



2024 Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Lauderhill is located in the heart of Broward County, Florida. Established on June 20, 1959, the City has a significant history from its earlier years of beautiful grazing pastures. Since that time, the population has expanded from approximately 100 residents to 73,987 (2018-2022 ACS). Today, Lauderhill has an area of 7.84 square miles.

The City of Lauderhill has participated in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as an Entitlement Grantee since Fiscal Year 1995. As a CDBG Grantee, the City became eligible for the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program and later joined the Broward County HOME Consortium.

The program year (PY) 2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP) is the fifth and final year of the Five-Year Consolidated Planning period, which covers Program Years 2020 to 2024. This AAP outlines activities the City will undertake during PY 2024, which runs from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, that will further address the priorities and goals of the overall Five-Year Plan. Per CDBG regulations, the projects identified in this plan will benefit low- to moderate-income (LMI) residents and low/mod neighborhoods of the city. CDBG has been instrumental in Lauderhill's ability to achieve priority housing and community development goals.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The City of Lauderhill has developed its strategic plan based on an analysis of the data presented in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, this AAP, and an extensive community participation and consultation process. Through these efforts, the City has identified four priority needs with associated goals to address those needs over the Consolidated Plan period. The priority needs with associated goals are listed below. In PY 2024, the City will focus on public infrastructure and facilities and public services. For more details on the objectives and intended outcomes of the plan, see section AP-20 Goals.

Priority Need: Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements

1A Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs: Provide supportive services for low-income and special needs populations in the jurisdiction. Goal outcome – 200 LMI persons assisted.

Priority Need: Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities

2A Improve Access to Public Facilities: Expand and improve access to public facilities through development activities for LMI persons and for special needs groups (elderly, persons with a disability, victims of

domestic abuse, etc.). Public facilities may include neighborhood facilities, community centers, and parks and recreation facilities. Public facility improvement activities will have a low/mod area benefit. Goal outcome - Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 70,000 Persons Assisted

Priority Need: Economic Development Opportunities

3A Provide for Small Businesses Assistance: Provide economic development support using funds to assist small businesses in the jurisdiction. Goal outcome - No goals for PY 2024 as the City will focus on housing rehab and public improvements.

Priority Need: Affordable Housing Preservation

4A Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab: Provide homeowner housing rehab activities for the purpose of affordable housing preservation in the City of Lauderhill. Services will be targeted towards eligible elderly households living in the City. Goal outcome - No goals for PY 2024 as the City has another program focus for this.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Lauderhill, with other public, private, and non-profit community housing providers and non-housing service agencies, has made significant contributions to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing and a suitable living environment, especially for LMI individuals and those with special needs in the community. However, the need for essential public services, improvements to public facilities and economic development remain priority needs in the City, as documented by the current Consolidated Plan and the most recent 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The CAPER provides an assessment of progress towards the five-year goals and the one-year goals of HUD entitlement grants. According to the 2022 CAPER, the City continued to make significant progress in carrying out its established goals in the 5-Year plan and the AAP. The following highlights accomplishments by priority in PY 2022.

Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements: The City funded public facility improvement activities in PY 2022, which served an estimated 72,915 persons living in low/moderate areas citywide. These included park improvements such as those at Veterans Park, West Ken-Lark; St. George bathroom floor improvements; Sport Park bleachers/benches installation; new gate installation; and fence/lighting improvements. The City also helped fund improvements to the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center, flood pumps through public works, and improvements at the Ilene Lieberman Pier.

Public Services: The City funds various youth services with CDBG, and in PY 2022, assisted 28 LMI persons with vital public services. These services included vocal and dance classes, and youth enrichment activities through the A Goodman for Kids program.

Affordable Housing Preservation: The City is currently working with 8 LMI households on homeowner housing rehab activities. These activities are still underway and will be reported once they have been completed. Homeowner housing rehab activities are prioritized for the purpose of housing preservation in the City and are targeted toward eligible elderly households. Activities may include general structural repairs, replacement of vital appliances, and repair of deferred maintenance.

