

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>FY24 HUD Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested for the submission of the FY24 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Community Reinvestment</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested for the filing of the FY24 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

**Background:**

The City of Columbus assesses their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions through its Consolidated Plan, to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions. The Consolidated Plan is mandated by federal law and regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order for the City of Columbus to receive federal funding for affordable housing and community development initiatives benefiting primarily low- and moderate-income persons.

The Annual Action Plan (2023) is a document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) illustrating how CDBG and HOME Entitlement funding will be expended annually. Resolution 158-23 authorized the filing of the FY24 Annual Action Plan with HUD.

In accordance with federal regulations found at 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) and the City of Columbus' Community Reinvestment Citizen Participation Plan, The Community Reinvestment Department plans to submit a substantial amendment to the FY24 HUD Annual Action Plan. A substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan is required when a 25% change in federal funding occurs for projects of \$25,000 or more.

The substantial amendment seeks to use CDBG funding as a tool to address housing affordability and accessibility for low-income households principally through property acquisition activities. In addition, the substantial amendment will allow for the demolition of 5 commercial structures at the former GA State Farmer's Market, paving the way for future development.

A Summary of Changes to the PY23 Annual Action Plan include:

**Deletions**

- Infrastructure and Public Facilities - \$400,261 (moved to acquisition/disposition)

- Affordable Housing Development - \$250,000 (\$194,000 moved to acquisition/disposition, \$56,000 moved to housing rehab)
- Accessibility Home Compliance Program - \$3,000 (moved to housing rehabilitation)
- Lead-based Paint Testing Program - \$1,000 (moved to housing rehabilitation)

**Additions**

- Acquisition/Disposition – originally funded with \$100,000 for the acquisition of 1 unit. This amount has been increased to \$694,261 for the acquisition of 3 or more affordable housing units.
- Housing Rehabilitation – originally funded with \$4,000 to accommodate accessibility improvements and lead based paint testing. This amount has been increased to \$60,000.

**Other Changes**

- Demolitions – funding was originally planned for the demolition of 4 residential structures. Funding will now be applied to the demolition of 2 commercial structures at the former GA State Farmer’s Market.

A public comment period is currently open and is expected to expire on February 12th, 2024. A virtual public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:00pm to accept comments from the public.

**Analysis:** A resolution is needed to authorize the filing of the FY24 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

**Financial Considerations:** The sources of federal funding for projects recommended in the FY24 Annual Action plan are:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,660,399
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**Legal Considerations:** Council must approve the filing of the FY2024 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**Recommendation/Action:** Authorize the filing of the FY2024 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE FY24 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)**

**WHEREAS**, the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia wishes to come into compliance with Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, the National Affordable

Housing Act of 1990 as amended, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 as amended, and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act of 2010 as amended; and,

**WHEREAS**, the FY2024/PY2033 Annual Action Plan for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia has been developed as prescribed by the Federal Regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia wishes to make amendments and apply for federal funds and programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and,

**WHEREAS**, the sources of federal funding and programs are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the FY2024/PY2023 Annual Action Plan substantial amendment is hereby approved for filing with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and further authorizes the City Manager and/or his designee to execute all contracts, agreements, and understandings related to the FY2024 Annual Action Plans

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of January 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Begley voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Woodson voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor