

FY24 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

COMMUNITY
REINVESTMENT
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT



Each year, HUD provides entitlement funds to the City of Columbus to address the needs of low-to moderate-income persons in the community.

The CAPER measures CRD's annual accomplishments and progress toward Consolidated Plan goals.

FY 2024 Entitlement Programs

CDBG

Community Development Block Grant

HOME

Home Investment Partnerships Grant

HOME-ARP

HOME American Rescue Plan





Our Funding

HOME funding increases access to affordable housing through housing development, down payment assistance, and rental assistance.

CDBG funding invests in community development projects, such as housing rehabilitation, public services, and infrastructure

THE IMPACT

WHAT WE'VE DONE FY23

FY 2023 Resources

CDBG: \$4,541,007.12

HOME: \$1,622,086.00

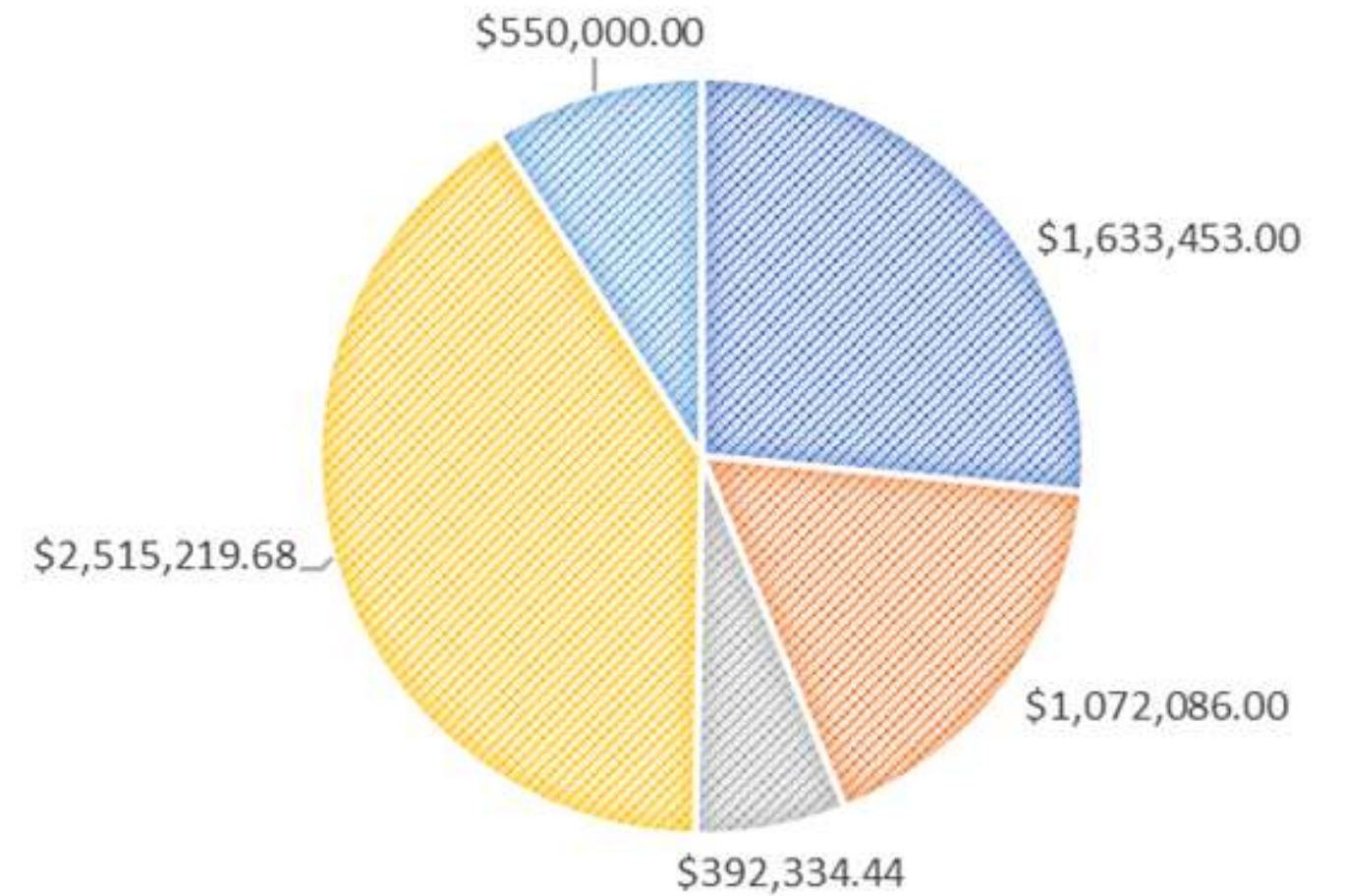
TOTAL: \$6,163,093.12

BENEFICIARIES SERVED

31,778

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

■ CDBG ■ HOME ■ CDBG-CV ■ Carryover CDBG ■ Carryover HOME



CDBG

Program Highlight:



Columbus Literate Community Program, Inc. (doing business as Literacy Alliance) is a nonprofit organization with a mission to increase literacy levels in the Chattahoochee Valley.

