

HCD Annual Action Plan

FY2023

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Enclosed are the brief narrative descriptions of the Activities and Projects proposed for funding under the City of Augusta's Projected Allocations of HUD Funding for FY2023

Summary of FY23
Activity Funding
Recommendations



CDBG Funding Recommendation Process

Augusta Housing and Community Development (AHCD) utilizes a three-tier review process to determine the agencies / entities that are recommended for funding under the Department's Annual Action Plan process for competitively awarded HUD grants under Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

Tier I: Eligibility Review (Submission Deadline and Basic Qualifications to Establish an Applicant as Eligible for AHCD's HUD Funding programs)

On-Line Application Submission

- Mandatory Application Workshop
 - Must be present at workshop to move towards Application Phase
- AHCD Application On-Line
 - First Day online (day after Mandatory Application Workshop)
 - 90-Day Timeline for Completion
 - Submission Deadline (5:00 PM)

Tier II: Pre-Qualification Threshold Requirements

1. Copy of IRS 501©(3) Form
 - Must have attained status for at least 12 months,
 - Or Have 12 months experience, operating under another organization or entity that has this designation,
 - Or be a governmental entity proposing to serve Augusta, GA residents.
2. Georgia Secretary of State Certification & License (if applicable)
 - Applicant must be registered/licensed to do business in the State of Georgia at the time of application
3. Audit or Financial Statements
 - Applicant must provide a financial statement covering the past 12-month period
4. Written Financial Management Procedures
 - Applicant must submit copy of written financial management procedures (re: tracking cash/receipts/disbursements, budgeting, purchasing/procurement & program income)

Tier III: Individual Staff Review and Scoring and Team Review and Scoring

The criteria used at both the Individual and Team Review levels for scoring eligible applications are as follows:

Application Evaluation (100 points total)

1. Low Income Emphasis (25 points max.)
 - Extent to which the project proposes to serve a higher percentage of low to moderate-income persons than is required by HUD.
2. High Priority Need(s) in Year 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (15 points max.)
 - Extent the project addresses needs identified as "High Priority" in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan

3. Leveraging and Quality of Program Design (20 points max.)
 - Extent to which other funds & volunteer labor has been committed to the proposed activity
4. Operational Capability and Experience (20 points max.)
 - Applicant's ability to develop and carry out the proposed project in a reasonable time and successful manner
5. Financial Capability and Experience (20 points max.)
 - Applicant's capability to handle financial resources and follow procedures for effective control

Funding Recommendations – CDBG: Funding is awarded to applicants that passed Tier I and Tier II criteria and achieved a minimum score of 70 (on the 100-point scale described above). Scores then are adjusted so that the highest score of eligible applications is curved to 100% to allow for prorated funding level recommendations (i.e. the highest scoring CDBG application in FY2019 scored 88, so a 12-point curve was applied to all recommended applications). Funding levels are then determined by the following steps:

- The available funding (15% of the total CDBG Allocation of \$1,649,350, or \$265,200) was divided by the number of eligible applicants (11) to derive a baseline allocation (i.e. \$265,200 divided by 11 Applicants is approximately \$24,000 each).
- With this \$24,000 baseline, applicants are then recommended for funding at the % of this baseline that is commiserate with their curved application score (i.e. curved score of 100=\$24,000, curved score of 80 = \$19,200).

Funding Recommendations – ESG: Funds are divided by HUD Regulation into two broad categories, Rapid Rehousing / Homelessness Prevention and Shelter Operations / Street Outreach. The strategic desire of the City of Augusta's Consolidated Plan calls for approximately 50% of our annual ESG allocation to go toward the Rapid Rehousing / Homelessness Prevention category. Based on the applications received, the FY2019 Allocation Recommendations include a proposed 49.7% allocation to Rapid Rehousing / Homelessness Prevention and 42.8% allocation to Shelter Services. Funds within these categories are then divided evenly among the eligible applications recommended for funding. Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) 2019 Application review Process.