CARES Act Activities and Accomplishments

The City continues to monitor the impact of the pandemic on its LMI residents. The City's response to the pandemic has been financial assistance for LMI households that were negatively affected by the economic downturn, public facility improvements to assist with COVID-related impacts, such as supplying neighborhood facilities with personal protective equipment (PPE), and helping 50 small businesses with mortgage and rental assistance to keep their businesses open during the pandemic. As of PY 2022, all CDBG-CV funds have been spent, and the program has been successfully completed.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and Consultation Process

The citizen participation process adheres to HUD's requirements set within the City's Citizen Participation Plan. This plan seeks to include participation from all City residents, especially low- and moderate-income persons, and special needs groups within the community. Citizen participation efforts for the development of the PY 2024 AAP included a public comment period and a public hearing to allow members of the public an opportunity to review and provide comments on the draft plan. A summary of these efforts is outlined below:

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Citizens and interested parties are invited to review and make comments on the draft 2024 AAP. The draft AAP will be available for thirty (30) days beginning **July, 9 2024 to August 8, 2024**. The draft AAP is available at the City of Lauderhill City Hall, Grants Division located at 5581 West Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33313, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM. Citizens can also view the plan on the City website at <https://www.lauderhill-fl.gov/>. Written comments regarding the program and activities that were funded could be made to the Grants Manager by mail at City of Lauderhill, 5581 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Lauderhill, FL 33313, email: LauderhillCARES@lauderhill-fl.gov, or fax: 954-730-3025.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held on **July 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM** at the City of Lauderhill City Hall, 5581 West Oakland Park Blvd, Commission Chambers, Lauderhill, FL 33313. All interested parties are encouraged to attend to offer comments on the proposed AAP.

A summary of citizen outreach efforts is described in the AP-12 Citizen Participation Process. Proof of citizen participation and notices are attached to the plan in the AD-26.

5. Summary of public comments

Public Comment Period: A summary of comments will be provided after the public comment period.

Public Hearing: A summary of comments will be provided after the public hearing.

A summary of efforts can be viewed in the AP-12 Citizen Participation Process.

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

All comments are welcome. A summary of comments can be viewed in the AP-12 Citizen Participation Process.

7. Summary

The PY 2024 AAP is the fifth and final program year of the Five-Year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. This AAP was developed through the needs and goals identified in the Consolidated Plan as well as a citizen participation process to gather feedback from the public for the plan.

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

The City of Lauderhill, as a HOME Consortium member, took part in the regional Broward County 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI), which covers the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan period. Published in June of 2020, the AI is a comprehensive look at fair housing issues in Broward County and serves as the basis for efforts to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing in the County and local member cities of the HOME Consortium. The strategies and goals in the plan align with the goals of the AI.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	LAUDERHILL	Administration Department/City of Lauderhill

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Grants Division is primarily responsible for the implementation of the Annual Action Plan as well as administering the CDBG program.

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

1. Introduction

The City of Lauderhill has adopted a HUD approved citizen participation plan that identifies when public hearings and other consultations are to take place. During the planning of the Consolidated Plan and subsequent Annual Action Plans, the City coordinated with other housing and support services agencies to ensure available resources are utilized and leveraged. In addition, interdepartmental coordination occurs to define supplementary needs of neighborhoods. The agencies and organizations listed in the consultation outreach table below provided input on the needs of the plan.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

The City consults with the Broward County and Lauderhill Housing Authorities concerning consideration of public housing needs and planned activities. Both agencies will be provided with information about the City's proposed use of CDBG funds that may affect the residents of any public assistance housing development within City limits, so that the information can be shared with interested residents at the annual public hearings held. The City encourages the participation of residents of public and assisted housing developments, along with other low/mod income residents of targeted revitalization areas in which the housing developments are located.

