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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT /HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

Dauphin County is a federal entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). As a HUD entitlement community, the County is required to prepare an Annual Action Plan (AP) which outlines the county's yearly goals, expected use of CDBG/HOME resources, and plans to allocate its federal funding over the next program year. The CDBG Urban County excludes the City of Harrisburg and Lower Paxton Township, which receive their own entitlement funding from HUD, as well as Washington Township, which has opted out of participation in the Urban County for the 2023-2025 program years. This AP covers the 2024 Program Year. (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025) and will be submitted to HUD for approval as part of the annual allocation process. The investments outlined in this plan are consistent with the long-term goals and objectives outlined in Dauphin County's broader 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan previously approved by HUD.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

Using the recently approved 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan as the guiding framework, three overarching objectives guide the proposed activities and investments in the 2024 Action Plan:

- Objective #1: Provide Decent Affordable Housing including constructing new affordable housing
 to address the overwhelming deficit, supporting acquisition of additional properties for
 affordable housing development, supporting first-time homebuyers with downpayment
 assistance, and preserving owner-occupied affordable housing through rehabilitation. Priority
 focus will be given to investing 2024 HOME Set Aside and prior unspent HOME funds on
 affordable housing production through a newly established Community Housing Development
 Organization (CHDO).
- **Objective #2:** Create Suitable Living Environments including investing in municipal infrastructure in low-to-moderate income communities and project areas, as well as investing in public services addressing community issues ranging from mental health to human trafficking.

 Objective #3: Create Economic Opportunities by supporting public services that provide socioeconomic stability and upward mobility through workforce training and employment services to multiple underserved populations.

Outcomes show how programs and activities actually benefit a community or the people served. The three outcomes that will illustrate the benefits of each activity funded by 2023 CDBG and HOME programs are:

- Outcome #1: Increased Access to Affordable Housing. This includes increasing the number of new affordable housing units created, number of families assisted by the First-Time Homebuyer's Program, and number of LMI homes rehabilitated.
- Outcome #2: Improved Availability/Accessibility of public facilities and public services in low-to-moderate income (LMI) areas. This includes the number of LMI beneficiaries benefitting from public infrastructure improvement projects (including removal of accessibility barriers) and public services supported with CDBG funds.
- **Outcome #3:** Increased Economic Opportunity. This includes the number of LMI beneficiaries served through job training, employment, and/or reentry services supported with CDBG funds.

All activities proposed for funding in this Action Plan support at least one objective and one outcome outlined above. The County will realize these outcomes and objectives by gearing investments of 2024 CDBG and HOME funds (and other sources of funds) towards one of the goals below.

- Provide and Preserve Decent, Affordable Housing, Increase First-Time Homeownership, and End Chronic Homelessness.
- Provide a Suitable Living Environment in LMI communities including access to quality infrastructure and removal of barriers to accessibility.
- Support new or increased public services that improve quality of life for LMI populations and provide economic opportunity.

2024 CDBG and HOME funding will be invested in conjunction with other sources of funding (previous HOME funds, HOME-ARP, ARP, PA Whole-Home Repairs Program, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Local Share Gaming Grant, etc.) to meet the goals above.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Dauphin County selected 2024 CDBG/HOME projects based on a review of past investments, current needs on the ground as expressed through the annual application process, review of subrecipient capacity based on prior performance, feedback from stakeholder meetings and public comment, and consideration of new, non-HUD state and federal funds to judiciously invest CDBG/HOME funds without

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duplication. 2024 has seen a historic influx of federal, state, and local funds addressing overwhelming needs similar to those the CDBG/HOME programs address, thus requiring Dauphin County to carefully choose its projects to maximize HUD investments and supplement (rather than duplicate) other programs and efforts.

Regarding performance, an area where need far exceeds performance is affordable housing. In 2023, the affordable housing and homelessness crisis has reached critical mass, highlighting the historic underperformance in producing affordable housing units and prompting the county to consider investments in a manner that best supports addressing both issues. As seen in the Consolidated Plan, HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, and a recently commissioned independent Dauphin County Housing Study, the county continues to face a critical shortage in affordable housing units lagging behind demand for affordable housing of all types. The projected shortage of affordable housing units of all types ranges in the thousands, while the waitlist for public housing sits at 8,657 applicants. Homelessness has also reached peak levels, becoming a major humanitarian and policy issue for Dauphin County and the City of Harrisburg.

For these reasons, the 2024 Action Plan focuses HOME funds on creating new affordable housing options of various types. Dauphin County will invest \$796,980.41 in *old* HOME CHDO Set-Aside funds into the Sycamore Homes Project, a 23-unit affordable rental project targeting individuals at 50% or lower Area-Median Income and providing holistic wrap-around services on top of affordable apartments. The county will also invest \$210,868 in 2024 HOME CHDO Set-Aside Funds into an additional affordable housing project as well as provide \$50,000 in CHDO Operating Support to help expand the capacity of its new CHDO. Additional CDBG investments will be made to Brethren Housing Association to acquire properties for affordable housing in Steelton Borough and support housing-related public service activities. HOME funds will also continue to be invested in the First-Time Homebuyers Program and HOME Rehabilitation Program, two successful programs that help LMI families purchase a home or remain housed.

Regarding homelessness, the county will use a separate HOME-ARP allocation (addressed in a separate plan) to address the goal of ending chronic homelessness. The county will also continue to invest in public services and supportive services for homeless and at-risk-for-homelessness populations. This includes funding for reentry training/workforce development, housing services for victims of human trafficking, and fair-housing counseling which includes eviction prevention and dispute mediation.

An area where performance is improving is the improvement of infrastructure in LMI areas. The 2024 local application process showed a *decrease* in year-over-year requests for infrastructure funding. While the need is still significant, this signals infrastructure as an area of strong performance for the CDBG program. In 2024, there is approximately \$1 million in total CDBG infrastructure requests. This results in a proposed CDBG investment of \$1.13 million in infrastructure projects--a marked decrease from prior years. Regardless, significant need in infrastructure and public service activities continues to exist.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

As part of the County's ongoing efforts to notify and engage the public in the annual planning process, the County held two publicly advertised outreach meetings. One meeting was held on February 5, 2024 at 9:00am and the other was held on May 1, 2024 at 1:00pm. Both meetings were held at the Dauphin County office of the Department of Community and Economic Development located at 3211 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA. Teleconference options were also provided to the public through public advertisements in the Patriot News (the largest publication of general circulation) and on the county website.

The meetings invited the public to participate in the annual development process and to provide feedback or questions on the draft Annual Action Plan, planned projects, and process. The Public was also offered a **30-day** review period after the Action Plan was drafted to review and submit written comments on the plan prior to submission to HUD. This period took place between April 5, 2024 and May 5, 2024 and was publicly advertised in the Patriot News. Drafts of the plan were made available at the Dauphin County Office of Community and Economic Development as well as on the county website.

Dauphin County was also proactive in outreach to solicit CDBG and HOME applications from a broad range of entities thus determining the list of projects funded. This included hard copy correspondence, personal outreach, and making the application widely available in hard copy and digital format. Staff also provided technical assistance to applicants to ensure applicants of all capabilities were able to apply to the CDBG/HOME program.

Stakeholder consultation meetings were arranged via direct outreach to the County's list of social services providers, municipalities, affordable housing stakeholders, and entities engaged in critical community development areas including broadband, business development, homelessness, domestic violence, reentry and emergency management. Outreach consisted of written outreach, e-mail outreach, and direct telephone outreach. Stakeholder meetings were held virtually via the Teams meeting platform on February 20, 2024, February 22, 2024, and February 26, 2024. All three meetings were attended by a broad range of stakeholders that surpassed participation in 2023 and provided critical and timely feedback to consider as part of the 2024 Action Plan.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Brethren Housing Associates of PA attended the Public Hearing on February 5, 2024 and described their concerns as being:

- Access to Affordable Daycare. They went on to elaborate the need for 2nd and 3rd shift daycare facilities; as many of the residents of Brethren Housing would be able to have a job if they had access to daycare during the 2nd and 3rd shift hours.
- Housing Discrimination Often security deposits are increased for people with criminal records.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

Dauphin County did not reject any public comments or views.

7. Summary

This Action Plan outlines the goals of Dauphin County for its CDBG and HOME funds for the 2024 Program Year. Following extensive outreach and public input, a competitive application process, and a thorough stakeholder input process, the Annual Action Plan clearly outlines programs and activities that will address the identified needs found in the county's Consolidated Plan. Despite the number of needs identified by stakeholders and the public, the County's CDBG and HOME programs are limited in funding and the county has carefully selected investments in the context of other historic levels of federal, state, and local resources. This document outlines the County's plans to maximize this investment of federal CDBG and HOME resources. It also notes investments being made from other sources of funding to give as complete a picture as possible of upcoming investments in program year 2024.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role		Name		Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	DAUPH	IN COUNTY	Department of	Community and Economic Development
HOME Administrator	DAUPH	IN COUNTY	Department of	Community and Economic Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Dauphin County manages and implements its own projects funded by HUD through a three-member commission. The Commissioners of Dauphin County have designated the Dauphin County Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to be the primary agency responsible for the planning, management, and implementation of all HUD funding the County receives. The DCED is the lead agency which manages the County's HUD entitlement programs including both CDBG and HOME funds. In addition, DCDCED works in coordination with the Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin to promote safe and available housing while attempting to address a variety of housing needs within the County. The County also participates in the Harrisburg/Dauphin Continuum of Care. Pursuant to this designation, DCDCED subsequently runs CDBG and HOME programs through its Dauphin County Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The Dauphin County Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) developed an outreach effort to maximize input from a large cross-section of stakeholders. This outreach effort included public meetings, published meeting notices, social media outreach, and multiple stakeholder/focus group meetings to engage a broad variety of stakeholders and County residents. The County also consulted key planning documents including its HOME-ARP allocation plan, 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, and 2023 Housing Study to inform its 2024 Action Plan.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

Specific to the Annual Action Plan, Dauphin County consulted with a variety of non-profits, social service providers, community residents, broadband providers, governmental agencies and municipal leaders to determine the needs of the County, better allocate entitlement resources and foster coordination between agencies and providers. Hybrid stakeholder meetings were held on February 20, 22, and 26, 2024 bringing together affordable/special needs housing and service providers, homeless service agencies, economic development officials, elected officials, broadband providers, and health and human service providers. The County actively discussed coordination opportunities with stakeholders at these meetings and shared participant contact lists to enhance coordination and contact post-meeting.

As a standing practice, the county further holds regular individual meetings with housing and public service providers to address concerns and connect them with programs/other providers. It is the policy of the Daupin County Office of Community and Economic Development to have an open door with service providers in all areas and staff have a strong relationship with staff and officials across agencies/providers. The county also held its annual Local Government Forum on April 2, 2024 where municipal officials learn more about available programs, resources and programs.

Beginning in 2022, Dauphin County also created an internal Affordable Housing Work Group consisting of staff from the Office of Community and Economic Development, Dauphin County Human Services, and the City of Harrisburg to coordinate housing activities. The result is potential partnership in funding HOME-ARP CACH project. The County is also in the process of creating an Affordable Housing Task Force tasked with carrying out the recommendations found in the recently Dauphin County Housing Study.

It is also important to note that the County has structured its Office of Community and Economic Development role in housing to maximize coordination. Both the Director and Deputy Director sit on the Dauphin County Housing Authority, Affordable Housing Associates of Dauphin County, and Mohn Street Accessible Housing boards to facilitate constant coordination with the Housing Authority.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

Dauphin County participates in the Harrisburg/Dauphin County Continuum of Care, has implemented a Coordinated Entry system in order to assess the unique needs, barriers and strengths of persons experiencing housing crises that refers them to resources, services and housing best suited for addressing those needs and barriers. Along with Coordinated Entry, data collected through the County's HMIS informs the County and Continuum's plans to address homeless issues throughout the County, but especially in rural areas. The Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness (CACH) is the CoC Lead, and continues to be a valuable resource for the County in its effort to prioritize resources and end homelessness. Members of CACH include the Director of Dauphin County Human Services.

Recently, Dauphin County and the City of Harrisburg have partnered to coordinate HOME-ARP planning with CACH to better coordinate serving homelessness needs through HOME-ARP investments. This process has been active since 2022 and should result in investing in projects deemed most critical by the Continuum of Care.

Efforts to address the needs of homeless individuals in the 2024 Action Plan include investments in public service providers that provide services to homeless and at-risk for homelessness populations and investments in affordable housing, including investing in Operation Green Light (victims of human trafficking), CEO (reentry populations), and Fair Housing Council. Aside from HUD investments, the county additionally supports homelessness providers through its Local Share Grant and American Rescue Plan funds, and is directly involved in the provision of transition, supportive, and temproary housing through its Department of Human Services. In addition, Dauphin County has invested significant Local Share Funds into the Veterans Outreach of Pennsylvania (VOPA) Veterans Tiny Home Community (a transitional housing community for veterans) including the Dauphin County Redevelopment Authority acting as grantee on a \$1.5 million Redevelopment Capital Assistance Grant for the project. This project will create tiny transitional homes for veterans with on-site supportive services.

With HOME-ARP applications opening on April 1, 2024, a heavy focus on addressing the needs of homeless persons will occur during the 2024 program year.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

Dauphin County does not receive ESG funds directly from HUD; rather, it seeks competitive funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through its Department of Human Services.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Dauphin County Department of Community and Economic Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
		Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Housing Need Assessment
	Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
		Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
		Homeless Needs - Families with children
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans
		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
		Homelessness Strategy
		Non-Homeless Special Needs
		Market Analysis
		Economic Development
		Anti-poverty Strategy
		Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the	Participated in stakeholder meetings and gathered input from stakeholders on a
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What	daily basis as well as managed the annual CDBG/HOME application process. Also
	are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or	prepared the Annual Action Plan. Anticipated outcomes are investment of
	areas for improved coordination?	CDBG/HOME funds in the areas of greatest need.

Agency/Group/Organization		Northern Dauphin County Human Services Center
Agency/Group/Organization T	уре	Services - Housing
		Services-Children
		Services-Elderly Persons
		Services-Persons with Disabilities
		Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
		Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
		Services-homeless
		Services-Health
		Services-Education
		Services-Employment
		Service-Fair Housing
		Services - Victims
		Other government - County
What section of the Plan was	addressed by	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
Consultation?		Homeless Needs - Families with children
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans
		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
		Homelessness Strategy
		Non-Homeless Special Needs
Briefly describe how the		Participated in the February 26, 2024 stakeholder engagement hearing.
Agency/Group/Organization v	vas consulted. What	Anticipates to continue coordination with other social service providers in
are the anticipated outcomes	of the consultation or	Southern Dauphin County. Also continues to support public services in Northern
areas for improved coordinati	on?	Dauphin County.Participated in the February 20, 2024 stakeholder engagement
		hearing. The Operations Director expressed a variety of concerns for the
		Northern Dauphin County area:* No shelter options. They are averaging 25
		homeless or near homeless a month* No public transportation which limits
		mobility for the community to get access to services

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Borough of Steelton
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 20, 2024 stakeholder meeting. Currently the Borough of Steelton has sewer projects that are being worked on; but the manager expressed the need for street maintenance.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Middle Paxton Township
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 20, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. Received past award for installation of an elevator in their municipal building for ADA compliance.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of Dauphin County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 20, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. Reiterated the need for affordable housing and affordable rental units. Discussed the overall needs for residents of Dauphin County. Feels that the priority investment would be to stabilize housing for the homeless population.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	Lykens Borough Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 20, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. Lykens has been a good steward of CDBG funding and continues to improve their infrastructure in this Northern Dauphin County town.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	South Hanover Township
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 20, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. Continues to use CDBG funding to make improvements in their sanitary sewer system.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	MID PENN LEGAL SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Legal Services for LMI persons
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 20, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. MidPenn Legal will be assisting with guardianship proceedings as there is a new law that goes into effect in July 2024.

9	Agency/Group/Organization	Borough of Highspire
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 20, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. Continued use of CDBG funds for infrastructure improvements.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Keystone Human Services - Capital Area Head Start
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Educational Services for LMI Children
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 20, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. Continued use of CDBG funds to maintain infrastructure within the Borough.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Tri County Community Action Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 20, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. The Executive Director noted the increase in utilities. 20,000 people applied for LIHEAP which is up from 14,000 in 2023.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	ARC of Central Pennsylvania
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Services persons with disabilities
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 20, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. Expressed the need for continued funding for programming.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Center for Independent Living of Central Pennsylvania
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 20, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. They continue to assist Dauphin County residents for have the need for ADA accommodations.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Elizabethville Area Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 20, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. Elizabethville Borough continues to apply for CDBG funds to aid in rehabilitation of their aging infrastructure.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Pillow Borough Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 20, 2024 Stakeholder meeting.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Borough of Hummelstown
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 22, 2024 Stakeholder meeting.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Williamstown Water & Sewer Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 22, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. The Water Authority is a good steward of CDBG funding and continues to maintain the aging infrastructure.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Halifax Township
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 22, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. The Mayor expressed the need for affordable housing in Halifax.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Capital Area Transit
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization Transportation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Transportation
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 22, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. Aware of the fact that individuals are unable to pay for the fair until they start to earn a paycheck. Monthly passes are more cost effective, so they have developed a "pay as you go" program.

20	Agency/Group/Organization	Dauphin County Department of Public Safety
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Emergency Management
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Emergency Management and Hazard Mitigation
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 22, 2024 Stakeholder meeting.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 22, 2024 Stakeholder meeting.

22	Agency/Group/Organization	The Salvation Army Harrisburg Capital City Region
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
		Services-Children
		Services-Elderly Persons
		Services-Persons with Disabilities
		Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
		Services-homeless
		Services-Health
		Services-Education
		Services-Employment
		Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
	Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children
		Homelessness Strategy
		Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the	Participated in the February 22, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. The Salvation Army
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What	reiterated the need for CDBG funding in order to support their many services.
	are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or	
	areas for improved coordination?	
23	Agency/Group/Organization	Penbrook Borough
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the February 22, 2024 Stakeholder meeting. Continued funding for infrastructure upgrades.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Center for Employment Opportunities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in February 2024 stakeholder engagement meetings. Anticipated outcomes are CEO's continued participation in the annual CDBG application process as well as other county programs that have supported CEO in the past.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	SWATARA TOWNSHIP (DAUPHIN)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in February 2024 stakeholder engagement meetings. Anticipated outcomes are continued participation in the annual CDBG application process.