Funding Recommendations – HOPWA

- Each application reviewed by 3 individuals (Housing Coordinator, Housing Manager & Deputy Director)
- A score of 70 is required for funding (70=100%)
- All scores averaged and percentage computed based on a score of 70=100%
- Funding recommendation based on application amount x average percentage
- Internal control of no more than \$500,000 for all funding years implemented
- Final funding recommendation based on the full initial funding recommendation or partial funding to meet internal control requirement

(Example shown on next page)

Examples:

| | Organization A | Organization B | Organization C |
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| Raw Scores | 75 44 72 | 60 58 34 | 82 79 27 |
| Average Score = Raw Total/3 | 63.667 | 50.6 | 62.67 |
| Average Percentage = Avg. Score/70 | 90.95% | 72.38% | 89.5% |
| Funding Request | \$244,648.00 | \$214,072.00 | \$277,858.00 |
| Initial Recommendation = Funding Request x Avg. % | \$222,513.00 | \$154,947.00 | \$203,897.00 |
| Current Funds Available | \$307,000.00 | \$500,000.00 | \$125,000.000 |
| Internal Control Difference = 500k – Available Funds | \$193,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$375,000.00 |
| Final Funding Recommendation | \$193,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$203,897.00 |

Community Development Block Grant - Poverty Reduction Programs

| Applicant Agency | Funding Request | Funding Recommendation |
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| CSRA EOA, Inc. – Centralized Intake and Assessment (Marion Barnes Resource Center) | \$40,000.00 | \$23,640.00 |
| Funding will be used to support family connection services. This grant will cover administrative and management activities. The program includes intensive case management, life skills training, job readiness training, and health care resources. Funding will cover staff salary, fringe benefits and some program materials and supplies. | | |
| Augusta Mini Theatre | \$40,000.00 | \$23,520.00 |
| Funding will be used to support the Artistic Instruction program to include piano, dance, and drama for low income youths and senior citizens. Augusta Mini Theatre reaches low to moderate low-income children and youth starting at age 6 and also to senior citizens. Funding will assist with the salaries for instructors. | | |
| Augusta Partnership for Children | \$50,000.00 | \$24,300.00 |
| The purpose of the Family Self-Sufficiency Initiative is to enhance the quality of life of at least 50 participants, with children, from low socioeconomic backgrounds allowing them to become economically stable. Participants will reflect on their life experiences and those experiences to create a plan for achieving not just a better life, but the life they desire. Participants will have access to resources to build self-efficacy and support the growth and development of their children. As they accomplish these milestones, they will be encouraged to develop relationships with their peers and people throughout the community who will support them along the way to economic stability. This will be achieved through Getting Ahead Curriculum Training, Lunch & Learn Sessions, and Mentoring. | | |
| CSRA Business League – Youth Entrepreneur program | \$11,000.00 | \$4,600.00 |
| The Youth Entrepreneur program will target low and moderate-income youth in the Laney - Walker and Bethlehem Community, who have the desire and mental attitude to become business owners. The Youth Entrepreneur Program will focus on enhancing the quality of life of those students participating in the program by developing the skills needed to become successful in their endeavors, while either in the program or later in their chosen vocations. | | |
| CSRA Business League – Business Development | \$40,000.00 | \$16,720.00 |
| Funding will be used to support business development activities for low and moderate-income business owners. This grant will cover administrative and management activities. The program includes intensive case management, life skills training, job readiness training, and health care resources. Funding will cover staff salary, fringe benefits and some program materials and supplies. | | |
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| MACH Academy | \$40,000.00 | \$23,250.00 |
| Stimulation for Your Mind and Body – will provide academic intervention, STEM sessions, technology, recreation and pro-social enrichment in a safe and positive environment. The funding supports cost related to projects that provides afterschool and summer camp through education that include mentoring, tutoring, academic support services, intervention, technology, recreation and pre-social enrichment in a safe and positive environment and tennis instructions. This project's funding will support Materials/Supplies, Insurance Bonding, Audit, Contract Staff. | | |
| The Salvation Army - Augusta Area Command | \$40,000.00 | \$23,921.00 |
| The funding will be used to support cost of agency's Center of Hope Job Skills – Provide life skills, employment training program, 3 months free. Funding will cover a portion of program supplies, salaries, utilities and training materials | | |
| JAMP – Youth Music Education Program | \$25,000.00 | \$13,500.00 |
| Funding will be used to support youth musical training program for low and moderate-income residents. This grant will cover administrative and management activities. Funding will cover staff salary, fringe benefits and some program materials and supplies. Funding will be used to support family connection services. This grant will cover administrative and management activities. The program includes intensive case management, life skills training, job readiness training, and health care resources. Funding will cover staff salary, fringe benefits and some program materials and supplies. | | |
| Project Life | \$40,000.00 | \$21,840.00 |
| The program will benefit individuals and families of low and moderate income with clothing, shoes, hygiene, diapers, and food. We will provide services to help those seeking employment with resources to advance their goals. Our team will assist patrons in finding employment and prepare them for hire. This entails assistance with job applications, resume writing, interview preparation, and interview attire. We seek to help patrons obtain their GED, provide hot meals and secure employment for our patrons. | | |
| Goodwill Industries | \$40,000.00 | \$23,250.00 |
| Goodwill's Career Services will provide mobile community-based career services within the community at locations outside of Job Connection Career Centers including: Job readiness training, Job leads, Hiring events, Resume preparation, Interviewing skills, Financial literacy training, Soft skills training and more. | | |
| Kids ReStart | \$40,000.00 | \$22,480.00 |
| Supports Family reunification services including but not limited to: Supervised Visitation Services - This allows the family to continue their family bond while a child is in foster care. Visitations are court ordered, scheduled weekly and monitored by trained Kids Restart staff. Hands on parent coaching is provided to the family if issues arise during the visitation time. An additional important service is Support Groups to provide a supportive community for the families that are referred to the Family Support program, as well as Parenting Classes where Staff will provide Parent Education either during home visits or at the Kids Restart center to the family that was referred by DFCS or the Juvenile Court. | | |
| Project Refresh | \$40,000.00 | \$22,080.00 |
| Will provide showers via a mobile shower unit to those experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity in Augusta GA. Partners with other local nonprofits to provide services alongside other organizations meeting a separate need of our demographic, i.e., 2nd Saturday of each month, PR provides showers outside of The Master's Table Soup Kitchen. Services are delivered via an 18ft | | |

