD Baltimore- Columbia-Towson Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Accomplishment Data: During this activity program year, 41 persons recovering from addictions received access to sober sheltering and supportive services.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Low-Mod Limited Clientele

Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(c) – Facilities for Persons with Disabilities

Beneficiaries	Race (persons)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
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41	30 White 8 Black 1 Asian 2 Black & White	4	4	0 – 80%
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**THE ARC OF HOWARD COUNTY – REHAB
IDIS # 703**

\$98,998.62

The Arc of Howard County, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit used CDBG funds for Replace 4,312SF of sidewalk and concrete, Re-place 7-8 Kw generator with new 21Kw generator with wifi, Re-place existing exterior lights with new LED lights, Replace flooring Joey and Cloudburst locations (residential), and New kitchen cabinets and countertops at Rain Dream Hill (residential) in facilities that supports many activities and programs for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Income eligibility: Howard County residents with severe disabilities that earn between zero and eighty percent of the area median income (AMI) for the HUD Baltimore- Columbia-Towson Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Accomplishment Data: During this activity program year, 73 income-eligible persons with severe disabilities received access to supportive services.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Low-Mod Limited Clientele

Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(c) – Facilities for Persons with Disabilities

Beneficiaries	Race (persons)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
73	55 White 1 Asian 9 Black & White 8 Other multi-racial	1	0	0-30 % AMI

**THE UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL MARYLAND – REHAB
IDIS # 694**

\$342,175.02

(FFY18 \$86,938.02, FFY20 \$100,000.00 & FFY21 \$155,237.00)

The United Way of Central Maryland, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit in Howard County used CDBG funds in FFY21 to renovate a 9,000 square foot space in Columbia for use as the new Family Center to meet the critical need for affordable, quality childcare in Howard County. Through is project, United Way is building the first non-profit, child-care center.

There has been a delay in the opening initially planned for June 2022, needing to be pushed back to the Fall 2022 due to lack of teacher and aide staffing. United Way is conducting active recruiting and continue to communicate through networks, attend job fairs, reach out through

community colleges with a focus on early learning, contract with temp agencies, utilize social media and we continue to come up short on staffing.

Income eligibility: Howard County residents between 0% - 80% Area Median Income for the Baltimore Metropolitan Region, adjusted by family size, as established by HUD.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, 6 income-eligible households in need of affordable daycare service have enrolled their children into the United Way Family Center anticipated to open Fall 2022.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Low-Mod Limited Clientele

Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(c) – Child Care Center

Beneficiaries	Race (persons)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
6	2 White 3 Black 1 Other multi-racial	1	3	0-30 % AMI

**GRASSROOTS SHELTER PROGRAM
IDIS # 695**

\$45,236..00

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. (Grassroots), a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, will utilize CDBG funds for utility expenses associated with their Crisis Intervention Center / Homeless Shelter location. This public facility is a multi-service crisis intervention center providing 24-hour crisis intervention services, emergency and transitional shelter, and community education.

Grassroots operates a 24-hour general crisis hotline and walk-in counseling program and is the first point of contact in the County for homeless services. The agency operates the Mobile Crisis Team, in partnership with Humanim, to respond with the Police to psychiatric emergencies and family crises in the community. Special youth services include the Maryland Crisis Hotline, the Runaway Intervention Program, outreach and educational programs. Staff also respond to requests from the community for crisis intervention services following a traumatic event. The Crisis Intervention Service is certified by the American Association of Suicidology.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, 107 homeless persons were given access to services to help facilitate movement toward self-sufficiency.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Limited Clientele Benefit

Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(e)(1) – Public Service - Homeless

Beneficiaries	Race (persons)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
113	29 White 71 Black	1	41	Presumed Benefit - Homeless

	9 Asian 4 Other multi-racial			
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HOPEWORKS OF HOWARD COUNTY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING IDIS #700 **\$40,857.13**

Hope Works of Howard County, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG funding to provide partial salary for the Transitional Housing Victims Advocate and partial utility payments for their transitional houses to operate their program. The Transitional Housing Program provides housing to Howard County residents that are made homeless due to experienced violence and allows for available stays up to 1 year. Clients have access to all Hope Works services such as legal advocacy/representation, clinical counseling and case management. Referrals for employment training, education and other community services are also available.