The Community Book Nook program is an innovative approach to establishing new avenues of Public Service. Education is the fastest way to become upwardly mobile, and without literacy it is impossible to become properly educated.



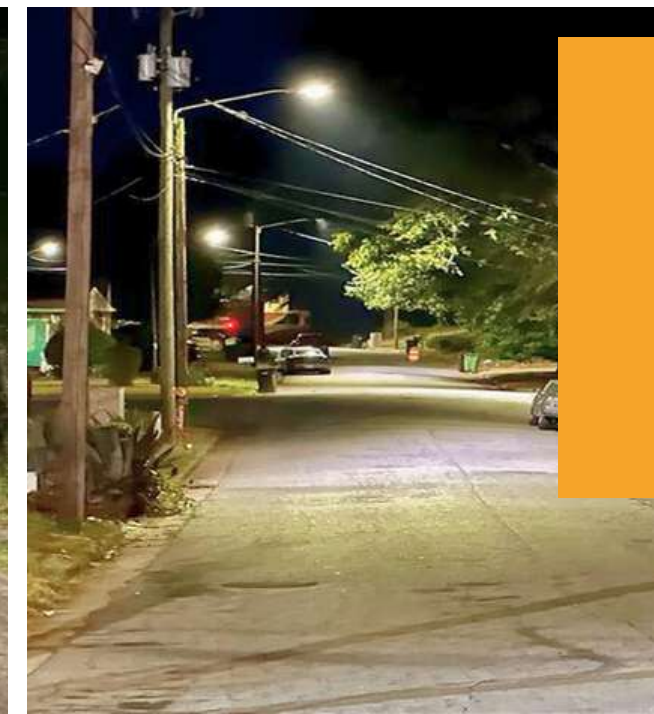
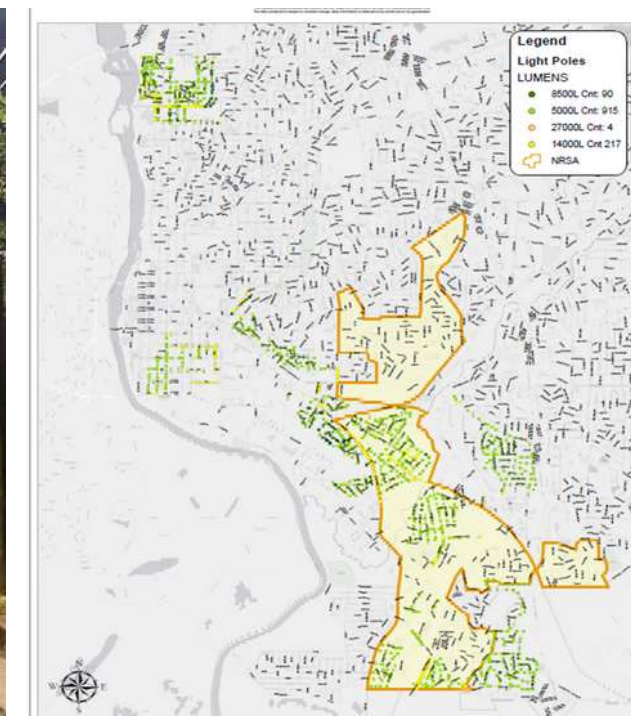
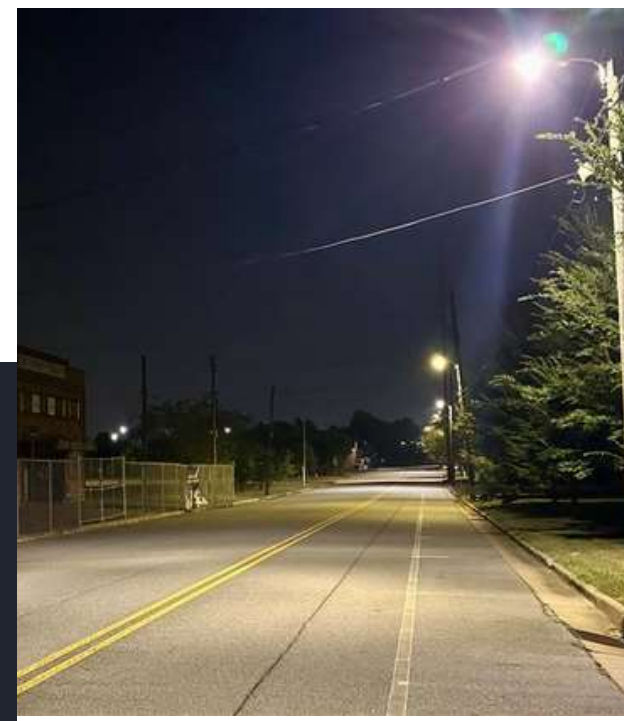
CDBG

