

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Resolution No. 39-2024

Introduced: April 1, 2024

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Fiscal Impact:

In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024, the County anticipates receiving a total of \$1,884,343 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This amount includes \$1,310,347 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and \$573,996 in Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds.

The HUD funding requires a 25 percent County match for HOME grants. The County match is \$107,625 for FFY 2024. 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 \$5,903,703 remains in this account.

In addition, the CDBG Program is expected to contribute \$10,000 of Program Income towards the FFY 2024 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 2024, as required under the Consolidated Housing Plan, for the purpose of qualifying for the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program funds.

Other Comments:

Proposed activities for the upcoming program year are as follows, according to the Howard County Annual Action Plan FFY 2024:

CDBG Activities (\$1,310,347 plus \$10,000 program income):

- Rebuilding Together, Howard County - \$200,000
- Hope Works - \$36,600
- Community Action Council - \$109,500
- Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center - \$50,000
- The ARC of Howard County - \$215,021
- Columbia Housing Center - \$110,000
- Administration and Planning - \$28,242
- Roger Carter Community Center - \$196,984
- Howard County Housing Commission - \$24,000
- Ranleagh Court - \$175,000
- Waverly Winds - \$175,000
- **TOTAL CDBG - \$1,320,347**

HOME Activities:

- iHomes/Humanim - \$225,000
- Settlement Downpayment Loan Program (SDLP) - \$160,000
- CHDO Set Aside - \$86,099
- Administration and Planning - \$57,400
- Future Housing - \$45,497
- **TOTAL HOME - \$573,996**