The Broward County HOME Consortium brings together various cities and the unincorporated areas of the County. Through a partnership with Broward County and various cities, the City of Lauderhill receives an annual allocation of HOME Investment Partnership funds. Broward County is the lead agency of the HOME Consortium and must develop a county-wide strategy for addressing the needs of mentally ill, HIV infected persons, the homeless, persons at risk, and their families living throughout the county. To the extent practical, the City of Lauderhill collaborates with the County in this process. Although the City of Lauderhill is a part of the Consortium, the City is required to submit its own Annual Action Plan to HUD as an Entitlement City for CDBG.

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

The Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership (CoC) facilitates the response to all issues regarding homeless persons and those at risk of becoming homeless countywide. Monthly meetings are held in conjunction with the Broward County HOME Consortium meeting to discuss and collaborate on planning activities that will reduce homelessness and prevent those at risk from becoming homeless. A

representative from the City of Lauderhill attends the meetings on a monthly basis. Members of the CoC assist in gathering data and approving reports regarding the needs of the homeless in Broward County.

The CoC Program supports countywide homeless needs to:

- Expand public/private partnerships;
- Expand network of social service providers and volunteers;
- Expand supportive services;
- Prevent homelessness through effective discharge planning;
- Maintain affordable, transitional, and supportive housing;
- Increase income of homeless persons; and
- Improve data collection.

The City will continue to take an active role in the discussions and initiatives set forth by the CoC to address the needs of its homeless population.

The CoC utilizes the Coordinated Entry Assessment System process, which helps to coordinate target homeless groups with housing and community resources. These groups include chronically Homeless Households; children and families; unaccompanied youth ages 18-24; veterans and their families; and at-risk and difficult to serve Individuals who are not chronic. The Coordinated Entry Assessment System helps to prevent these groups from becoming homeless or return to homelessness.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction’s area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

See above. The City of Lauderhill does not receive ESG funding. However, the Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership (CoC) facilitates all issues regarding emergency shelter county-wide. Monthly meetings are held in conjunction with the Broward County HOME Consortium meeting to discuss and collaborate on planning activities that will reduce homelessness and prevent those at risk from becoming homeless. A representative from the City of Lauderhill attends the meetings on a monthly basis. Members of the CoC assist in gathering data and approving reports regarding the needs of the homeless in Broward County.

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The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a web-based software application used to collect demographic information and report service outcomes on people experiencing homelessness served in the Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership CoC area. HMIS enables homeless service providers to collect uniform client information over time. This system is part of an essential effort to streamline client services, inform public policy decision-makers, improve coordination of services among providers of housing and services to homeless clients, inform advocacy efforts, and assist the CoC in establishing policies that result in targeted services to reduce the time persons experience homelessness. Analysis of information gathered through HMIS is critical to accurately calculate the size, characteristics, and needs of homeless populations. The data collected is necessary to service and systems planning, and advocacy. The CoC uses the ServicePoint software as it's official HMIS software and authorized users can access this system online to make updates and improvements to the information available. The Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership provides HMIS training for any agency that has been entered into the HMIS End User Agreement.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Lauderdale
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City Administration Department Grants Division is the lead agency of the Consolidated Plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	BROWARD COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Broward County is the lead for the Broward County HOME Consortium. The City is a member of the Consortium.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services-Health Continuum of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Homeless Initiative Partnership is the local Continuum of Care in the region. The City consults the CoC for information and initiatives of the CoC.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Lauderhill Division of Emergency Management (DOEM)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Emergency Management Disaster Preparedness Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Hazard Mitigation
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Division of Emergency Management (DOEM) is the unit responsible for Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness for the City of Lauderhill. DOEM goals align with the DHS/FEMA Disaster Preparedness cycle. This mindset towards Disaster Management guarantees a proactive approach to addressing all hazards.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Federal Communications Commission Fixed Broadband Deployment
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Narrowing the digital divide
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To discuss, purchase, implement and negotiate or revamp everything from cellular contracts, landline contracts, public WIFI, hotspots, fiber-optics implementation, broadband access, etc. Also, according to the Federal Communications Commission Fixed Broadband Deployment, the City of Lauderhill currently has four (4) or more residential broadband providers including but not limited to Comcast, AT&T, T-Mobile, and ViaSat, Inc. Currently, the City of Lauderhill 30 FCC registered antenna towers in Lauderhill.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Emergency Management Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Emergency Management Other government - State Other government - Local

What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Resilience
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Lauderhill is developing a Stormwater Management and Flood Protection Master Plan (SMFPMP) for evaluating drainage conditions within the five basins of the City. The Lauderhill Vulnerability Assessment Plan will expand the SMFPMP to meet the requirements of s. 380.093(3)(c), F.S. and include the entire City and all critical assets thereof.

