

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Resolution No. 42-2022

Introduced: April 4, 2022

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Fiscal Impact:

In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022, the County anticipates receiving a total of \$1,879,249 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This amount includes \$1,393,992 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 2022. According to the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the County match 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 2022 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 FFY 2022, 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, according to the Howard County Annual Action Plan FFY 2022:

CDBG Activities (\$1,383,213 plus \$10,779 program income):

- CDBG Program Planning and Administration - \$128,798
- Office of Human Rights and Equity – Fair Housing Activity - \$60,000
- Columbia Housing Center Affirmative Marketing Program - \$90,000
- Roger Carter Recreation Center Redevelopment - \$196,984
- Emergency Public Facility - \$24,000
- Bridges to Housing Stability – Rehab - \$35,000
- Howard County Housing Commission – Rehab - \$121,000
- Living in Recovery – Rehab - \$94,100
- Bridges to Housing Stability – Acquisition - \$125,000
- Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake - \$150,000
- Rebuilding Together – Homeowner Rehab - \$180,014
- Community Action Council – Housing Stability - \$105,236
- Grassroots Shelter Program - \$45,000
- Hope Works of Howard County – Transitional Housing - \$38,858
- **TOTAL CDBG - \$1,393,992**

HOME Activities:

- Chesapeake Neighbors – Route 1 Expansion - \$196,731
- Bridges to Housing Stability – Transition Home - \$80,000
- Down Payment Assistance - \$160,000
- HOME Administration - \$48,525
- **TOTAL HOME - \$485,257**