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| enclosed trailer that houses two stalls, one of which is handicap accessible. Each of these stalls is outfitted with a shower, a toilet, and a sink. |
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Community Development Block Grant – Special Purpose

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| CSRA EOA – Sibley Street Permanent Supportive Housing (Support Services) | \$40,000.00 | \$23,760.00 |
| Permanent Supportive Housing provides onsite resident services and Shelter Plus Care services to up to 7 Homeless families who reside at Sibley Street residences. This grant will cover administrative and management activities. The program includes intensive case management, life skills training, job readiness training, and health care resources. | | |

Community Development Block Grant – Housing Development Programs

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| HCD's Housing Rehabilitation | \$941,489.00 |
| Provide minor home improvements for income-eligible homeowners to correct health and safety concerns and/or interior deteriorations to meet minimum Housing Quality Standards (HQS) and local Code Compliance. | |
| Activity Delivery Costs | \$130,000.00 |
| Allocation for City of Augusta (HCD) staffing costs related to the delivery of housing rehabilitation activities in this Action Plan. | |

Community Development Block Grant – Economic Development Programs

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| CDBG Public Facility Project | \$100,000.00 |
| The funding will assist new and existing non-profits with enhancements to their physical space for service delivery improvement. | |

Community Development Block Grant – Planning and Grants Administration

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| Planning and Entitlements Grants Administration | \$335,927.00 |
| The funds are used for the general administration of the Augusta Housing & Community Development Departments of the CDBG Program. | |
| Fair Housing | \$20,000.00 |
| This funding will be used for educational outreach activities to educate the public about Fair Housing Law and rights of citizens. Fair Housing outreach materials will continue to be disseminated to different entities such as housing counseling agencies throughout the city. Additional funding has been allocated in the FY18 Proposed Allocation Budget to cover the City of Augusta's anticipated costs on the HUD mandated Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing study that must be completed in advance of the City's next Consolidated Plan submission. | |

HOME Investment Partnership

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| Housing Redevelopment Initiative | \$869,187.00 |
| The funding will be used to support costs related to acquisition, clearance demolition and construction of affordable housing in low income neighborhoods. | |
| CHDO: Projects | \$173,837.00 |
| The funds are reserved for capacity-building and project development by CHDOs involved in affordable housing development projects. This amount represents a 15% set-aside of HOME funds. | |
| HOME Administration | \$115,891.00 |
| These funds will be used to pay for general administration of HOME Program. | |

Emergency Solutions Grant – Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention

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| SAFEHOMES Domestic Violence – Rapid Rehousing | \$25,000.00 |
| Funding will be used for the provision of Rapid Rehousing services to victims of Domestic Violence, both referred through the community’s Homeless Resource Center, through law enforcement and self-referral. Program funding will cover case management, supplies, rental and utilities assistance. | |
| Augusta, GA (HCD) Rapid Rehousing | \$65,108.00 |
| Funding will be used for the provision of Rapid Rehousing services to residents of Augusta experiencing homelessness referred through the community’s Homeless Resource Center. Program funding will cover case management, supplies, rental and utilities assistance. | |

Emergency Solutions Grant – Emergency Shelter Operations

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| Salvation Army Augusta Area Command | \$25,000.00 |
| Funds will be used to provide Emergency Shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Augusta, GA. The program funding will assist with operating costs and essential services associated with providing this emergency shelter service. | |
| SAFEHOMES Domestic Violence Shelter | \$25,000.00 |
| Funding will be used to provide Emergency Shelter/safe haven for women – victim of domestic violence. The program funding will assist with operating costs and essential services associated with providing this emergency shelter service. | |
| ESG Administration | \$11,373.00 |
| This funding will be used by AHCDD to administer the ESG program. | |

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

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| Antioch Ministries, Inc. | \$200,000.00 |
| Funding will provide assistance to low-income HIV+ individuals and their family members living with HIV/AIDS. Provide operational support for TBRA, STRMU, support services, Permanent Housing Placement and housing referrals to improve the quality of life for all participants. | |
| Angelic Community Resource Development | \$100,000.00 |
| Funding will provide assistance to low-income HIV+ individuals and their family members living with HIV/AIDS. Provide operational support for TBRA, STRMU, support services, Permanent Housing Placement and housing referrals to improve the quality of life for all participants. | |
| East Augusta CDC | \$200,000.00 |
| Funding will provide assistance to low-income HIV+ individuals and their family members living with HIV/AIDS. Provide operational support for TBRA, STRMU, support services, Permanent Housing Placement and housing referrals to improve the quality of life for all participants. | |
| Economic Opportunity Authority | \$171,874.00 |
| Funding will provide assistance to low-income HIV+ individuals and their family members living with HIV/AIDS. Provide operational support for TBRA, STRMU, support services, Permanent Housing Placement and housing referrals to improve the quality of life for all participants. | |
| Promise Land CDC | \$200,000.00 |
| Funding will provide assistance to low-income HIV+ individuals and their family members living with HIV/AIDS. Provide operational support for TBRA, STRMU, support services, Permanent Housing Placement and housing referrals to improve the quality of life for all participants. | |
| HOPWA HOUSING | \$103,130.20 |
| Funding to acquire one single family unit to be used for rental to HOPWA eligible household. | |
| Administration | \$30,154.80 |
| Funding to be used by AHCCD to administer the HOPWA Program. | |