Program Highlight:

Light the City

The Light the City Project upgraded 1,226 existing streetlight fixtures across 17 Columbus neighborhoods to improve nighttime visibility for drivers and pedestrians.

With a budget of approximately \$611,000, the project significantly enhanced visibility in low-income communities, as defined by HUD, creating safer nighttime conditions.



CDBG

Program Highlight:

Outdoor Fitness Stations

Outdoor Fitness Stations have been installed at Cooper Creek, Britt David, and Rigdon Parks, offering free, accessible exercise opportunities for community members and promoting healthier lifestyles.

These stations are particularly impactful for individuals who cannot afford gym memberships, bridging the gap between fitness and affordability. During the installation at Cooper Creek, team members met three residents who shared how these stations empower them to stay active and continue their fitness journeys without financial barriers.



CDBG

Program Highlight: 5th Street Continuance

The 5th Street Continuance Project marked a significant milestone in urban revitalization, restoring the historical grid pattern by reconnecting 5th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues.

This effort not only honors the city's heritage but also paves the way for a brighter future in affordable housing. The infrastructure improvements directly support the development of 90 new housing units for seniors, with 80 designated as affordable, addressing critical housing needs for the community's aging population.



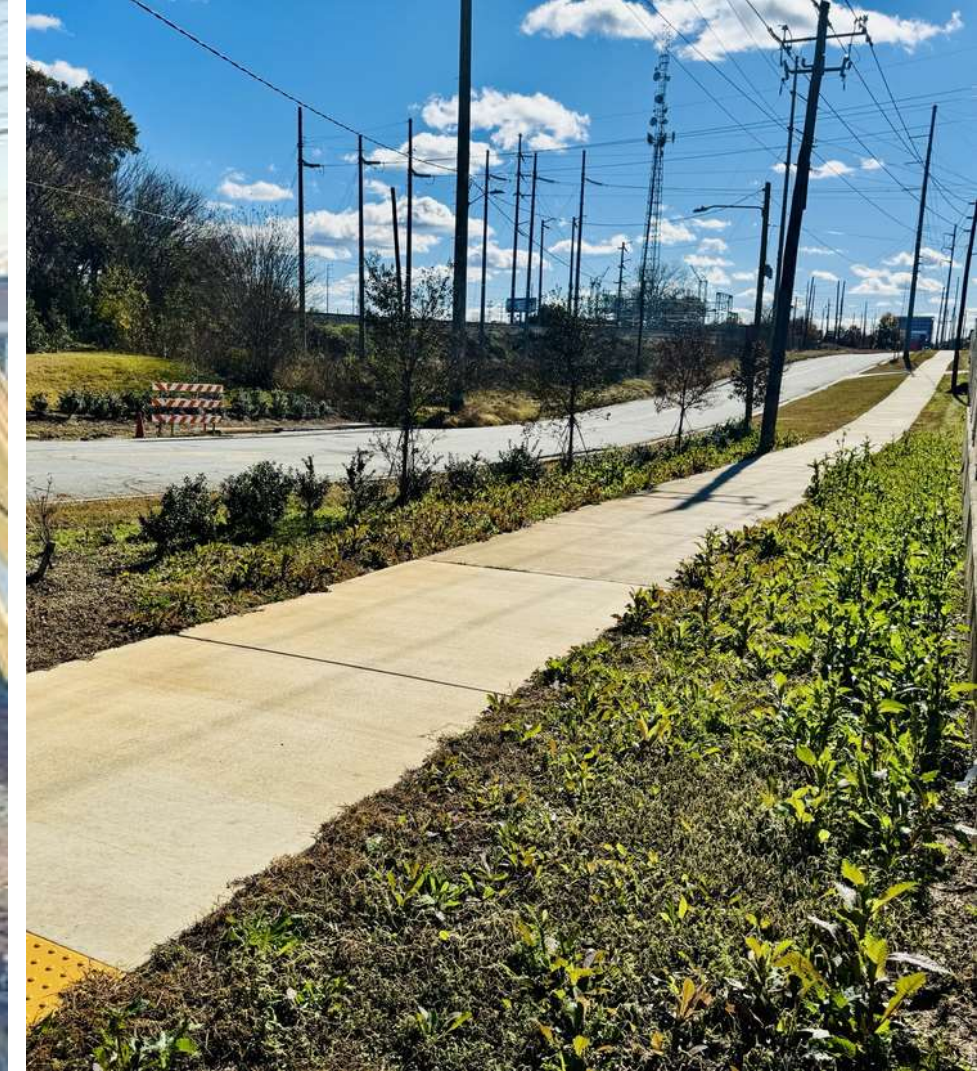
CDBG

Program Highlight: 1st Avenue Accessibility Sidewalk Project

The 1st Avenue Sidewalk Project created a vital connection between The Banks at Mill Village and Uptown Columbus, enhancing accessibility and mobility for the community.

This new sidewalk opens up opportunities for residents to safely access Uptown's amenities, fostering a stronger link to economic, recreational, and social benefits.

The project is expected to serve as a catalyst for future growth and community engagement, paving the way for new possibilities.



ARP

Program Highlight:

Utility Assistance Program

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Utility Assistance Program provided support to vulnerable low-income households struggling with rising utility costs.

With \$2,000,000, the program helped 2,191 households by covering expenses for electricity, natural gas, and water.

Through a partnership with Enrichment Services, CCG developed and administered the program, providing temporary relief to ease the financial burden on the community's most affected residents.



ARP

Program Highlight:

Affordable Housing Initiative



The ARP Affordable Housing Initiative is a \$3 million program aimed at increasing affordable housing stock options locally.

The initiative will lead to the development of 163 new units of affordable housing for renter populations.





THE IMPACT

WHAT WE'VE DONE FY24

FY 2024 Resources

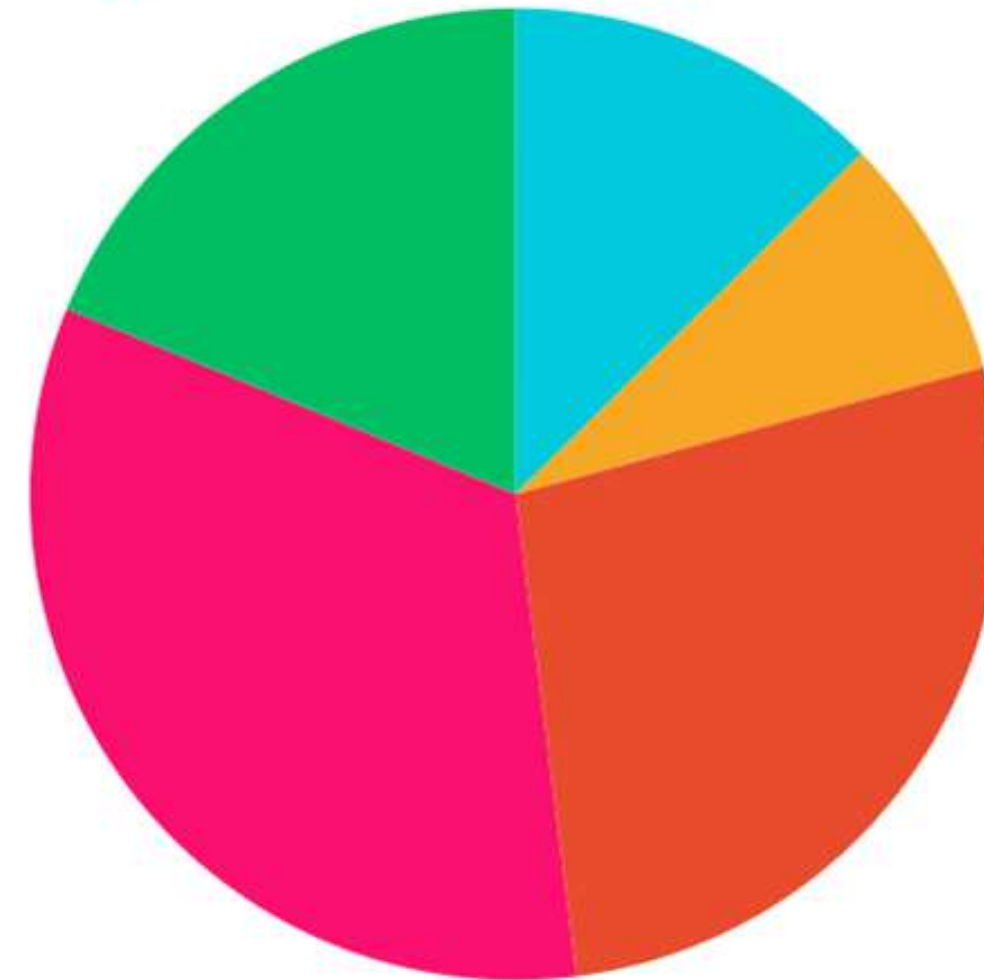
CDBG: \$1,660,399.00
HOME: \$1,071,257.00
HOME-ARP: \$3,574,055.00
TOTAL: \$6,305,711.00