During the COVID-19 pandemic the number of clients entering the Safe House has been greatly reduced as potential clients remain wary of coming to a congregate shelter. This CDBG activity has been given an amended grant term to allow for the safe administration of these program to be administered during the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

Accomplishment Data: During this activity program year, 36 persons fleeing domestic violence situations received emergency sheltering and supportive services. Of those receiving services, 11 were female-headed households.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Low-Mod Limited Clientele

Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(e) – Homeless Facilities

Beneficiaries	Race (persons)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
5	5 White	3	2	Presumed Benefit - Homeless

COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL HOUSING STABILITY IDIS # 696 **\$ 105,236.00**

The Community Action Council of Howard County, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG funding to provide housing stability for low and moderate-income Howard County residents through eviction prevention. Direct payment to landlords and/or mortgage companies will be determined by an eviction judgment.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, 797 individuals were diverted from becoming homeless and maintained housing by accessing prevention funding to halt evictions.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Limited Clientele Benefit

Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(e) – Public Service

Beneficiaries	Race (persons)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
797	92 White 519 Black 35 Asian 2 Amer. Indian/ Alas. Native 6 Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Is. 143 Other multi-racial	72	424	< 80%

COLUMBIA HOUSING CENTER AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PROGRAM
\$75,000.00 **IDIS # 698**

The Columbia Housing Center, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, in response to new residential segregation patterns that are forming in parts of Columbia, will use CDBG funding to create a program based on the successful Oak Park Regional Housing Center, which will help landlords find tenants and tenants find homes, while promoting racial integration. This effort helps Howard County carry out our duty to affirmatively further fair under the federal Fair Housing Act.

This activity is funded out of the 20% Administration cap.

HOME PROGRAM SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

SETTLEMENT AND DOWNPAYMENT LOAN PROGRAM (SDLP)- \$120,000

Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development
 Division of Housing Opportunities- **\$ 160,000.00**

Howard County’s DHCD used HOME Program funds internally to provide down payment and closing cost assistance to income eligible households. HOME Program funds were awarded settlement or down payment assistance as deferred loans, payable only upon the sale, foreclosure or change from a non-primary residence. All properties were vetted for environmental impact before any program funds were disbursed to eligible buyers. All eligible candidates of the homebuyer program participated in and completed homebuyer classes offered by Making Change Inc., a non-profit organization within the County that offers financial literacy classes and workshops.

Accomplishment Data: During the program year the Division of Housing Opportunities assisted four (4) households to purchase single-family residential units within the County, and the addresses are listed below;

- o 9076 Manorwood Road – IDIS # 690
- o 10025A Ruffian Way Unit 135 – IDIS # 699
- o 4990 Dorsey Hall Drive Unit 4B – IDIS # 706
- o 7643 Stoney Creek Lane – IDIS #707

Beneficiaries/Households	Race (persons served)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
4	1 White 2 Black 1 Asian	0	1	< 80%+

Citizen Participation Backup

PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development
9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 224
Columbia, MD 21046

FFY 2021 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

On September 5, 2022, the Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development will release a draft Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for two federally-funded programs – the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program. The draft CAPER covers activities undertaken during July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The CAPER describes activities funded through these programs, their relationship to community development objectives and assesses the County's success in meeting the goals outlined in the FFY 2020 - FFY 2024 Consolidated Plan.

On Wednesday, September 14, 2022, a Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 PM at 9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 224, Columbia, Maryland, Housing Conference Room, to obtain comments on the draft CAPER. If you plan on testifying, you should provide a copy of your testimony in writing. If you cannot attend the Public Hearing, written comments must be directed to Kelly Cimino, Director, Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development or to Elizabeth Meadows, Chief of Community Planning and Grants, at the address listed below.

The draft CAPER will be available for public review and comment beginning September 5, 2022 through September 20, 2022. Copies of the draft CAPER may be obtained from the Howard County Housing office located at the address below between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. The draft CAPER will also be available on the Howard County website at www.howardcountymd.gov under "Departments" on the Department of Housing and Community Development's webpage. Any and all comments must be submitted in writing and mailed to:

Kelly A. Cimino, Director
Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development
9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 224
Columbia, Maryland 21046

The deadline for written comments is September 20, 2022. A summary of all comments received, and responses will be included in the final CAPER document that will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or about September 27, 2022.

