

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Resolution No. 57-2021

Introduced: April 5, 2021

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Fiscal Impact:

In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021, the County anticipates receiving a total of \$1,848,382 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This amount includes \$1,363,125 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$485,257 for Home Investment Partnership Programs (HOME).

The HUD requires a 25 percent County match for HOME grants. The 25 percent County match is \$121,314 for FFY 2021. 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 \$6.1 million remains in this account.

In addition, the CDBG Program is expected to contribute \$10,779 of Program Income towards the FFY 2021 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 Housing Plan every five years in order to remain eligible for CDBG and HOME funds, and the last plan was adopted by passage of Council Resolution 54-2020.

This legislation adopts the Howard County Annual Action Plan Federal Fiscal Year 2021, as required under 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 (\$1,363,125 plus \$10,779 program income):

- CDBG Program Planning and Administration - \$189,000
- Fair Housing Regional Analysis of Impediments Coordinator - \$9,000
- Columbia Housing Center Affirmative Marketing Program - \$75,000
- Roger Carter Recreation Center Redevelopment - \$196,985
- Emergency Public Facility - \$24,000
- Bridges to Housing Stability - Rehab - \$33,236
- Howard County Housing Commission - Rehab - \$103,236
- Living in Recovery - Rehab - \$33,236
- The ARC of Howard County – Rehab - \$90,998
- The United Way – Rehab - \$153,236
- Bridges to Housing Stability – Acquisition - \$103,239
- Rebuilding Together - Homeowner Rehab - \$177,409
- Community Action Council - Housing Stability - \$103,236
- Grassroots Shelter Program - \$43,236
- Hope Works of Howard County - Transitional Housing - \$38,857
- **TOTAL CDBG - \$1,373,904**

HOME Activities:

- CHDO Set-Aside Project (iHomes) - \$72,788
- Affordable Housing Project - \$203,943
- Down Payment Assistance - \$160,000
- HOME Administration - \$48,526
- **TOTAL HOME - \$485,257**