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

No agency types will be intentionally excluded from consultation. All comments are welcome.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership	The Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership is the Continuum of Care in Broward County. The City refers to and collaborates with the CoC for homeless needs in Lauderhill.
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	Broward County	The AI is a comprehensive look at fair housing issues in Broward County and serves as the basis for efforts to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing in the County and local member cities of the HOME Consortium. The strategies and goals in the plan align with the goals of the AI.

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The City of Lauderhill works closely with Broward County on the Consolidated Plan. The city is an annual recipient of HOME funds from the Broward County HOME Consortium which distributes funds to member cities to develop and maintain affordable housing in the region. The City also works with the Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership, which is the lead in the Continuum of Care, helping homeless persons in the region. The City departments maintain open lines of communication to determine community development needs as well as emergency preparedness planning.

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

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

The citizen participation process adheres to HUD’s requirements set within the City’s Citizen Participation Plan. This plan includes participation from all City residents, especially low- and moderate-income persons and special needs group within the community. Citizen participation efforts for the development of the PY 2024 AAP included a 30-day public comment period and a public hearing to allow members from the public an opportunity to review and provide comments on the draft plan.

A summary of citizen outreach efforts is described in the table below:

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Comment Period	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>The City will hold a 30-day public comment period from July 9 2024, to August 8, 2024 to give the public an opportunity to view and make comments on the draft AAP. The draft AAP will be available at the at City of Lauderhill City Hall, Grants Division located at 5581 West Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33313, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM and also on the City website at https://www.lauderhill-fl.gov/. Written comments regarding the program and activities that were funded can be made to the Grants Manager, by mail at City of Lauderhill, 5581 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Lauderhill, FL 33313, email: LauderhillCARES@lauderhill-fl.gov, or fax: 954-730-3025.</p>	<p>A summary of comments will be included after the public comment period.</p>	<p>All comments are accepted.</p>	<p>https://www.lauderhill-fl.gov/</p>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing will be held on July 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM . The public hearing will be held at the City of Lauderhill City Hall located at 5581 West Oakland Park Blvd, Commission Chambers, Lauderhill, FL 33313. All interested parties are encouraged to attend to offer comments on the proposed AAP.	A summary of comments will be included after the public hearing.	All comments are accepted.	https://www.lauderhill-fl.gov/public

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Lauderhill’s anticipated CDBG allocation for PY 2024 is \$758,175. The City proposes to use the funds for public facility improvements, public services, and program administration. PY 2024 is the fifth and final planning year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, and there are no more funds expected for this ConPlan. Next year will start a new five-year ConPlan funding cycle. No program income will be generated through the activities identified in this plan.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	758,175	0	0	758,175	0	PY 2024 is the fifth and final year of the ConPlan. There are no more funds expected for the remainder of the 2020-2024 ConPlan period. The next year will start a new five-year ConPlan funding cycle.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

Federal funds will be used to leverage other resources available to extend the level of assistance the City can provide or scope of project that can be undertaken. CDBG funds do not require a match.

In an effort to leverage funds, the City contributes general funds to public facility improvements that are funded with CDBG. In addition to CDBG funds, the City anticipates receiving State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) funds and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds through the Broward County Consortium for affordable housing programs such as tenant based rental assistance (TBRA) and purchase assistance programs.

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

All City-owned inventory has been mapped as part of the State's requirement that the City maintain a printed inventory of locally-owned land suitable for affordable housing. The parcels of land that the City owns are committed to public use such as parks, streets, or landscape buffers, or lack the proper zoning. However, recent land purchases in Central Lauderhill by the City of Lauderhill Community Redevelopment Agency and the Lauderhill Housing Authority are suitable for affordable housing and will be incorporated in to an in-fill housing program targeting very, low- and moderate-income families. Every so often, the City Commission will review the inventory of City-owned lands and their suitability for use as affordable housing.

Discussion

The PY 2024 Annual Action Plan outlines the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and how the City will address the needs of LMI and special needs communities with those funds. Through the Broward County HOME Consortium, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds are awarded to the City for affordable housing programs. Non-federal resources include funding from the State of Florida, State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. SHIP funds are allocated to housing in accordance with the adopted Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) adopted by the City Commission. With federal and state funding the City expects to achieve the established housing and community development goals for its low- and moderate-income households in this plan.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	1A Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Central and Eastern Lauderhill Lauderhill Parks City-wide	Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements	CDBG: \$189,544	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 150 Persons Assisted
2	2A Improve Access to Public Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Central and Eastern Lauderhill Lauderhill Parks City-wide	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities	CDBG: \$568,631	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 70000 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	1A Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs
	Goal Description	Provide supportive services for low income and special needs populations in the jurisdiction.
2	Goal Name	2A Improve Access to Public Facilities
	Goal Description	Expand and improve access to public facilities through development activities for LMI persons and for special needs groups (elderly, persons with a disability, victims of domestic abuse, etc.). Public facilities may include neighborhood facilities, community centers and parks and recreation facilities. Public facility improvement activities will have a low/mod area benefit.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The projects listed below in this PY 2024 AAP address the community development needs as identified in the strategic plan and a formal citizen participation and consultation process conducted by the City. The projects and programs selected for funding in the program year are described briefly in the following table.

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Program Administration
2	CDBG Public Facility Improvements
3	CDBG Public Services

Table 7 – Project Information

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

While the City has four priority needs, due to funding limitations and priorities not all needs can be addressed each year. In PY 2024, the City will focus on public facility improvements and public services for LMI households. The following priorities have been identified to have a high need and may be addressed in the future.

Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improvements activities will receive high priority for funding. Eligible project proposals that benefit low to moderate income areas in the City of Lauderhill will be considered for funding. These types of projects are said to have a low/mod area benefit.

Public services are also a high need, however there is a grant cap of 15% allowed for funding public service activities. Eligible persons must be LMI.

Housing rehab for LMI homeowners has been identified as a high need. Housing rehab is an eligible activity under the CDBG program. Housing rehab will not be funded with 2024 CDBG funds.

Economic development opportunities are also a need in Lauderhill. These activities are intended to assist small businesses for the purpose of job creation and/or retention. Economic development activities services will not be funded with 2024 CDBG funds.

The major obstacle the City faces is not having sufficient funds to address all priority needs in each annual plan. The City will continue to explore additional funding opportunities to leverage the resources it currently has.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CDBG Program Administration
	Target Area	Central and Eastern Lauderhill Lauderhill Parks City-wide
	Goals Supported	1A Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs 2A Improve Access to Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$151,635
	Description	Administration of the CDBG program for PY 2024. This activity will provide general management, oversight, and coordination of the program.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A. Other: 1
	Location Description	Citywide, low/mod
	Planned Activities	Administration of the CDBG program (21A).
2	Project Name	CDBG Public Facility Improvements
	Target Area	Central and Eastern Lauderhill Lauderhill Parks Citywide
	Goals Supported	2A Improve Access to Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$492,814
	Description	This project will provide funding for improvements and rehabilitation of public park facilities that serve low/mod area residents (LMA).
	Target Date	9/30/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 70000 Persons Assisted This activity will serve the low/mod areas Citywide.
	Location Description	Citywide, low/mod
	Planned Activities	Planned activities are: Public park facility improvements (03F)
3	Project Name	CDBG Public Services
	Target Area	Central and Eastern Lauderhill Lauderhill Parks City-wide
	Goals Supported	1A Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$113,726
	Description	The City will fund vital public services for LMI persons. Funding for public services is capped at 15% of the total grant.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 150 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	Citywide, eligible
	Planned Activities	Planned activities may include youth services (05D), elderly services (05A) and subsistence payments (05Q).