Efforts will be made to accommodate the disabled and non-English speaking residents and a sign language interpreter services will be available upon request with three (3) days advance notice to Quanita Kareem, Compliance Officer, Howard County Housing Department, at 410-313-3386, or email qkareem@howardcountymd.gov.

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Voice/Relay

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FFY2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) Public Hearing

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 6pm

Locations: 9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 224, Columbia, MD 21046

Public Hearing Notes

The public hearing was attended by Matthew Blum, who is the Special Assistant for Howard County Councilwoman Deb Jung. Following the introductions, Elizabeth Meadows (DHCD staff) gave an overview that the purpose of the CAPER is for Howard County to report back to the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) what the County had successfully accomplished with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs for the prior program year (FFY2021).

Discussed during the meeting:

- CDBG Program overview along with highlighting the use of CDBG in our efforts to preserve affordable housing through the rehabilitation funding that Rebuilding Together (homeowners), Bridges to Housing Stability (rental) and Howard County Housing Commission (rental) to maintain these units in Howard County. I also highlighted the flexibility of CDBG for rehabilitation in facilities and improvement funding that has gone to The Arc of Howard County and The United Way of Central Maryland.
- HOME Program overview highlighting that the program purpose to create affordable housing and explained there is a 25% Community Development Housing Organization (CHDO) set aside requirement.
- Discussed that Howard County is an Entitlement Jurisdiction for CDBG and HOME Programs and to continue to receive these funds the County is required to do a 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans to HUD.
- Discussed the Annual Action Plan planning process which is when the County invite our nonprofit partners into needs hearings which is when we begin to learn for them what is happening with their agencies and clients that they touch, to find out if anything has changed in the past year. The timing of our annual CDBG and HOME applications for funding that gets released after the County has done our Needs Hearings, so we already know from our partners what community development and affordable housing issues we anticipate receiving applications for funding for.
- Highlighted that the on-going impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is still impacting the project timing for spending the funding.

Questions:

- What is the next step in the CAPER process?

Answer: Once the 15-Day Public Comment Period concludes on September 20, 2022 the FFY2021 CAPER gets submitted to HUD.



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FFY2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) Public Hearing

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022 6pm
9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 224,
Columbia, MD 21046**

- **Introduction of Staff and Overview** – by Elizabeth Meadows
 - Elizabeth Meadows, Chief, Community Planning and Grants
- **Needs Hearing Requirement**
 - Purpose of the CAPER
 - CDBG Program Overview
 - HOME Program Overview
- **Open for Questions and Answers**
 - Questions from Attendees
 - Notetaking for Staff
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 - If Questions, contact Elizabeth Meadows – emeadows@howardcountymd.gov

**FFY2021 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT
(CAPER)**

FFY2021 CAPER OUTCOMES

The information being provided has been pulled from the County's FFY2021 CAPER which is the sixth year we submitted using the HUD's web-based planning and reporting tool in IDIS (Integrated Disbursements and Information System). The headings will identify the section of the report the information can be found:

CR-15 Resources and Investments – 91.520(a)

During FFY2021, Howard County had \$1,896,920.81 in available HUD funds. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation was \$1,383,213. The County received \$28,450.81 in Program Income (PI). The total amount of CDBG funding available was \$1,411,663.81. The HOME Program allocation was \$485,257. The County used \$0 in HOME PI in FFY2021.

For FFY2021 the total expended in CDBG funding was \$1,347,867.42 and the total expended in HOME funding was \$196,248.86. Howard County spent a combined total of \$1,544,116.28 in HUD funding on activities benefitting income-eligible, at-risk and vulnerable residents throughout the county.

One hundred percent of the CDBG and HOME Program expenditures benefitted income-eligible Howard County residents

CR-05 Goals and Outcomes

CR05 – What is our strategy and how well did we do?

The FFY2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) describes Howard County's affordable housing and community development activities carried out over the past program year running from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The CAPER also provides a community a concise breakdown of the federal funds used for activities that were undertaken during the program year and an evaluation of the County's progress of carrying out the goals and objectives as stated in the Five Year Consolidated Plan FFY 2020 - 2024. Howard County is designated as an entitlement jurisdiction for two funding programs administered by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program.

Over the past year, Howard County has worked to preserve and retain the affordable housing stock through housing rehabilitation projects, and to increase the availability of affordable permanent housing for persons with disabilities, special needs populations and low-income working families in our community. To encourage homeownership, Howard County is working with income eligible household move towards the goal of homeownership by providing access to down payment assistance, to make the home purchase more affordable.

To address the complex issues contributing to homelessness in our community, the public services activities helped to provide a multi-faceted network of programs and support services that prevent homelessness as often as possible and coordinates care for homeless individuals and families, so they may become self-sufficient as quickly as possible. In addition to these other activities, Howard County worked with three (3) of our nonprofit partners to provide needed rehabilitation to their facilities helping to preserve these programs that serve Howard County residents with disabilities; and, to provide affordable daycare services for income eligible Howard County households.

Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

REPORTING NOTE: Please see - "FFY21 Project Descriptions and Outcomes that has been uploaded into IDIS for detailed project outcomes by activity names and IDIS numbers.

Howard County made good progress towards its Consolidated Plan goals over the last year:

- **Homeowner Rehabilitation:** The County assisted 17 homeowner units (CDBG)
- **Renter-Occupied Rehabilitation:** The County assisted 32 renter households (CDBG)
- **Facilities & Improvement Rehabilitation:** The County assisted 3 units which serving person with severe disabilities, and to create affordable childcare services (CDBG)
- **Affordable Housing Acquisition:** The County assisted 1 unit (CDBG)
- **First Time Homebuyer Assistance:** The County assisted 4 households (HOME)

During FFY2021, the County was able to rehabilitate seventeen (17) homeowner and thirty-two (32) rental housing units, to increase safety and help preserve affordable housing for low-income families living in them.

CDBG was also used to create one (1) additional unit of affordable housing for low-income families working in Howard County and are in need of affordable housing.

In addition, CDBG was used to rehabilitate three (3) public facilities to preserve access to programs for persons with severe disabilities; and, to provide affordable daycare services for income eligible Howard County households. HOME Program funds were used to assist four (4) moderate-income families to achieve homeownership with downpayment and closing cost assistance.

Through CDBG public service funding; 797 individuals were diverted from homelessness through housing stabilization funding; 118 homeless individuals accessed critical social and support services for both the sheltered and unsheltered homeless; 10 households which were

victims of domestic violence/human trafficking were provided safe sheltering after fleeing situations of violence.

FFY2021 CAPER - PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS & OUTCOMES

CDBG SPECIFIC ACTIVITY

Howard County used CDBG funds to address the following Consolidated Plan objectives during FFY2021. Activities carried out the past year are listed below by national objective.

LOW TO MODERATE HOUSING (LMI) ACTIVITIES:

The following activities provided or improved permanent residential structures to be occupied by low to moderate-income households under 570.208(a)(3):

REBUILDING TOGETHER HOMEOWNER REHAB **\$174,173.30**
IDIS Project # 666 **(FFY2020)**

Rebuilding Together Howard County, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG funding to administer the Year-Round Homeowner Rehab program throughout Howard County. The program was developed as a key tool in Howard County’s toolbox to preserve affordable housing stock for income-eligible homeowners in the county. The CDBG funding has allowed Rebuilding Together to address rehabilitation needs that mitigate situations within the home that compromise the health and safety of residents living there. These upgrades allow the homeowner to remain in the home for many years to come; and stabilize the neighborhood as well.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this CDBG activity (Home Repairs) had been given an amended grant term to allow for the safe administration of these home repairs to be performed during the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, homeowner rehabilitation projects were completed for 17 households. Of those completed:

- 12 new roofs were installed
- 7 repair provided new energy efficient windows
- 3 repairs provided new HVAC systems
- 8 repairs assisted elderly homeowners, and
- 10 repairs assisted female-headed households.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3) – Low to Moderate Housing Benefit

Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.202 – Rehab single units, residential

Beneficiaries	Race (households)	Hispanic	Elderly	Female HH	% AMI
17 Households	8 White 9 Black	0	8	10	0-80%

BRIDGES TO HOUSING STABILITY - ACQUISITION
IDIS # 704

\$105,240.00

Bridges to Housing Stability, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG Program funds to acquire one (1) housing unit in FFY21 to rent to persons working in Howard County earning between 30 percent and 60 percent AMI as defined by HUD.