26	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities					
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children					
		Services-Elderly Persons					
		Services-Persons with Disabilities					
		Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS					
		Services-Victims of Domestic Violence					
		Services-homeless					
		Services-Health					
		Services-Education					
		Services-Employment					
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless					
	Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children					
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans					
		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth					
		Homelessness Strategy					
		Non-Homeless Special Needs					
	Briefly describe how the	Participated in February 2024 stakeholder engagement meetings. Anticipated					
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What	outcomes are continued participation in the annual CDBG application process as					
	are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or	well as other county programs that have supported them in the past.					
	areas for improved coordination?						
27	Agency/Group/Organization	Hamilton Health Center					
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children					
		Services-Elderly Persons					
		Services-Persons with Disabilities					
		Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS					
		Services-Health					
		Neighborhood Organization					

	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the	Participated in February 2024 stakeholder engagement meetings. Continued
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What	need for reliable healthcare for low- to moderate-income individuals. Hamilton
	are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or	Health Center has opened a facility in Northern Dauphin County.
	areas for improved coordination?	
28	Agency/Group/Organization	YWCA OF GREATER HARRISBURG
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
		Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
		Services-homeless
		Services-Health
		Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
	Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans
		Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the	Participated in February 2024 stakeholder engagement meetings. Anticipated
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What	outcomes are continued participation in the annual CDBG application process as
	are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or	well as other county programs that have supported them in the past.
	areas for improved coordination?	

29	Agency/Group/Organization	Dauphin County Human Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
		Services-Children
		Services-Elderly Persons
		Services-Persons with Disabilities
		Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
		Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
		Services-homeless
		Services-Health
		Services-Education
		Services-Employment
		Service-Fair Housing
		Services - Victims
		Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
	Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans
		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
		Homelessness Strategy
		Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the	Participated in February 2024 stakeholder engagement meetings. Anticipated
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What	outcomes are improved coordination with other social service providers in
	are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or	Southern Dauphin County and continued support for public services in Northern
	areas for improved coordination?	Dauphin County.

30	Agency/Group/Organization	Evolve Youth Trades Academy
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development job training
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in February 2024 stakeholder meetings. Anticipated outcome is Dauphin County investing 2024 CDBG funds in expanding the Evolve School to Work youth trades and workforce training program in Steelton.
31	Agency/Group/Organization	Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Land use and transportation planning
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in February 2024 stakeholder meetings.
32	Agency/Group/Organization	Conewago Township
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in February 2024 stakeholder engagement meetings.
33	Agency/Group/Organization	Latino Hispanic American Community Center (LHACC)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in February 2024 stakeholder engagement meetings. Anticipated outcomes are continued participation in the annual CDBG application process as well as other county programs that have supported them in the past.
34	Agency/Group/Organization	Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in February 2024 stakeholder engagement meetings.
35	Agency/Group/Organization	Shalom House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims

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	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Anti-poverty Strategy				
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in February 2024 stakeholder engagement meetings. Anticipated outcomes are Shalom's continued participation in the annual CDBG application process as well as other county programs that have supported them in the past.				
36	Agency/Group/Organization	Fair Housing Council				
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Education				
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs				
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in April 2024 stakeholder engagement meetings. Anticipated outcomes are continued investment in fair housing counseling and the other services provided by the FHC. The stakeholder is a regular participant in the CDBG application process.				
37	Agency/Group/Organization	Brethern Housing Association				
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services - Victims				
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children				
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in February 2024 stakeholder engagement meetings. Anticipated outcomes are continued investment in affordable rental housing and the other services provided by the Brethren Housing.				

38	Agency/Group/Organization	Paxtang Borough
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in February 2024 stakeholder engagement meetings.
39	Agency/Group/Organization	Lower Swatara Township
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in February 2024 stakeholder engagement meetings.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Dauphin County reached out to all agency types when soliciting participation in the stakeholder meetings and had its most robust response and participation to date.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?				
Name of Plan Continuum of Care	Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness	The goals in the 2024 Annual Action Plan help CACH achieve their goals by investing in projects and organizations that prevent homelessness. For example, the 2024 AP invests in projects to promote homeownership of LMI individuals, low-income home repairs to ensure homeowners are not forced into homelessness due to their home's condition, and public services targeting populations vulnerable to homelessness. Dauphin County is further investing HOME-ARP dollars in consultation with CACH and Harrisburg City to expand transitional housing options and supportive services. The				
		county is currently coordinating with CACH and its Department of Human Services to leverage ERAP and other federal funds to maximize impact.				

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Dauphin County's goal for citizen participation is to ensure broad participation of County residents, housing, economic, and service providers, County departments, nonprofit organizations, and other stakeholders in the planning and implementation of community development and housing programs. The citizen participation process utilized for the 2024 AAP is consistent with Dauphin County's approved Citizen Participation Plan.

For the development of the FY 2024 Action Plan, Dauphin County held two public meetings. The meetings were advertised in the *Patriot News* and PennLive as well as promoted through social media. The public hearings were held on February 5, 2024 and April 29, 2024. Persons with disabilities and LEP persons were provided opportunity to participate and comment.

For the first time in many years, members of the public actually attended and participated in the meetings in person-a positive sign for our increased efforts to spur public input.

The AAP was also set before the public for the required public review and comment period.

A complete summary of citizen participation, including public meeting minutes, attendance sheets, notices and citizen comments received are included in the Citizen Participation Appendix attached to this document.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non- targeted/broad community	2 members from the public attended in person.	Both members advocated for more transitional and permanent affordable housing in the Allison Hill section of Harrisburg City as well as throughout the county. Staff discussed options for using CDBG funds to acquire properties outside of the City. This resulted in receiving an application for funding this activity which is included in this Action Plan.	None.	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non- targeted/broad community	2 attendees.	See #1.	None.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Dauphin County continues to annually administer a suite of federal, state, and local programs in conjunction with its CDBG and HOME programs to serve community needs. The scope of activities supported by local programs ranges from bricks and mortar projects including affordable housing production, accessibility and ADA projects, and public services. As an entitlement community, Dauphin County currently expects to receive approximately \$1.4 million in CDBG funds and \$515,000 in HOME funds annually. It is the standing goal of Dauphin County to annually leverage CDBG and HOME funds with other federal, state, and local programs as much as possible to maximize impact.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Exp	ected Amoun	t Available Yea	ır 1	Expected	Narrative
	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Description
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development						
		Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,409,459	0	0	1,409,459	0	

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Ехр	ected Amoun	t Available Yea	r 1	Expected	Narrative
	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Description
HOME	public -	Acquisition						
	federal	Homebuyer assistance						
		Homeowner rehab						
		Multifamily rental new						
		construction						
		Multifamily rental rehab						
		New construction for						
		ownership						
		TBRA	445,866	0	0	445,866	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources - Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

In addition to federal CDBG and HOME funds, the County and its applicants use a variety of federal, state, and local support to leverage CDBG and HOME investments. These include the County's Tourism Grant Program, Local Share (Gaming) Grant Program, the Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank Program, the Dauphin County Transportation Safety Improvement Grant Program, the Dauphin County Land Bank Demolition Fund grant program, the IDA Small Business Loan Program, PHFA programs, PA State DCED grants, and other local and private funds to maximize investments. HOME funds used for the county's First Time Homebuyer Program and affordable housing construction projects are supported with substantial leveraging from the Dauphin County Affordable Housing Trust Fund. HOME CHDO Set-Aside Funds will leverage PHFA-PHARE funding for the Sycamore Homes Project; HOME Rehabilitation dollars will leverage PA Whole Home Repair program funds.

For CDBG funded infrastructure projects, Dauphin County expects to invest \$1,130,274 leveraging \$7,373,112 in local applicant match. This constitutes a projects 87% local match.

Public Service investments are projected to leverage \$2,721,201 in local match This constitutes a 92% local match. These estimates are based on data provided by applicants on their CDBG application budget provided to Dauphin County. Part of Dauphin County's monitoring of CDBG projects includes review of project budgets and financial records to ensure all sources of funds are accounted for and verified including local match.

Traditional matching sources that are expected to be utilized by applicants to match CDBG/HOME investments include:

CDBG - Infrastructure - Local funds; state or federal grants; Dauphin County Local Share Grant funds.

CDBG - Public Service - Local funds; state, federal, private, foundation grants; Dauphin County Local Share Grants.

HOME - Construction - Local funds; bank financing; Dauphin County Affordable Housing Trust Fund; Local Share Grant; federal/state/local grants including PHFA-PHARE funds.

HOME - Rehabilitation - PA Whole Home Repairs Program funds will be used in place of the traditional HOME allocation in order to redirect 2023 funds to additional affordable housing production.