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

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

Funds will be allocated according to the identified needs of the population that are eligible for CDBG funding. Funds will be allocated on an as needed basis for the prescribed activities offered in the various geographic areas of the City. Therefore, funds will be allocated to the area of most need so that it can provide the maximum benefit.

During PY 2024, actions taken that will meet underserved needs include the use of CDBG dollars to fund Public Facility Improvements. Lauderhill has a majority low/mod population (62.28%) and this activity is intended to benefit LMI residents citywide.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Central and Eastern Lauderhill	0
Lauderhill Parks	0
City-wide	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

With CDBG and other federal and state funding the City expects to achieve our housing and community development goals for its low- and moderate-income households.

In the program year, there will be a focus on public facility improvements which will target low/mod areas. The City seeks to assist approximately 70,000 individuals citywide. These activities qualify under 24 CFR 570.201(c), low/mod area benefit.

When the City funds activities that serve individuals directly, the eligible beneficiaries must meet certain income requirements under the guidelines of the CDBG grant program. Projects with direct services such as public services or direct housing benefits are not distributed geographically, but must serve households who are low- to moderate-income or the special needs community.

The City has developed programs for home repair, emergency hurricane assistance for elderly and handicap, emergency rehabilitation assistance for elderly and handicap and rental assistance for families. These programs are funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds allocated to the City through its participation in the Broward County HOME Consortium. Nonfederal resources include funding from the State of Florida, State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. SHIP funds are

allocated to housing in accordance with the adopted Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) adopted by the City Commission. Housing programs will target eligible LMI individuals and family households. In addition, the City will expand on its effort to work with area agencies to further promote and develop coordination between housing and service agencies. For example, the City will continue to work with the Lauderhill Housing Authority and provide financing for both owner-occupied and rental low to moderate income housing opportunities. Also, the City will enhance its relationship with area housing counseling agencies and community service agencies to assist in providing services to those in need.

Discussion

Race/Ethnic Minority Concentration

A “racial or ethnic concentration” is any census tract where a racial or ethnic minority group makes up 10% or more of that group’s citywide percentage. Data was taken from the 2018-2022 ACS 5-Year estimates. Due to the small sample size, only racial or ethnic groups making up at least 1% of the City’s population were analyzed.

Black or African American, non-Hispanic: This group makes up 78.8% of the citywide population, and a census tract is considered a concentration if 88.8% of the population is part of this racial group. Five (5) tracts have a concentration: 12011041200, 12011060402, 12011060404, 12011060302, and 12011060304.

Asian, non-Hispanic: Approximately 1.6% of the City population identifies as Asian. A census tract is considered a concentration if 11.6% of the population is part of this racial group. There are no census tracts with a concentration.

Hispanic: Hispanics comprise 8.6% of the City's population, and a census tract is considered a concentration if 18.6% of the population is part of this ethnic group. One (1) tract has a concentration: 12011060306.

Low-Income Households Concentration

A “low-income concentration” is any census tract where the median household income (MHI) is 80% or less than the MHI for the City of Lauderhill. According to the 2018-2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates, the MHI in Lauderhill is \$48,523. A tract is considered to have a low-income concentration if the MHI is \$38,818 or less. There are three (3) tracts with a concentration of low-income households: 12011060404, 12011060405, and 12011060303. Tract 12011060404 also has a concentration of Black persons.

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

Introduction

Triennially, the advisory committee shall review the established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and adopted local government comprehensive plan of the appointing local government and shall recommend specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate. The recommendations may include the modification or repeal of existing policies, procedures, ordinances, regulations, or plan provisions; the creation of exceptions applicable to affordable housing; or the adoption of new policies, procedures, regulations, ordinances, or plan provisions, including recommendations to amend the local government comprehensive plan and corresponding regulations, ordinances, and other policies. At a minimum, each advisory committee shall submit a report to the local governing body that includes recommendations on, and triennially thereafter evaluates the implementation of, affordable housing incentives programs to ensure an integrated approach to the work of the advisory committee.