Income eligibility: Howard County residents between 0% - 80% Area Median Income for the Baltimore Metropolitan Region, adjusted by family size, as established by HUD.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, Bridges purchased one condominium unit (1) 2-bedroom, 2- bath condominium property in an area of opportunity in Howard County.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3) – Low to Moderate Housing Benefit
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(a) – Acquisition of Real Property

Beneficiaries	Race (persons/households)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
1 Household	1 Unknown			<30%

BRIDGES TO HOUSING STABILITY - REHAB
IDIS #702

\$35,317.00

Bridges to Housing Stability, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG Program funds to rehabilitate eight (8) rental housing units they own in their Alliance Program portfolio in FFY21. The renovations will make the homes safer and more accessible for disabled and aging family members. As well as addressing inefficient units with energy efficient upgrades. Bridges rent to persons working in Howard County earning between 30 percent and 60 percent AMI as defined by HUD.

Income eligibility: Howard County residents between 0% - 80% Area Median Income for the Baltimore Metropolitan Region, adjusted by family size, as established by HUD.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, Bridges used CDBG funding for rehabilitation costs for 8 units to preserve affordable housing for Bridge’s residents.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3) – Low to Moderate Housing Benefit
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.202 – Rehab single units, residential

Beneficiaries	Race (persons/households)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
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8 Households	2 White 5 Black 1 Other Multi-racial		5	<80%
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**HOWARD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION - REHAB
IDIS #705**

\$105,237.00

Howard County Housing Commission, the County's Housing Authority, used CDBG Program funds to rehabilitate twenty-four (24) rental housing units they own for families in their Housing Choice Voucher Program in FFY2021. The funding will be used to roof replacements. The renovations are going to increase energy efficiency and preserve affordable housing for families residing in the units. The household incomes average \$25,000.00 per year or less, which equates to about 30 % AMI as defined by HUD.

Income eligibility: Howard County residents between 0% - 80% Area Median Income for the Baltimore Metropolitan Region, adjusted by family size, as established by HUD.

Eligibility requirement: Rehabilitation of existing dwelling units.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, HCIC used CDBG funding for rehabilitation costs for 24 units to preserve affordable housing for their residents.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3) – Low to Moderate Housing Benefit

Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.202 – Rehab single units, residential

Beneficiaries	Race (persons/households)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
24 Households	3 White 20 Black 1 Unknown		23	<80%

LOW TO MODERATE INCOME AREA (LMA) ACTIVITY:

In FFY2021 the following activities benefitted a low to moderate-income area pursuant to 570.208(a)(1).

**ROGER CARTER RECREATION CENTER RE-DEVELOPMENT
IDIS # 562**

\$196,984.96

The Howard County Housing Commission, the County's Housing Authority, and a Howard County Housing and Community Development Organization, invests annual CDBG funds under an approved Pre-award strategy for this project. The Roger Carter Recreation Center Re-development is a key vehicle for neighborhood revitalization. This activity will benefit the

residents of Burgess Mill Station and surrounding Ellicott City area in the community located on Burgess Mill Way, Ellicott City, MD 21043. This is an on-going activity until 2043

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1) – Low-Mod Area Benefit
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(e) – Neighborhood Facilities

LOW TO MODERATE CLIENTELE (LMC) ACTIVITIES:

The following activities benefited low to moderate-income clientele pursuant to 91.520(a) and (c):

EMERGENCY PUBLIC FACILITY PROJECT \$24,000
IDIS #701

The Howard County Housing Commission, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, invests annual CDBG funds under an approved Pre-award strategy for this project. This activity allocated funds to support the property acquired by long-term leasing of a public facility being utilized as a provision of emergency housing. This activity is administered by Hope Works of Howard County, Inc., another 501 (c)(3) nonprofit. The activity provides safety to Howard County residents who are struggling with domestic abuse.

Accomplishment Data: During this activity program year, 5 persons fleeing domestic violence situations received emergency sheltering and supportive services.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Low-Mod Limited Clientele
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(e) – Homeless Facilities

Beneficiaries	Race (persons)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
5	5 White	3	2	Presumed Benefit - Homeless

LIVING IN RECOVERY -REHAB FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT \$35,237.00
IDIS #697

Living in Recovery Inc., a 501 (c) (3) non-profit in Howard County used CDBG funds in FFY21 for interior painting and trim work, improved lighting, replaced 6 bedroom doors, new gas range/oven, and renovated 3 bathrooms in one of their sober living facilities.

Income eligibility: Howard County residents recovering from addictions that earn between zero and eighty percent of the area median income (AMI) for the HUD Baltimore- Columbia-Towson Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Accomplishment Data: During this activity program year, 41 persons recovering from addictions received access to sober sheltering and supportive services.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Low-Mod Limited Clientele
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(c) – Facilities for Persons with Disabilities

Beneficiaries	Race (persons)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
41	30 White 8 Black 1 Asian 2 Black & White	4	4	0 – 80%

**THE ARC OF HOWARD COUNTY – REHAB
 IDTS # 703**

\$98,998.62

The Arc of Howard County, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit used CDBG funds for Replace 4,312SF of sidewalk and concrete, Re-place 7-8 Kw generator with new 21Kw generator with wifi, Re-place existing exterior lights with new LED lights, Replace flooring Joey and Cloudburst locations (residential), and New kitchen cabinets and countertops at Rain Dream Hill (residential) in facilities that supports many activities and programs for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Income eligibility: Howard County residents with severe disabilities that earn between zero and eighty percent of the area median income (AMI) for the HUD Baltimore- Columbia-Towson Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Accomplishment Data: During this activity program year, 73 income-eligible persons with severe disabilities received access to supportive services.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Low-Mod Limited Clientele
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(c) – Facilities for Persons with Disabilities

Beneficiaries	Race (persons)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
73	55 White 1 Asian 9 Black & White 8 Other multi-racial	1	0	0-30 % AMI

THE UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL MARYLAND – REILAB **\$342,175.02**
IDIS # 694 **(FFY18 \$86,938.02, FFY20 \$100,000.00 & FFY21 \$155,237.00)**

The United Way of Central Maryland, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit in Howard County used CDBG funds in FFY21 to renovate a 9,000 square foot space in Columbia for use as the new Family Center to meet the critical need for affordable, quality childcare in Howard County. Through is project, United Way is building the first non-profit, child-care center.

There has been a delay in the opening initially planned for June 2022, needing to be pushed back to the Fall 2022 due to lack of teacher and aide staffing. United Way is conducting active recruiting and continue to communicate through networks, attend job fairs, reach out through community colleges with a focus on early learning, contract with temp agencies, utilize social media and we continue to come up short on staffing.

Income eligibility: Howard County residents between 0% - 80% Area Median Income for the Baltimore Metropolitan Region, adjusted by family size, as established by HUD.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, 6 income-eligible households in need of affordable daycare service have enrolled their children into the United Way Family Center anticipated to open Fall 2022.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Low-Mod Limited Clientele
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(c) – Child Care Center

Beneficiaries	Race (persons)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
6	2 White 3 Black 1 Other multi-racial	1	3	0-30 % AMI

GRASSROOTS SHELTER PROGRAM **\$45,236.00**
IDIS # 695

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. (Grassroots), a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, will utilize CDBG funds for utility expenses associated with their Crisis Intervention Center / Homeless Shelter location. This public facility is a multi-service crisis intervention center providing 24-hour crisis intervention services, emergency and transitional shelter, and community education.

Grassroots operates a 24-hour general crisis hotline and walk-in counseling program and is the first point of contact in the County for homeless services. The agency operates the Mobile Crisis Team, in partnership with Humanim, to respond with the Police to psychiatric emergencies and family crises in the community. Special youth services include the Maryland Crisis Hotline, the Runaway Intervention Program, outreach and educational programs. Staff also respond to requests from the community for crisis intervention services following a traumatic event. The Crisis Intervention Service is certified by the American Association of Suicidology.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, 107 homeless persons were given access to services to help facilitate movement toward self-sufficiency.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Limited Clientele Benefit
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(e)(1) – Public Service - Homeless

Beneficiaries	Race (persons)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
113	29 White 71 Black 9 Asian 4 Other multi-racial	1	41	Presumed Benefit - Homeless

HOPEWORKS OF HOWARD COUNTY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING IDIS #700 \$40,857.13

Hope Works of Howard County, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG funding to provide partial salary for the Transitional Housing Victims Advocate and partial utility payments for their transitional houses to operate their program. The Transitional Housing Program provides housing to Howard County residents that are made homeless due to experienced violence and allows for available stays up to 1 year. Clients have access to all Hope Works services such as legal advocacy/representation, clinical counseling and case management. Referrals for employment training, education and other community services are also available.