HOME - First-Time Homebuyer - Dauphin County Affordable Housing Trust Fund

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

While the County does own some land, much of it is already developed and in use for government or recreational uses. The County does maintain a land bank program which it has utilized for redevelopment projects since 2016. However, due to capacity, the Dauphin County Land Bank Authority acquires and redevelops properties on a per-project basis instead of "banking" properties. The Dauphin County Housing Authority owns land throughout the County but all of it is currently developed and being utilized for housing. The County works with the HA to develop or redevelop housing sites within the County as opportunities arise. This includes recently purchasing 5 single family dwellings for use as transitional housing. Dauphin County Housing Authority is further exploring purchase of a property in Lower Paxton Township for development into affordable and accessible rental housing.

Discussion

The 2024 Action Plan contemplates investing annual HOME and CDBG allocations in a manner that leverages and supplements other funding programs and maximizes their impact. This can be seen by the large percentage of match projected by 2024 applicants. In addition, HOME CHDO Set-Aside Dollars will significantly leverage other sources of funding including PHFA PHARE funds while HOME rehab dollars are expected to leverage the successful PA Whole Home Repairs Program grants resulting in maximum impact. In all areas, in most cases, there is significant leveraging and applicant match occurring.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area			
1	Increase Homeownership	2022	2026	Affordable	County-Wide	Access to Quality,		Homeowner Housing
				Housing		Affordable		Rehabilitated: 12 Household
						Housing		Housing Unit
						Fair Housing		Direct Financial Assistance to
						Education and		Homebuyers: 20 Households
						Outreach		Assisted
2	Improve Existing Housing	2022	2026	Affordable	County-Wide	Access to Quality,		Homeowner Housing
	Stock			Housing		Affordable		Rehabilitated: 20 Household
						Housing		Housing Unit
3	Improve Access to	2022	2026	Affordable	Geographic	Access to Quality,		Rental units constructed: 24
	Affordable Rental Housing			Housing	Areas of	Affordable		Household Housing Unit
					Need	Housing		

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Improve Public Facilities	2022	2026	Non-Housing	Geographic	Improve Public		Public Facility or
	and Infrastructure			Community	Areas of	Facilities and		Infrastructure Activities other
				Development	Need	Infrastructure		than Low/Moderate Income
								Housing Benefit: 6161
								Persons Assisted
								Public Facility or
								Infrastructure Activities for
								Low/Moderate Income
								Housing Benefit: 1
								Households Assisted
								Buildings Demolished: 2
								Buildings
5	Fair Housing Education and	2022	2026	Affordable	County-Wide	Fair Housing		Public service activities for
	Outreach			Housing		Education and		Low/Moderate Income
						Outreach		Housing Benefit: 212
								Households Assisted
6	Promote and Support	2022	2026	Non-Housing		Economic		Jobs created/retained: 20
	Economic Development			Community		Development		Jobs
				Development				
7	Provide Public Services	2022	2026	Non-Housing	County-Wide	Provide Public		Public service activities other
				Community		Services		than Low/Moderate Income
				Development				Housing Benefit: 7580
								Persons Assisted
								Homelessness Prevention: 6
								Persons Assisted
8	Planning/Administration	2022	2026	Admin	County-Wide	Planning and		Other: 3 Other
						Administration		

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Increase Homeownership
	Goal Description	Dauphin County will invest HOME funds into the First Time Homebuyers Program to assist low-to-moderate income families purchase their first home. To qualify for the program, participants are required to complete HUD-certified housing counseling. HOME funds are leveraged with local Affordable Housing Trust Fund dollars to provide assistance throughout the county.
2	Goal Name	Improve Existing Housing Stock
	Goal Description	Dauphin County will continue its investment in rehabilitating homes in disrepair and owned by LMI individuals. This ensures they can stay in their home and have a safe, livable environment. The county will first use its PA Whole Home Repairs Program funds to complete approximately 40 projects and utilize HOME funds to move further down its waitlist of homeowners.
3	Goal Name	Improve Access to Affordable Rental Housing
	Goal Description	Dauphin County plans to utilize CHDO Set-Aside funds to support the Latino Connection Foundation's efforts to construct new affordable rental housing for HUD qualifying populations. Investment will be either in the Sycamore Homes Project (23 affordable rental units) or Woodward Lofts (48 affordable senior rental units).

4	Goal Name	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure		
	Goal	Dauphin County will invest approximately \$1.2 million into improving public facilities and infrastructure. Project include:		
	Description	Installation of an Emergency Generator and a facility serving chronically homeless veterans		
		Hydroexcavation activities on the Williamstown Water System		
		Road improvements in Lykens Borough		
		Repair of flooring at the Northern Dauphin County YMCA		
		Demolition and rehabilitation of blighted properties in Wiconisco Township		
		Sanitary sewer improvements in LMI neighborhoods		
		ADA upgrades to community buildings		
5	Goal Name	Fair Housing Education and Outreach		
	Goal Description	Dauphin County will invest funds in the Fair Housing Council Housing Counseling Program. The FHC provides housing counseling for the purpose of eviction prevention and rental dispute mediation, landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities, budget/credit financial management and pre-purchase and post purchase homeowner counseling. The funds requested would be used for salaries of the in-office counseling support.		
6	Goal Name	Promote and Support Economic Development		
	Goal Description	Dauphin County will continue to address this goal through investments in workforce training and employment reentry activities. This includes supporting the Dauphin County Housing Authority's Center for Employment Opportunity transit work crew. This crew consists of formerly incarcerated individuals receiving on-the-job training, employment skills train life skills education, and other support to ensure reentry into the workforce. Funds will also be invested in the Evolve Youth Training Academy - Enterprising Partners for Impact Program which provides trades training to LMI youth in the Steelton-Highspire School District.		
7	Goal Name	Provide Public Services		
	Goal Description Dauphin County will invest in nine (9) public service providers in activities ranging from mental healthcare so supporting victims of human trafficking.			

8	Goal Name	Planning/Administration
	Goal	Funds will be used to support administration of the CDBG/HOME Program.
	Description	

Projects

AP-35 Projects - 91.220(d)

Introduction

Dauphin County continues to utilize a competitive application process to ensure the most pressing and meritous needs are met with CDBG and HOME dollars. Eligible applicants apply to Dauphin County between September and November of the previous year with applications thoroughly reviewed for eligibility and quality between November and the drafting of the Action Plan. The projects listed below were submitted by eligible applicants, reviewed by Dauphin County, and determined as eligible for CDBG and HOME investments. Dauphin County is further exploring additional projects to invest older unspent HOME funds and will amend the appropriate Action Plans as projects arise.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Robert M. Jackson Veteran's Center - Generator/Transportation Van Project
2	Williamstown Water & Sewer Authority - Hydro Vac Equipment Purchase
3	Lykens Borough Authority - Lawley Road
4	Williamstown Borough - American Legion Furnishing Replacement
5	Harrisburg Area YMCA - Northern Dauphin County Branch Renovations
6	Wiconisco Township - Demolition of Blighted Properties
7	Brethren Housing Associates - Housing Acquisition
	South Hanover Twp - Crestview Manor, Pleasant View, & Sand Beach New Sanitary Sewer
8	Systems
9	AASR Valley of Harrisburg (Scottish Rite) ADA Exterior Upgrades
10	Borough of Steelton - Steelton PD Co-Responder Program
11	United Way of the Capital Region - Ready for School, Ready to Succeed
12	Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin - CEO Opportunity Partnership
13	Harrisburg Fair Housing Council - Housing Counseling Program
14	The Salvation Army (Capital City Region) Steam Rollers Academy
15	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Hbg - Outpatient Mental Health Clinic
16	Greenlight Operation - Restoration Home Project
17	Evolve Youth Trades Academy
18	Beahive Affordable Housing Outreach, Inc - Renovation, Restoration and Innovation
19	2024 Unprogrammed Funds
20	2024 CDBG Administration
21	Home Rehabilitation Program
22	First Time Homebuyers Program

#	Project Name
23	CHDO Set Aside Funds
24	CHDO Operating funds
25	2024 Home Program Administration
26	Habitat for Humanity - Steelton Phase 2 Retaining Wall
27	Social Enterprise Institute - The Neighboring Project

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Dauphin County utilizes an annual application process to guide investments of CDBG funds. This allows eligible entities to provide timely requests based on needs as they exist on the ground. All applications are reviewed for eligibility, including meeting a national objective, and are reviewed for impact on LMI populations as well as consistency with Consolidated Plan goals. This results in the annual project investments by Dauphin County outlined in this plan.

HOME funds are generally invested based on proposed eligible CHDO Set Aside projects, readiness of new affordable housing projects, and balance of standing contributions to the successful First-Time Homebuyers Program and HOME Rehabilitation Program. Due to the homelessness and affordable housing crisis, Dauphin County has placed an emphasis on producing new affordable housing and supporting housing related services and programs with CDBG and HOME funds. This includes HOME CHDO Set-Aside investment in new rental housing, CDBG investment in acquiring properties for affordable housing, investments in housing counseling and other public services.

The main obstacle to addressing underserved needs is the limit of available resources compared to the overwhelming need. Even with historic levels of funding, the homelessness and housing crisis demands far exceed resources available to tackle them.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Robert M. Jackson Veteran's Center - Generator/Transportation Van Project
	Target Area	Geographic Areas of Need
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Purchase and installation of an automatic remote starting/stopping generator to power the RMJVC during outages for the 20 chronically homeless disabled veterans who reside there. Generator is necessary to keep the electricity on because many of the vets use hospital beds, wheelchairs, working elevator in addition to meds need to be refrigerated. In addition, will be purchasing a van to take the veterans to their doctor appointments.
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 chronically homeless disabled veterans will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	The Robert M. Jackson Veteran's Center is located on Carlisle Street between Derry and Holly Streets in Harrisburg, PA
	Planned Activities	Purchase and installation of an automatic remote starting/stopping generator to power the RMJVC during outages for the 20 chronically homeless disabled veterans who reside there. Generator is necessary to keep the electricity on because many of the vets use hospital beds, wheelchairs, working elevator in addition to meds need to be refrigerated. In addition, will be purchasing a van to take the veterans to their doctor appointments.
2	Project Name	Williamstown Water & Sewer Authority - Hydro Vac Equipment Purchase
	Target Area	Geographic Areas of Need
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$81,481

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	Description	Williamstown Borough Authority partnered with PA DEP and EPA for the federal required Lead Line Inventory. The EPA is partnering with 40 communities in 4 states and Williamstown Authority was lucky to be approached to be one of those properties. EPA is planning to address existing barriers and accelerate progress towards LSL (Lead Service Line) identification and replacement. The Hydro Vac can be used to help with the inspection of the lines. In addition, the Hydro Vac machine will assist in routine maintenance of water and sewer lines.
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 900 people will benefit from this project. There is urgency for this project to be compliant with EPA and DEP requirements. Completion of this project will help provide safe delivery of drinking water
	Location Description	Service area of the project will be Williamstown Boro/Williams Township, Dauphin County, PA
	Planned Activities	Purchase of Hydro Vac which can be used to help with the inspection of the lines. In addition, the Hydro Vac machine will assist in routine maintenance of water and sewer lines.
3	Project Name	Lykens Borough Authority - Lawley Road
	Target Area	Geographic Areas of Need
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$175,000
	Description	Funds would be used for a critical infrastructure project to address the need for road safety enhancements and stormwater system upgrades. Project would include replacement of piping, replacing inlets, adding additional piping and roadway resurfacing improvements.
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1893 persons will be served

	Location Description	The resurfacing project will start at the intersection on Lawley Road and South Edward Street in Lykens and will extend 1200 feet on Lawley Road. The existing stormwater pipes will be upgraded to prevent additional sinkholes, erosion and water quality issues. The existing stormwater pipes will be removed and replaced with 170 feet of new stormwater pipes to reduce the risk of pipe failure and ensure efficient drainage. The areas where the stormwater pipes will be replaced will require full depth pavement replacement. The project will also replace six stormwater inlets.
	Planned Activities	
4	Project Name	Williamstown Borough - American Legion Furnishing Replacement
	Target Area	Geographic Areas of Need
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,096
	Description	Funds would be used to replace the aging tables and chairs in the JFK Hall. The American Legion provides support to Veteran's. The hall is available free of charge to any organization in the community or in the surrounding communities. Currently used by Girl Scout troops, The Stoney Valley Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation for hunter safety classes, Annual Veteran's banquet, annual Children's party.
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Local families and organizations will have access to the facility.
	Location Description	123 West Market Street, Williamstown, PA 17098
	Planned Activities	The Williamstown American Legion is one of two Veterans organizations located in Williamstown. The American Legion provides support to local Veterans. The facility is available, free of charge, to any organization in the community or surrounding communities. The current chairs and tables are in disrepair as they were purchased in 1986. Many of them are broken or unsafe. Grant funds are requested to purchase new chairs and tables. The Williamstown American Legion is also a certified Red Cross Disaster Facility, so it is imperative that the facilities are maintained in case of a shelter-in-place situation.

5	Project Name	Harrisburg Area YMCA - Northern Dauphin County Branch Renovations			
	Target Area	Geographic Areas of Need			
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure Provide Public Services			
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure Provide Public Services			
	Funding	CDBG: \$96,135			
	Description	Gymnasium offers adult sports, cardio classes, youth mentoring programs, summer day camp, active older adult programs, chronic disease prevention programs and community events in the gymnasium. The programs serve a large percentage of seniors, adults with disabilities and Veteran's and at-risk low-income residents. The current gym floor is in dire need of replacement so that the members have a safe place.			
	Target Date	1/1/2026			
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The NDC YMCA serves the 32,000-resident population in Northern Dauphin County to include Berrysburg, Dauphin, Elizabethville, Gratz, Lykens, Halifax, Millersburg, Pillow, Wiconisco and Williamstown. The YMCA has a membership of 2,500 members. The programs held serve a large percentage of seniors, adults with disabilities, veterans and at-risk low-income residents.			
	Location Description	500 North Church Street, Elizabethville, PA 17023			
	Planned Activities	The project includes:			
		 removal of the entire oak parquet floor and hauling of materials off site 			
		 prepping the concrete slab; perform moisture tests to ensure the slab meets the moisture 			
		Supply, deliver and install flooring			
		Paint basketball court, volleyball court and pickleball court			
		install transitions as necessary			
6	Project Name	Wiconisco Township - Demolition of Blighted Properties			
	Target Area	Geographic Areas of Need			
	Goals Supported	Improve Existing Housing Stock			
	Needs Addressed	Access to Quality, Affordable Housing			

	Funding	CDBG: \$175,000
	Description	Demolition of the multiple properties on Pottsville Street, Wiconisco, PA
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project aids in the elimination of blight and slums. The proposed houses to be demolished pose an immediate threat to public health/welfare
	Location Description	Pottsville Street, Wiconisco, PA
	Planned Activities	Demolition of homes on Pottsville Street, Wiconisco
7	Project Name	Brethren Housing Associates - Housing Acquisition
	Target Area	Geographic Areas of Need
	Goals Supported	Improve Access to Affordable Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	Access to Quality, Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Acquisition of two properties to provide permanently affordable housing
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 family will benefit
	Location Description	Steelton, PA

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	Planned Activities	To create opportunities for families to live safely in permanent housing they can afford, BHA has expanded our program offerings to include permanent affordable housing. BHA's Permanently Affordable Housing Program (PAH) is for graduates of Transitions who are unable to acquire affordable housing through other housing options in the community due to extenuating circumstances. The program will rent or rent to own properties that are owned by BHA at an affordable rate; the amount of rent is commensurate to the participant's income and will never exceed 30%. Participants in PAH will work with BHA staff through our Next Steps Program to receive ongoing case management while renting BHA's property to support them on their continued journey toward independence
8	Project Name	South Hanover Twp - Crestview Manor, Pleasant View, & Sand Beach New Sanitary Sewer Systems
	Target Area	Geographic Areas of Need
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$130,655
	Description	Continuation of Sanitary Sewer Project
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 297 people will be served with the continuation of this project.
	Location Description	Project will be in the following locations:
		Crestview Manor
		Pleasant View
		Sand Beach

	Planned Activities	The project consists of the design and construction of public sanitary sewers within three existing residential developments of South Hanover Township in Dauphin County: Crestview Manor, Pleasant View and Sand Beach. These three developments are currently served by individual onlot sewage disposal systems which are failing. Through the Township's PA DEP mandated Act 537 Planning activities, these three areas have been studied and investigated for at least 35 years to determine if the areas need public sewers constructed to replace the on-lot systems. The most recently approved PA DEP ACT 537 Plan Update (July 2019) confirms that the Crestview Manor, Pleasant View and Sand Beach areas need to be served by public sewers.
9	Project Name	AASR Valley of Harrisburg (Scottish Rite) ADA Exterior Upgrades
	Target Area	County-Wide
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$99,174
	Description	Exterior ADA upgrades to the front and rear entrances to the main building. Scope of work includes new concrete ramps, curbing, sidewalk and footers
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 30,000 people visit the facility on a yearly basis
	Location Description	The parcel is bounded to the south by Wiconisco Street and the National Register listed Polyclinic (UPMC) campus, east by North Fourth Street, West by North Third Street, and to the north by Division Street.
		Physical address is:
		2701 North 3rd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109

	Planned Activities	Newly constructed or renovated ramps, pathways, and parking
		spaces to improve accessibility
		 Installation of appropriate signage to guide visitors with disabilities
		 Enhanced safety features such as handrails and non-slip surfaces
		 Improved functionality of the Scottish Rite Cathedral for public events, voting precincts, health fairs, blood drives and private events
		 Increased awareness and understanding of ADA compliance among staff and visitors
10	Project Name	Borough of Steelton - Steelton PD Co-Responder Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	This program pairs law enforcement officers with behavioral health specialists to respond to situations where de-escalation is necessary and mental health services are needed. Funds will be used for payroll.
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Number of proposed persons to be served is 600
	Location Description	The Mental Health Co-Responder serves the Borough of Steelton, PA and assists with calls in surrounding jurisdictions.
	Planned Activities	To address the mental health needs of Dauphin County residents, provide resources to those individuals, reduce the number of mental health incidents, and improve the overall quality of life in the Borough of Steelton
11	Project Name	United Way of the Capital Region - Ready for School, Ready to Succeed
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services