The City will also continually address barriers to affordable housing through inter-city department cooperation. The process for removing barriers to affordable housing will be expedited by the Building Division. All affordable housing projects introduced to the City will be reviewed by Planning and Zoning Division who relays information to the City Manager to begin the process of permit expediting. The City Manager is fully involved in the process to ensure the permitting process is expedited.

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

The City of Lauderhill, as a HOME Consortium member, took part in the regional Broward County 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI), which covers the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan period. Published in June of 2020, the AI is a comprehensive look at fair housing issues in Broward County and serves as the basis for efforts to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing in the County and local member cities of the HOME Consortium. The strategies and goals in the plan align with the goals of the AI.

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

The City of Lauderhill will implement the following to remove barriers to affordable housing:

- Expediting the approval process of development orders or permits for affordable housing projects, as defined in s. 163.3164(7) and (8).
- Modification of impact fee requirements, including reduction or waivers of fees and alternative

methods of fee payments for affordable housing.

- The allowance of increased density levels for affordable housing.
- Reservation of housing infrastructure capacity for low and very low income persons.
- Allowance of affordable accessory residential units in residential zoning districts.
- Reduction of parking and setback requirements for affordable housing.
- Allowance of zero-lot- line configurations for affordable housing.
- Modification of street requirements for affordable housing.
- Establishment of a process by which the City considers, before adoption, policies, ordinances, regulations or plan provision that increase cost of housing.
- Preparation of a printed inventory of locally owned public land suitable for affordable housing.

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

Introduction

The following section identifies other actions that will be undertaken during PY 2024.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The activities in this PY 2024 AAP work directly to address the underserved needs in Lauderhill. The City will focus on improvements to facilities that benefit low/mod areas in Lauderhill. The PY 24 public facility improvement activity will include rehabilitation of a public park that serves low-to-moderate income residents. The City seeks to assist approximately 70,000 individuals city-wide through this activity. The city will also allocate 15% of its PY 2024 allocation to public services, primarily providing subsistence payments for households that are at risk of homelessness.

Safe and decent affordable housing is a major need for the City. The City utilizes multiple funding sources such as CDBG, HOME, and SHIP to address these needs. Through these programs, the City provides tenant based rental assistance (TBRA) to prevent homelessness, purchase assistance to increase homeownership, and owner-occupied rehab to preserve housing stock.

As the general lack of funds to address all identified needs in the City is the main obstacle in meeting underserved needs, the City will continue to explore additional funding sources to leverage its federal, state, and local resources.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Lauderhill works closely with the Broward Continuum of Care and the Broward HOME Consortium in assisting the homeless by providing affordable housing units. The City continues to allocate CDBG, HOME and SHIP funds towards the owner-occupant rehabilitation, purchase assistance, and tenant based rental assistance (TBRA).

The City continues to work on homeowner housing rehab activities for the purpose of affordable housing preservation in the City of Lauderhill. Owner-occupied rehabilitation includes: correction of code enforcement violations, health and safety issues, electrical and plumbing as deemed health and safety, repair or replacement of roofing, repair or replacement of windows and doors, and/or repair or replacement of air conditioning units. Services will be targeted towards eligible elderly households living in the City. The City will continue to promote affordable housing with the continued implementation of approved incentives and strategies outlined in its Local Housing Assistance Plan.

The City has HOME funds from the Broward County HOME Consortium that will be used to provide purchase assistance, service delivery costs, and TBRA. The Purchase assistance will assist a minimum of five (5) low to moderated-income potential homebuyers with a deferred forgivable loan to be applied

towards down payment and/or closing costs, for the purchase of eligible housing, including single-family, townhomes, condominiums, or villas. TBRA funds are estimated to provide rental assistance to at least 10 low-income households that are at risk of homelessness. SHIP funds will also fund activities that develop and preserve the affordable housing stock in Lauderhill.