SOURCES OF FUNDING PY23/FY24

CDBG: \$1,660,399.00
HOME: \$1,071,257.00
HOME-ARP: \$3,574,055.00
Carryover CDBG: \$4,368,054.62
Carryover HOME: \$2,465,556.32

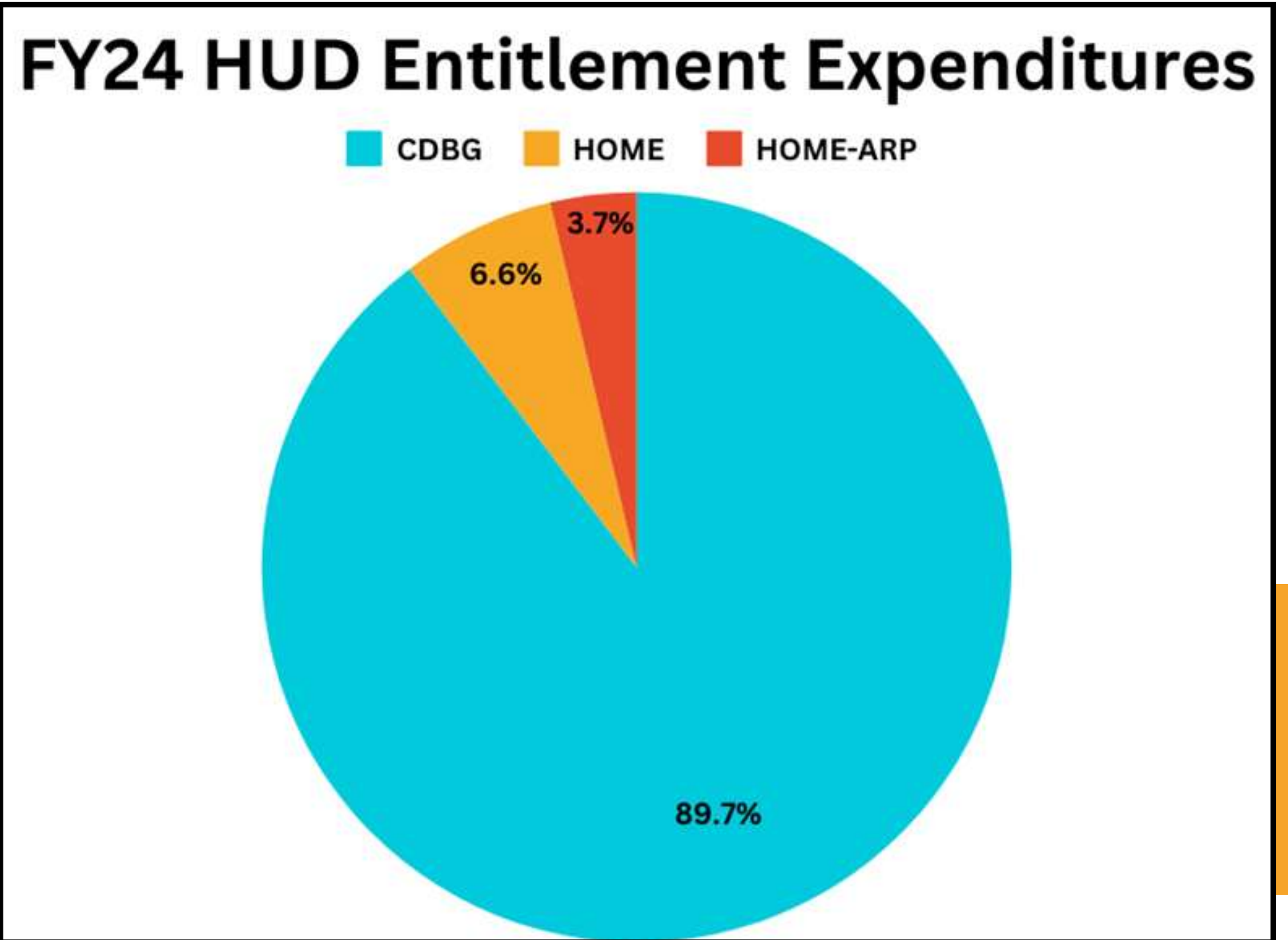
Resources Available

CDBG HOME HOME-ARP
Carryover CDBG Carryover HOME



FY 2024 Expenditures

CDBG: \$3,545,422.66
HOME: \$262,496.90
HOME-ARP: \$146,785.44
TOTAL: \$3,954,705.00



EXPENDITURES PY23/FY24

CDBG: 89.7%
HOME: 6.6%
HOME-ARP: 3.7%



55 projects managed from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

All projects fall under 3 HUD

Priorities:

**Increase, create, and sustain
affordable housing**

**Increase suitable living
environments**

**Reduce poverty/expand
economic opportunity**



COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT



CRD Sub-Recipients

HOME

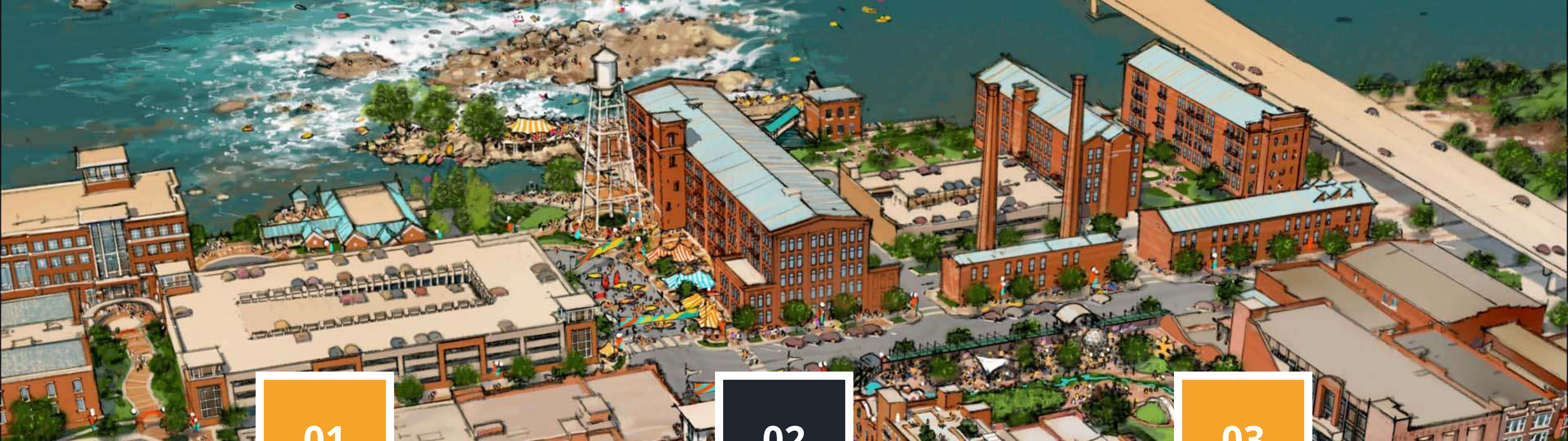
NeighborWorks Columbus
Open Door Community House

CDBG-PS

Boys & Girls Club
MercyMed
Hope Harbour
Truth Spring
Girls Inc
United Way
Literacy Alliance
The Food Mill
Safehouse

CDBG-PF

The Food Mill
Engineering
Parks & Recreation
Boys & Girls Clubs
Girls Inc
Farmers Market
Habitat for Humanity
Access 2 Independence



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Persons Served

CDBG Public Service

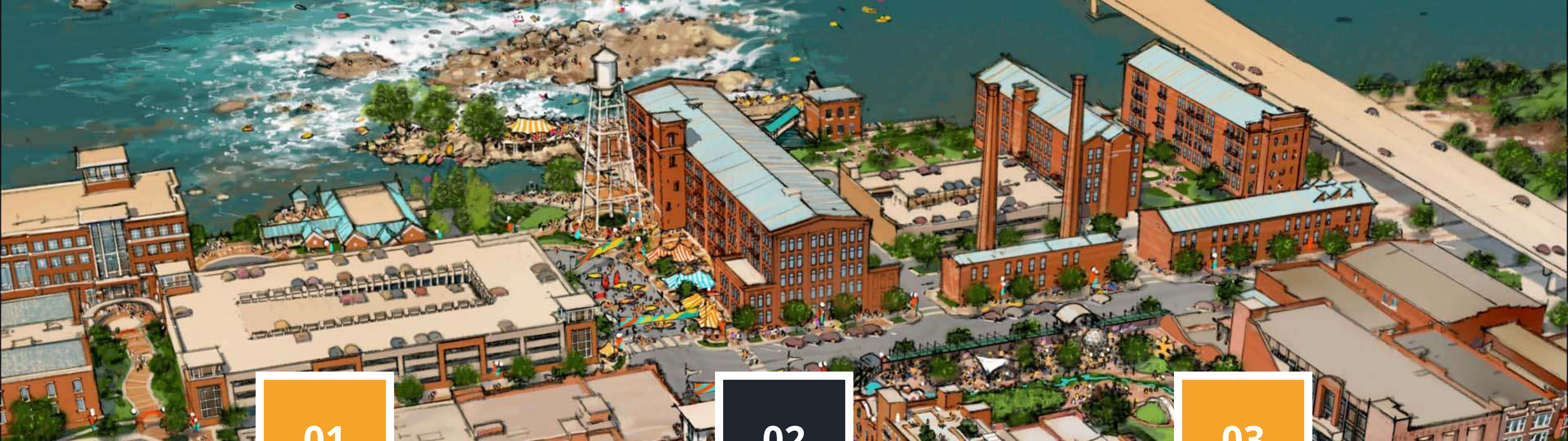
Goal Percentage

39,934

2,367

1687.11%





01

02

03

Persons Served

CDBG Public Infastructure

Goal Percentage

26,787

5,771

464.16%



Event Highlight: **CDBG 50th Birthday Celebration**

Community Reinvestment recently hosted a celebration for the 50th anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, honoring its impact on local development.

The event featured awards given to those who have made significant contributions to the community using CDBG funding. Additionally, several partner organizations attended to showcase the programs they run with CDBG support, offering valuable information to the community about housing, public services, and economic development initiatives that benefit low- to moderate-income residents.



HOME

Program Highlight:



This home was newly constructed by NeighborWorks Columbus which culminated with it being sold to a homebuyer with a total household income which was less than 80% of the applicable fiscal year's Area Median Income (AMI).

This homebuyer is a single parent. The homebuyer purchased the new 3-bedroom and 2-bathroom home for \$153,400. By all indicators, this project has been highly a highly successful one which benefited not only an income eligible homebuyer, but also a neighborhood in need of revitalization, and a city in need of such safe, decent, and sanitary affordable housing options for its citizens.



CDBG

Program Highlight:



MercyMed of Columbus is a nonprofit healthcare center dedicated to providing essential medical services to individuals facing barriers to care, especially low-income households.

Serving as a safety net for the local community, MercyMed offers Primary Care, Dentistry, Counseling, Physical Therapy, and wellness programs, ensuring no one is denied quality healthcare due to financial challenges. To date, the clinic has provided over 200,000 healthcare visits, helping those who often fall through the cracks of the traditional healthcare system.



CDBG

Program Highlight:



Girls Inc. focuses on empowering girls aged 6-16 to overcome gender, economic, and social barriers by fostering confidence, education, and independence through long-term mentoring and a pro-girl environment.

Their Full STREAM Ahead program encourages hands-on exploration of Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STREAM). Activities like visits to industry sites, gardening, mechanical engineering projects, and soapbox derbies promote curiosity, teamwork, and problem-solving. With support from local partners, the program prepares girls for future success in STREAM fields.



CDBG

Program Highlight:

Demolition of the

Former Georgia State Farmers Market

The former Georgia State Farmers Market, once a symbol of the region's agricultural heritage, is set for demolition, funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, to make way for new opportunities that meet the evolving needs of the community.

This project aims to repurpose the underused site, offering potential for public spaces, or community services, all focused on benefiting low- to moderate-income residents. The redevelopment represents a step toward inclusive, sustainable growth, ensuring the area remains a community asset and supports long-term economic and social progress.



HOME-ARP

Program Highlight:

Salvation Army Center of Hope

The Salvation Army Center of Hope will be a vital resource offering shelter, support, and hope to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The center provides safe, temporary housing, along with access to essential services such as meals, case management, and job readiness programs.