	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	School readiness initiative held on-site at Steel-High SD. Ready for School fills the education gap by providing a preschool education experience for children ages 3-5 who do not have the opportunity to attend. Funds would be used for: \$30K salaries and CAIU admin fees, \$15K school supplies/books, \$5K take home activity kits
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 (children and parents) are proposed to be served.
	Location Description	250 Reynders Street, Steelton, PA - Dauphin County
	Planned Activities	Children from low-income families who are not enrolled in preschool can attend free weekly workshops held year-round. The Education Liaison teaches children the academic and social skills they need to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to attend the workshops and receive educational packets to reinforce the lessons at home.
12	Project Name	Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin - CEO Opportunity Partnership
	Target Area	Geographic Areas of Need
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure Public Housing Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,664
	Description	Funds will be used to partner with the Center for Employment Opportunity program to provide those individuals with a criminal record who want to work, the support needed to find a job and stay connected to the labor force. The individuals would help to continue to improve the living conditions at all Authority locations and would provide on the job training for those coming out of the prison system.
	Target Date	1/1/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	The service area of the project is all locations where Dauphin County Housing Authority has properties to include Swatara, Middletown, Steelton, Lykens, Williamstown and Gratz.
	Planned Activities	Partnering with CEO (Center for Employment Opportunity) which will continue to improve living conditions at all Authority locations and provide on the job training for those coming out of the prison system.
13	Project Name	Harrisburg Fair Housing Council - Housing Counseling Program
	Target Area	County-Wide
	Goals Supported	Increase Homeownership Fair Housing Education and Outreach Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Access to Quality, Affordable Housing Provide Public Services Fair Housing Education and Outreach
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	The FHC provides housing counseling for the purpose of eviction prevention and rental dispute mediation, landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities, budget/credit financial management and pre-purchase and post purchase homeowner counseling. The funds requested would be used for salaries of the in-office counseling support.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Number of proposed persons to be served 212
	Location Description	Dauphin County, PA outside of the City of Harrisburg

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Needs Addressed Provide Public Services		Target Area	
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Target Date 1/1/2026		Description	
	L	Target Date	1/1/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Number of proposed persons to be served 240
	Location Description	The mobile clinic will be located in Dauphin, Halifax and Steelton, PA
	Planned Activities	Mobile mental health clinic
16	Project Name	Greenlight Operation - Restoration Home Project
	Target Area	County-Wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Funds will be used to support the salaries and expenses of the Case Manager, Program Director and expenses for therapeutic activities. Greenlight Operation provides educational initiatives and serves sex trafficked women through a continuum of restorative care. They provide a long-term residential program which will house up to 6 women for 12-18 months. Survivors will be enrolled in a restorative program which will provide individual comprehensive care to include trauma therapy, counseling, access to dental and medical care, and courses to equip each woman to live an independent and sustainable life.
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Number of proposed persons to be served = 6
	Location Description	Confidential address
	Planned Activities	Long term housing and rehabilitative services for victims of human trafficking
17	Project Name	Evolve Youth Trades Academy
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Funds will be used for salaries and wages for hours supporting the program held at Steel High.
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Number of proposed students = 50
	Location Description	250 Reynders Avenue, Steelton, PA
	Planned Activities	To provide learning opportunities to students in the Steelton-Highspire School district in IT, website construction, design, graphic design and environment design/management (new in 2024). Funding will also expand pre-apprenticeship programs in the building and construction trades.
18	Project Name	Beahive Affordable Housing Outreach, Inc - Renovation, Restoration and Innovation
	Target Area	County-Wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to support the salary/expenses for the Service Navigator and the CEO/Project Manager. It will also be used for rental access/assistance and Contract-Capacity Building. The organization's goal is to create opportunities for affordable housing by making it attainable and sustainable for all.
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Projected would be two families of 4 people.
	Location Description	Confidential
	Planned Activities	
	Project Name	2024 Unprogrammed Funds

19	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Planning/Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,000
	Description	
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not Applicable
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
20	Project Name	2024 CDBG Administration
	Target Area	County-Wide
	Goals Supported	Planning/Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	This project will cover direct and indirect administrative costs of administering the CDBG program. Costs include salaries, fringes, audit costs, office supplies and other direct and indirect administrative program delivery costs.
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Dauphin County, PA
	Planned Activities	See description above.
21	Project Name	Home Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	County-Wide
	Goals Supported	Improve Existing Housing Stock

	Needs Addressed	Access to Quality, Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$100,000
	Description	Countywide housing rehabilitation for repairs to low-income homeowners in Dauphin County excluding Harrisburg City.
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 5 families will benefit
	Location Description	Dauphin County, outside the City of Harrisburg
	Planned Activities	Countywide housing rehabilitation for repairs to low-income homeowners in Dauphin County excluding Harrisburg City.
22	Project Name	First Time Homebuyers Program
	Target Area	County-Wide
	Goals Supported	Increase Homeownership
	Needs Addressed	Access to Quality, Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$120,000
	Description	Second or subordinated mortgage program for first time homebuyers with down payment and closing cost assistance
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 20 families will be assisted
	Location Description	Dauphin County
	Planned Activities	Second or subordinated mortgage program for first time homebuyer with down payment and closing cost assistance.
23	Project Name	CHDO Set Aside Funds
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve Access to Affordable Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	Access to Quality, Affordable Housing

	Funding	HOME: \$158,987
	Description	Funds being allocated to Dauphin County CHDO for an affordable housing project.
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
24	Project Name	CHDO Operating funds
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Planning/Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$25,239
	Description	Funding to supporting operating expenses for the Dauphin County CHDO
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
25	Project Name	2024 Home Program Administration
	Target Area	County-Wide
	Goals Supported	Planning/Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$44,586

	Description	This project will cover direct and indirect administrative costs of administering the HOME program. Costs include salaries, fringes, audit costs, office supplies and other direct and indirect administrative program delivery costs.
	Target Date	1/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
	Location Description	Dauphin County
	Planned Activities	See above.
26	Project Name	Habitat for Humanity - Steelton Phase 2 Retaining Wall
	Target Area	Geographic Areas of Need
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$199,500
	Description	Excavation and temporary shoring in front of an existing historic retaining wall.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5925 persons
	Location Description	Steelton, PA
	Planned Activities	
27	Project Name	Social Enterprise Institute - The Neighboring Project
	Target Area	Geographic Areas of Need
	Goals Supported	Promote and Support Economic Development Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000

Description	Providing capacity building and programmatic support to assist local public service providers with delivery of services. This includes coordinating activities of public service providers to prevent duplication and build an integrated nonprofit service system.
Target Date	6/30/2026
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 proposed persons to be served
Location Description	
Planned Activities	

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Although a consideration when evaluating grant applications, Dauphin County does not target its investments geographically so as to maximize access to all communities within the County as well as to allow for flexibility to address projects as they may become priorities. Due to limited funding, the County tries to be cognizant of the fact that focusing limited funds on a specific geographic area on the front end may exclude other populations from benefitting from the funds as needs arise. The annual CDBG application process requires projects to be located in low-to-moderate income service areas; serve low-to-moderate income beneficiaries based on income surveys; or serve other eligible populations as prescribed by HUD . This ensures that funds are directed to areas of low-income and responsive to current needs as expressed in CDBG applications. The continued trend of need and investments continues to show the majority of infrastructure funds invested in the rural/underbuilt Northern Dauphin County while Public Service dollars continue to be most needed and invested in Southern Dauphin County.

Infrastructure: Investments in infrastructure are considered investments in geographic areas of need due to having defined geographic boundaries and limits for each applicant. The breakdown of dollars invested by percentage is as follows:

Northern Dauphin County - Williamstown Borough - 8%

Northern Dauphin County - Wiconisco Township - 18%

Northern Dauphin County - Elizabethville - 9%

Northern Dauphin County - Lykens Borough - 20%

Southern Dauphin County - South Hanover Township - 13%

Southern Dauphin County - Harrisburg City - 32%

Public Service: Investments in public service are considered county-wide due to potential beneficiaries coming from throughout the county.

HOME investments range from a CHDO Set-Aside Project in Harrisburg to the county-wide First-Time

Homebuyer Program. HOME Rehab applicants will come from throughout the county.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds	
Geographic Areas of Need	79	
County-Wide	21	

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

All investment decisions are made based on an application process open to all participating communities in Dauphin County. Therefore, there is not a geographically based rationale for investments other than being low-to-moderate income communities or beneficiaries.

Discussion

The use of an application process has been largely effective for Dauphin County by allowing the county to invest CDBG and HOME resources responsive to timely needs. The natural trend that results from this process is a geographic distribution of funds following areas of greatest need based on activity type.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Dauphin County plans to use HOME and CDBG funds, as well as state and local funding programs, to invest in multiple affordable housing projects that will generate over 100 new units.

Dauphin County will also invest CHDO set-aside funds in the Latino Connection Foundation's Sycamore Homes and/or Woodward Lofts affordable housing rental projects while investing local Affordable Housing Trust Fund dollars in additional projects. County affordable housing investments being made over the next year include:

New Construction of Affordable Housing

- HOME CHDO Set Aside Woodward Lofts 48 affordable Senior rental Units
- HOME CHDO Set Aside Sycamore Homse 23 affordable rental units
- Dauphin County Affordable Housing Trust Fund 6th Street Lofts 39 affordable rental units.
- Dauphin County Affordable Housing Trust Fund Savoy Project 10 affordable rental units.
- Dauphin County Affordable Housing Trust Fund Federal Courthouse 10 affordable efficiency units.

