

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Resolution No. 54-2020

Introduced: April 6, 2020

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Fiscal Impact:

In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020, the County anticipates receiving a total of \$1,775,077 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This amount includes \$1,309,534 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$465,543 for Home Investment Partnership Programs (HOME).

The HUD requires a 25 percent County match for HOME grants. The 25 percent County match is \$116,386 for FFY 2020. It will be deducted from the County's Banked Match account held by HUD. The Banked Match account consists of the value of the donated land from the redevelopment of the Hilltop project in Ellicott City. The appraised value of \$6,732,000 was banked for future HOME projects. A balance of approximately \$6.0 million remains in this account.

In addition, the CDBG Program is expected to contribute \$10,779 of Program Income towards the FFY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

Purpose:

The County must adopt an Annual Action Plan for housing and community services in order to qualify for the receipt of federal CDBG and HOME funds. The Annual Action Plan outlines the proposed activities that will be undertaken for the upcoming program year.

The County must also adopt a Consolidated Plan every five years in order to remain eligible for CDBG and HOME funds, and the last plan was adopted by passage of CR51-2016.

This legislation adopts the Howard County Consolidated Plan FFY 2020 – FFY 2024, including the Howard County Annual Action Plan Program Year 2020, as the Consolidated Housing Plan for the purpose of qualifying for the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships funds.

Other Comments:

Proposed activities for the upcoming program year are as follows:

CDBG Activities (\$1,309,534 plus \$10,779 program income):

- CDBG Program Planning and Administration - \$120,063
- Fair Housing Regional Analysis of Impediments Coordinator - \$9,000
- Office of Human Rights - Fair Housing Activity - \$60,000
- Columbia Housing Center Affirmative Marketing Program - \$75,000
- Roger Carter Recreation Center Redevelopment - \$196,985
- Emergency Public Facility - \$24,000
- The United Way - Rehab - \$100,000
- Humanim, Inc. - Rehab - \$136,564
- Help End Homelessness – Acquisition - \$150,000
- The ARC of Howard County – Rehab - \$98,907
- Rebuilding Together - Homeowner Rehab - \$174,173
- Grassroots Shelter Program - \$40,000
- Hope Works of Howard County - Transitional Housing - \$35,621
- Community Action Council - Housing Stability - \$100,000
- **TOTAL CDBG - \$1,320,313**

HOME Activities:

- iHomes - Rehab - \$172,000
- Help End Homelessness - Rehab - \$7,500
- Affordable Housing Project - \$119,489
- Down Payment Assistance - \$120,000
- HOME Administration - \$46,554
- **TOTAL HOME - \$465,543**