By combining compassion with practical support, it plays a critical role in helping vulnerable members of the community rebuild their lives and achieve self-sufficiency.





THE IMPACT

WHAT WE'RE DOING FY25

CDBG

Program Highlight:

The Food Mill Shared Kitchen Overview

The Food Mill in Columbus, Georgia, is a transformative initiative addressing food insecurity, economic challenges, and community health through innovative programs and partnerships.

The Food Mill has become a hub for change, thanks to \$2,040,500 in funding from sources including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which empowers residents with knowledge and tools to build healthier lives and sustainable economic opportunities.



CDBG

Program Highlight:

The Food Mill

Shared Kitchen Space

The Shared Kitchen at the Food Mill provides a certified space for local food entrepreneurs, reducing overhead costs and fostering innovation.

It serves as an incubator for cottage food businesses while promoting nutritional education and community health.



CDBG

Program Highlight:

The Food Mill Shared Kitchen Mobile Market



The Mobile Market reaches areas of high food insecurity, bringing fresh produce to nearly 2,000 customers annually.

This initiative along with other programming addresses systemic health and economic disparities while fostering a culture of resilience and empowerment.



CDBG

Program Highlight:

The Food Mill Shared Kitchen Cooking Matters

Cooking Matters, offered by The Food Mill, is a hands-on program empowering individuals and families to prepare healthy, budget-friendly meals.

Participants learn practical cooking skills, nutrition education, and strategies for stretching food dollars, promoting long-term food security and wellness.



CDBG

Program Highlight:

The Food Mill Shared Kitchen Food Pantry



The Food Mill's pantry provides twice-monthly emergency food assistance, distributing 250,000 pounds of food to over 10,000 residents in 2023, with a focus on fresh produce.

Supported by the American Heart Association, it serves as Columbus' first heart-healthy pantry, offering nutritious options while promoting long-term solutions to food insecurity through education and healthier choices.



CDBG

Program Highlight:



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY

The Boys and Girls Club North Center remodel focuses on creating a safer, more accessible, and accommodating environment for its growing student population.

The project includes enhancing lighting for better visibility, and renovating restrooms to improve accessibility. To meet the needs of more students, program space is being expanded by dividing an existing area into two rooms with the addition of a partition wall, ensuring a more functional and inclusive space for learning and activities.



CDBG

Program Highlight:



The SHINE initiative by Enrichment Services Program, Inc. addresses the critical lack of affordable housing by providing supportive housing and comprehensive services to single-parent families with children in Early Head Start and Head Start programs.

This supportive housing program offers stable housing, empowering families with tailored resources, and connections to long-term solutions that promote self-sufficiency. By focusing on individualized needs, the initiative aims to build a foundation for lasting housing, economic and personal growth.



CDBG

Program Highlight: Mellon Street Pocket Park

The Mellon Street Pocket Park will be a revitalized community space created through a partnership with the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

This project contributes to the city's broader effort to enhance urban areas, promote community engagement, and provide more recreational opportunities.



HOME

Program Highlight:



Nueva Valley will consist of seven newly constructed single-family homes on 2.915 acres in the Forest Park Subdivision, replacing overgrown basketball courts and abandoned concrete slabs.

This infill project aims to address the critical need for affordable housing in Columbus, particularly for low- and moderate-income households. With a shortage of both affordable rental and homeownership options, affordability remains the city's most pressing housing issue, compounded by overcrowded and substandard conditions.



ARP

Program Highlight:

HARP

The HARP (Homeownership Assistance and Repair Program) in Columbus, GA, is designed to help low- and moderate-income homeowners improve their living conditions and achieve greater stability.

This program provides financial assistance for necessary home repairs, such as roof replacements, plumbing, electrical work, and other critical maintenance, ensuring that residents can maintain safe and healthy homes.



ARP

Program Highlight:

HARP

The program aims to reduce housing disparities in Columbus by addressing the needs of families facing financial challenges and helping them achieve long-term housing stability.

By supporting home repairs, HARP fosters community development, enhances the quality of life, and promotes neighborhood revitalization. It plays a crucial role in reducing blight, ultimately creating a more vibrant and inclusive Columbus.





THE IMPACT

WHERE WE'RE GOING FY26

FY 2026 Resources

CDBG:	\$1,361,220.80
HOME:	\$731,889.82
ESG:	\$116,745.60
TOTAL:	\$2,209,856.22

UPCOMING

Annual Action Plan NOFA Meeting
5:30 PM | January 9, 2025



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