Addressing Impediments to Fair Housing

Dauphin County Affordable Housing Trust Fund - Housing Choice Voucher Landlord Incentive

Program - grants for repairing units to incentivize retention of HCV participating landlords.

CDBG - Fair Housing Council Housing Counseling Program

Restoring Affordable Housing Stock - Keeping Homeowners in Their Homes

- PA Whole Home Repairs Program Funds Dauphin County Whole Home Repairs Program
- HOME Funds Dauphin County HOME Rehabilitation Program

Promoting First Time Homeownership

• Affordable Housing Trust Fund/HOME - Dauphin County First Time Homebuyers Program

Homelessness

- CDBG Operation Greenlight Transitional Housing Program for Victims of Domestic Violence
- CDBG Emergency Generator at Robert M. Jackson Veterans Center for Homeless Veterans
- HOME-ARP Affordable rental housing for HOME-ARP qualifying populations.
- Local Share Veterans Outreach Veterans Tiny Home Village

Dauphin County will continue to invest both HUD and other funds into addressing the housing crisis on all fronts.

Please note that annual goals are difficult to quantify based on sheer number of funding sources, activities, programs, and timelines of the multiple projects in which Dauphin County is investing.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported		
Homeless	30	
Non-Homeless	56	
Special-Needs	0	
Total	86	

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through		
Rental Assistance	0	
The Production of New Units	23	
Rehab of Existing Units	20	
Acquisition of Existing Units	2	
Total	45	

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Public housing in Dauphin County is managed by the Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin. The Housing Authority manages 10 public housing facilities containing 715 units of housing. The HA maintains an extensive waiting list for units. One of the biggest issues facing the HA is the fact that there is not enough affordable rental housing in the County to permit residents to transition from public housing into rental housing. Further, units that once were available to Housing Choice Voucher holders are no longer available as market conditions became such that properties were sold to owners that were unwilling to maintain the units as affordable housing and unwilling to accept a voucher. The Housing Authority is currently sitting on 75 HCVs without a participating landlord and has a public housing waiting list of over 8,000 applicants.

Additionally, the HA's public housing facilities are somewhat geographically concentrated in and around Steelton. While this does allow for the provision of housing to low-income populations concentrated in the urbanized communities to the south of Harrisburg, it prevents housing opportunities for lower income populations in other geographic areas of the county where additional opportunities and resources may be available.

While the affordable housing crisis is overwhelming, Dauphin County and its Housing Authority are continuing to take steps to make positive changes.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

On December 12, 2023 the Dauphin County Housing Authority opened its Housing Choice Vouchers Program waitlist, the first time since 2009. This resulted in 1000 households being placed on the HCV waiting list. The Housing Authority also implemented a Landlord Incentive Program--funded partially with local Affordable Housing Trust Fund dollars--that provides cash incentives to HCV landlords to cover repairs to units a tenant is exiting. This ensures these landlords continue to provide fair housing by participating in the HCV program.

In 2024, the Housing Authority will implement the Landlord Incentive Program as well as hold outreach events to generate landlord participation in the HCV program.

In addition, HACD continues to support a Family Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinator. This position manages the Family Self Sufficiency Program--a special program inside of the Housing Choice Voucher Program--and acts as a case manager. The program is designed to foster self-sufficiency for families in public housing to facility homeownership, financial literacy, and other supports to promote upward mobility. The Dauphin County Office of Community and Economic Development will further remain engaged with two staff members sitting on the HACD Board of Commissioners. Public Service investments in 2023 further support a multitude of social services and workforce development

programs that support underserved individuals including those that qualify for public housing. The Public Service activities invested in have the goals of both meeting basic needs and providing resources to promote self-sufficiency and upward mobility. Dauphin County also plans to continue its First-Time Homebuyer Program which supports affordable homeownership, continue its HOME Rehab Program with previously allocated funds, and support HACD in acquiring additional properties to serve as transitional housing.

To combat homelessness, HACD, through its nonprofit Affordable Housing Associates, has purchased 5 transitional single-family homes to place families and houses additional families which it will transition to self-sufficiency. Two families have recently graduated from the program and are now in permanent housing.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The Housing Authority has developed several objectives to meet its goal of strengthening housing outreach, education, investigation, enforcement and operations. Educating residents on the purpose of tenant councils and resident advisory boards, and how their feedback will be used to inform planning efforts, can help encourage participation. The HA will continue to promote self-sufficiency in its programming as a means to encourage asset development. In addition, the HA will provide training, education and incentives to encourage residents to care for their property.

The HA will also continue to promote and encourage participation in its homeownership program, which has been successful, but has seen low levels of participation.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

The PHA is not troubled.

Discussion

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i) Introduction

Traditionally, there are a variety of service providers in the County that provide services for special needs populations in addition to those provided through County departments and services. Supportive housing needs are typically provided when there is a risk of homelessness, however, there are several services provided for certain populations to help with supportive housing needs. These populations primarily consist of the elderly, mentally disabled and persons recovering from addiction. The County, as well as many other groups and organizations, such as non-profits and faith-based groups, are the primary providers of these services. The Dauphin County COC receives ESG Grants from the State DCED and assists a multitude of individuals having different needs and the Department of Human Services coordinates and delivers multiple programs serving homeless and other special needs activities. This has been the traditional model with the Department of Human Services leading homelessness efforts.

However, since COVID, greater coordination between the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Department of Human Services, CACH, and the City of Harrisburg has taken place due to the sheer crisis-level issue homelessness has become. In Dauphin County, the number of unhoused individuals and families has skyrocketed since 2022, leading to a severe strain on human services and sheltering capacity, and the proliferation of encampments throughout the Harrisburg City area. Simply put: there are not enough facilities or resources available to adequately meet the demand for housing or services. With this in mind, there is a new focus on investments in homelessness prevention, housing, and services that can be seen in both the investment of HUD funds and non-HUD funds.

New in 2024 is the rollout of the HOME-ARP program, which will provide separate HOME investments in transitional and supportive housing for qualifying populations. These investments are separate from the 2024 HOME allocation outlined in this plan. Dauphin County is currently coordinating with the City of Harrisburg and Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness to leverage HOME-ARP dollars to maximize investments in identified housing and supportive services projects consistent with the county's approved HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. In addition, Dauphin County, through its Housing Authority and its nonprofit, have successfully acquired 5 single-family homes to serve as transitional housing and is further supporting other homeless sheltering and housing including the Veterans Outreach of Pennsylvania Veterans Tiny Home Project and other supportive service providers. In addition, 2024 CDBG funds are being invested in public service activities targeting homeless and at-risk-for-homelessness populations including Operation Greenlight and the Robert M. Jackson Veterans Center.

The Department of Human Services and DCDCED continue to partner in leveraging resources including CDBG, HOME, HOME-ARP, and ERAP programs to maximize investments in homelessness.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness

including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

All HUD funded agencies affiliated with CACH collaborate in a community wide effort for Coordinated Entry including connection with various street outreach staff and providers such as Dauphin County Crisis Intervention and the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) funded outreach staff, as well as collaboration with the Downtown Daily Bread which offers a free noon meal as well as a homeless drop-in center. CACH ultimately sets goals related to outreach to the homeless with support of Dauphin County and conducts outreach through its partner organizations, including the annual point in time survey.

The Dauphin County CoC Coordinated Entry System is designed to assess the unique needs, barriers and strengths of persons experiencing housing crises and then refer them to resources, services and housing best suited for addressing those needs and barriers. The CES is intended for street homeless, persons in an emergency shelter, persons attempting to flee domestic violence, and persons exiting institutions where the institutional stay was 90 days or less and the person was homeless prior to institutionalization. When households or individuals present to the Continuum, the household is assessed using a vulnerability index to determine the type of housing intervention that will most adequately address its need. Data collected in the HOME-ARP plan shows that street outreach served 788 homeless individuals in 2022. CARES Act funding was critical in providing this scope of outreach. However, with CARES Act funds dwindling, Dauphin County looks to invest HOME-ARP dollars in supportive services that may include outreach with the goal of maintaining current levels of outreach. It is further Dauphin County's goal to utilize HOME-ARP funds to support up to five (5) CACH priority projects with HOME-ARP funds in the long term.

Dauphin County further completed a needs analysis as part of its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan which it is utilizing to make investments in housing to combat homelessness through development of affordable rental housing and supportive services. This is reinforced by data found in the 2023 Dauphin County Housing Study.

In the short-term, it is Dauphin County's one-year goal to support at least one of the five potential CACH projects and increase outreach with supportive services funding.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

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The Dauphin County Housing Authority has also successfully housed homeless families in up to five (5) designated transitional homes and graduated two families to date.

Dauphin County's one year goal is to increase the supply of emergency shelter, graduate at least two more families from the transitional housing program, and increase the supply of transitional housing.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

Case Management is a critical component to ensuring that homelessness is rare and brief. All Dauphin County HAP funded Emergency Shelters have case managers on-site who provide support to participants. Goal plans are developed that link participants to necessary mainstream benefits and focus heavily on housing plans. Case managers work with participants on goals that remove barriers to gaining stable housing.