On February 26, 2024, the City adopted a resolution to implement the Live Local Act. This Act represents a comprehensive and far-reaching workforce housing initiative throughout the state of Florida. Its primary goal is to significantly increase the availability of affordable housing options for Florida's dedicated workforce, enabling them to live within the communities they serve. This groundbreaking legislation not only allocates historic levels of funding to workforce housing but also introduces a wide array of innovative programs, incentives, and prospects. By reshaping Florida's housing strategy with a singular focus on enhancing accessibility to housing for all, the Act aims to create sustainable, affordable housing solutions that meet the diverse needs of the state's workforce.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City's strategy for addressing lead-based paint hazards involves proactive measures within its Home Repair and Purchase Assistance programs. Inspections are conducted to identify potential hazards, with trained inspectors using EPA-compliant methods and safe practices for lead-based paint testing. This approach ensures that any identified hazards are managed on a case-by-case basis. regulations when handling paint of lead hazard. There were no hazards reported during this year.

For homes constructed before 1978 participating in CDBG and HOME programs, the City distributes EPA's Protect Your Home pamphlets to inform homeowners and buyers about lead hazards. Certified professionals conduct visual inspections, and detailed inspection reports are meticulously documented and stored in each client's file to maintain compliance with regulatory standards.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Public improvements in low/mod areas will help to revitalize the area and bring in new public and private investments. Other activities include the City's economic development/antipoverty strategy, which is to foster growth and job creation for the City's low- and moderate-income households. The goal is to increase job training, employment readiness skills and education opportunities for low- and moderate-income households and match employment openings with the local workforce. One of the ways this is being accomplished is through the collaboration the City has established with the Lauderhill Chamber of Commerce.

The Community Redevelopment Agency serves its businesses and communities by offering specific programs designed to help revitalize and improve the communities and businesses in its defined areas. The City of Lauderhill and OIC of South Florida (OIC-SFL), a nonprofit workforce development organization, partner to offer free Career Readiness Workshops to Lauderhill residents. The workshops cover various topics such as resume building, networking to find your next job opportunity, and identifying your ideal

career path. Additionally, the City partners with OIC to host quarterly job fairs to connect job seekers with employment opportunities within the city

The City's anti-poverty strategy will also include the Section 3 Policy, which will provide economic opportunities for the residents of the area. Activities that support and assist small business in target areas have the added bonus to address both the need and economically support the target population. The City will continue to support small business development through activities such as continuation of commercial rehabilitation, job incentives programs, technical assistance and business planning and marketing directed towards job creation.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Lauderhill will continue to take strides towards improving our instructional structure during this Program Year. The Grants Division staff will maintain an open dialogue with the following departments: Administration, Finance, Public Works, Parks and Leisure Services, Building, Code Enforcement, Police, and Fire. The City will also collaborate with the Lauderhill Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for the City's housing needs.

The City will continue to participate in the Broward County HOME Consortium and manage its current State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. The City will also attempt to partner with local for-profit and non-profit organizations, lending institutions, public housing authorities, educational institutions, and other governmental agencies to implement federal and state funded programs as well as to continue preserving, providing, and expanding affordable housing opportunities for very low- and low-income persons. The Grants Division under the guidance of the Administration Department will serve as the lead department responsible for implementing the City of Lauderhill's Program Year 2024 Annual Action Plan.

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

The City of Lauderhill participates in County/City Committees created to coordinate public, private, and community-based efforts to expand affordable housing and economic development initiatives through research and program development activities that support community development joint ventures between the private and public sectors.

The City will enhance its coordination by collaborating with the public/private housing and social services agencies such as the Lauderhill Housing Authority, Broward County Continuum of Care, 211 Broward, Broward County Housing Finance and Community Development Division, Lauderhill Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), and Lauderhill Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The following section identifies program-specific requirements for the CDBG Program in PY 2024. The City does not anticipate it will receive any program income as a result of program activities identified in the plan.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%