During the COVID-19 pandemic the number of clients entering the Safe House has been greatly reduced as potential clients remain wary of coming to a congregate shelter. This CDBG activity has been given an amended grant term to allow for the safe administration of these program to be administered during the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

Accomplishment Data: During this activity program year, 36 persons fleeing domestic violence situations received emergency sheltering and supportive services. Of those receiving services, 11 were female-headed households.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Low-Mod Limited Clientele
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(e) – Homeless Facilities

Beneficiaries	Race (persons)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
5	5 White	3	2	Presumed Benefit - Homeless

COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL HOUSING STABILITY S 105,236.00
IDIS # 696

The Community Action Council of Howard County, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG funding to provide housing stability for low and moderate-income Howard County residents through eviction prevention. Direct payment to landlords and/or mortgage companies will be determined by an eviction judgment.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, 797 individuals were diverted from becoming homeless and maintained housing by accessing prevention funding to halt evictions.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Limited Clientele Benefit

Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(e) – Public Service

Beneficiaries	Race (persons)	Hispanic	Female III	% AMI
797	92 White 519 Black 35 Asian 2 Amer. Indian/ Alas. Native 6 Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Is. 143 Other multi-racial	72	424	< 80%

COLUMBIA HOUSING CENTER AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PROGRAM
\$75,000.00 IDIS # 698

The Columbia Housing Center, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, in response to new residential segregation patterns that are forming in parts of Columbia, will use CDBG funding to create a program based on the successful Oak Park Regional Housing Center, which will help landlords find tenants and tenants finds homes, while promoting racial integration. This effort helps Howard County carry out our duty to affirmatively further fair under the federal Fair Housing Act.

This activity is funded out of the 20% Administration cap.

HOME PROGRAM SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

SETTLEMENT AND DOWNPAYMENT LOAN PROGRAM (SDLP)- \$120,000

Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development
Division of Housing Opportunities- \$ 160,000.00

Howard County's DHCD used HOME Program funds internally to provide down payment and closing cost assistance to income eligible households. HOME Program funds were awarded settlement or down payment assistance as deferred loans, payable only upon the sale, foreclosure or change from a non-primary residence. All properties were vetted for environmental impact before any program funds were disbursed to eligible buyers. All eligible candidates of the homebuyer program participated in and completed homebuyer classes offered by Making Change Inc., a non-profit organization within the County that offers financial literacy classes and workshops.

Accomplishment Data: During the program year the Division of Housing Opportunities assisted four (4) households to purchase single-family residential units within the County, and the addresses are listed below;

- o 9076 Manorwood Road – IDIS # 690
- o 10025A Ruffian Way Unit 135 – IDIS # 699
- o 4990 Dorsey Hall Drive Unit 4B – IDIS # 706
- o 7643 Stoney Creek Lane – IDIS #707

Beneficiaries/Households	Race (persons served)	Hispanic	Female HH	% AMI
4	1 White 2 Black 1 Asian	0	1	< 80%+

Meadows, Elizabeth

From: Meadows, Elizabeth
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Hi Michele;

This proof looks good. It is approved for publication.

Thanks very much, Elizabeth

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Thanks very much, Elizabeth

M. Elizabeth Meadows, Chief

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To: Kareem, Quanita
Cc: Carnegie, Maggie; Lewis, Kanise
Subject: RE: Public Notice for Webpage

Hi Quanita;

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Thanks very much, Elizabeth

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Morning Again Elizabeth

The website has been updated: link from the main page, details on the Grants page and a calendar/event. Let me know if you have any changes.

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- [The Draft FFY2022 Annual Action Plan](#)

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TIME

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LOCATION

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