As the Dauphin County homelessness response system's "Front Door", Coordinated Entry is designed to streamline access and referral to the other components of the system to shorten the amount of time and number of referrals standing between homeless households and housing assistance. The solution to

homelessness is a collaborative response to creating new housing opportunities while increasing economic opportunities to foster stability. Rapid Rehousing is the newest housing model that provides move-in financial assistance, short-term rental assistance, and case management services to help homeless consumers find rental housing and work with case managers to stabilize in their new homes.

Rapid Rehousing has proven to be an effective method of helping families move into their own permanent housing. Case managers provide support in locating appropriate housing, then short-term financial assistance is provided to assist with deposits, first month's rent, and subsequent month's rent for a limited time. This support helps families in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing.

Permanent Supportive Housing similarly provides rental assistance and case management but for the most vulnerable, including chronically homeless persons. Assistance, however, is not time-limited, and high-need consumers can permanently remain in PSH units if they choose. Along with emergency shelter and transitional housing, RRH and PSH round out a suite of housing and service options to address housing crisis and instability for consumers of all needs. Dauphin County will invest HOME-ARP funds in increasing the supply of PSH and may also invest in RRH and emergency sheltering.

Dauphin County also continues to invest local Affordable Housing Trust Fund dollars in acquiring transitional single-family homes in partnership with the Housing Authority and seeks to increase the number of families graduating from the program.

Dauphin County has also invested 2022 CDBG funds in the Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency Manager and plans to invest \$375,000 in HOME-ARP funds into homeless supportive services. This is on top of planned CHDO Set-Aside investment in the Sycamore Homes Project, an affordable rental housing project that will have on site supportive services to help residents stay financially and housing secure.

The county's one year goal for transitioning homeless to independent living and permanent housing is: complete the Sycamore Homes Project; invest HOME-ARP funds in supportive services; and graduate at least two more families from the Housing Authority transitional housing program and serve additional families through the program.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

Dauphin County has a number of services to assist low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless. CCU is the recipient of rental assistance funds that are used to provide financial assistance for both security deposits for those moving into their own apartment and for those who already have rental

housing but are in arrears on their rent. Funds are used to ensure that housing can be maintained after the assistance is provided.

Providers will be working toward the goal of enabling people at greatest risk of homelessness to maintain permanent housing through targeted prevention and diversion activities. When homelessness cannot be avoided, Coordinated Entry and providers will connect people with appropriate resources to stabilize them in housing as quickly and effectively as possible.

Homeless Prevention efforts are supported through Dauphin County Mental Health/Autism/Developmental Programs. (MH/A/DP) recently collaborated with Dauphin County's Local Lead Agency (LLA), CACH and several other agencies working with non- elderly individuals with disabilities to participate in an 811 Project-based Rental Assistance Memorandum of Understanding to identify persons eligible for and in low income subsidized permanent supportive housing.

The target population for the 811 Program includes persons with extremely low income at or below 30% AMI. LLAs will identify and screen individuals within their service area who are currently residing in institutional settings as well as those in home and community-based residential settings, for interest to relocate into community-based housing units that receive assistance through the 811 Program.

In 2024, Dauphin County will continue investments in home rehabilitation to prevent property conditions from placing LMI families out of their homes (namely through the state Whole-Home Repairs Program), will invest in the following:

- Dauphin County First-Time Homebuyer Program to place LMI families in their first homes
- CHDO Set-Aside project that will increase the stock of affordable rental housing
- Acquisition of two properties by Brethren Housing for use as permanent transitional housing
- HOME-ARP investments in CACH priority projects and/or other projects serving at-risk-for-homelessness populations
- Public services including support for victims of domestic violence, mental health services, housing counseling and support services, etc

Discussion

The proliferation of homeless individuals and families since the COVID pandemic is a critical and emergent issue for Dauphin County. Utilizing the existing Continuum of Care, the Department of Human Services and its partner organizations, and additional support from CDBG, HOME, and HOME-ARP, it is Dauphin County's goal to prevent additional homelessness, provide pathways to independence and housing, increase the level of supportive services available, and increase the stock of emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and traditional affordable housing targeting HOME-ARP qualifying and very-low income populations.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

As part of the development of this plan, information provided by the recently completed Assessment of Fair Housing was incorporated into the document as well as information from the recently commissioned Dauphin County Housing Study. This included the barriers to affordable housing which were identified as part of that assessment. The barriers that were identified during that assessment include:

- Lack of affordable, accessible housing inventory in a range of unit-sizes. This transcends
 demographics and socioeconomic status with housing ranging from transitional to traditional 80
 percent AMI significantly lacking.
- Lack of public housing capacity. The waitlist for public housing units currently sits at 8,000-plus.
- Lower employment rates and wages for certain members of the protected classes reduce housing choice. Non-White households were less likely to be homeowners and are more likely to have been denied a mortgage than white households. Moderate levels of segregation exist in Dauphin County and members of the protected classes are more likely to live in R/ECAPs. Zoning Ordinances in select municipalities are at higher risk for discrimination and restricting housing choice for members of protected classes.
- Lack of participation in the Housing Choice Voucher Program by landlords coupled with one of the most competitive rental markets on the east coast.
- Longstanding NIMBY-ism that pervades much of the attitude towards affordable housing in Dauphin County.

This study is supplemented by the independently commissioned Dauphin County Housing Study completed in December 2022. As a result, Dauphin County is forming a Housing Study Task Force to review the study and implement policy recommendations. Dauphin County further plans to address barriers to affordable housing simply by ramping up investment in production of affordable housing units due to the barriers to affordable housing presented in the current real estate market. Additional actions being taken include the new Housing Authority Landlord Incentive Program, CDBG investments in acquisition of affordable housing properties, and public service investments in activities promoting housing attainment, retention, and stability.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Consistent with the Assessment of Fair Housing Action Plan that was approved as part of the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, due to administrative capacity and continued demand for programming, staff were

unable to implement many of the items in 2023 that are discussed below. These actions are goals for 2024:

- Start the Landlord Incentive Program through the Dauphin County Housing Authority. This
 program provides grants to landlords for repairs and maintenance to units occupied by HCV
 tenants.
- Restart the work of the Attainable Housing Work Group which has previously examined zoning
 and planning ordinances to determine those that are friendly or hostile to affordable housing
 and recommend changes.
- Include a map of the Comprehensive Opportunity Index in future HOME application processes and strongly encourage development of new affordable housing in areas of higher opportunity and/or outside of R/ECAPs.
- Revise 2025 CDBG and HOME application forms to require applicants to discuss how their
 project addresses the fair housing issues identified in the AFH and/or how the proposed project
 will contribute to furthering fair housing choice.
- Incorporate project scoring sheets into CDBG and HOME application evaluation process to quantify the degree to which projects work to AFFH.
- In 2024, and then on an ongoing basis, HACD will create and maintain a list of "friendly" landlords who have accepted HCVs in the past or have indicated a willingness to accept HCVs. HACD will regularly contact these and other known, non-participating landlords with information about the program, invitations to public meetings and educational events, and direct inquiries about unit availability
- Where the AI and/or the TCRPC Attainable Housing Work Group determines that local municipal zoning ordinances are inconsistent with fair housing laws, the County will inform community leaders and suspend the award of County-administered competitive federal funds until problem issues are adequately addressed.
- Prioritize transit coverage over ridership to improve transit access for persons with mobility limitations and extend access for more lower income individuals seeking employment opportunities outside of their neighborhoods.
- Within six months, create a page on the County's website for fair housing information and resources for how to report suspected discrimination, and update the webpage as needed.
- Partner with local organizations such as lending institutions, attorneys, realtors, school districts, etc. to distribute informational materials and host a fair housing community forum annually.
 This should include providing fair housing education to these organizations and engaging with protected classes to help citizens better understand their rights.
- Prepare a Language Access Plan based on the results of the Four-Factor Analysis conducted for the Urban County.
- Revise the Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan to incorporate new recommended language.

These initiatives are pending and have yet to be started due to continued administrative limitations caused by administering additional COVID assistance programs. Realistically, a portion of these actions

will be achievable in 2024 but Dauphin County will continue to work towards implementing all measures.

Discussion:

Both the lack of affordable housing inventory and existing barriers to affordable housing pose a serious threat to housing stability in Dauphin County. For this reason, the county is allocating its resources more and more to the production of affordable housing, improving housing services, and removing barriers to affordable housing. This is evidenced by the investments being made in this year's action plan as well as through investments of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Local Share funds.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Dauphin County continues to use its entitlement funds to provide assistance to activities that meet the underserved needs of the Community and meet National Objectives. Through continued support of the CACH in the completion and implementation of the continuum of care and the recent consolidated planning and HOME-ARP planning processes, Dauphin County has been thoroughly appraised of the needs of the underserved and changes in the needs over time as well as the historic amount of other funds available to meet similar objectives (including ARPA, HOME-ARP, Whole-Home Repairs, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Funds, Infrastructure Bank, and Gaming Grant funds). This will facilitate the use of limited CDBG/HOME funds in an efficient way that supplements rather than supplants other funding programs.

Dauphin County uses a number of other programs and actions to reinforce CDBG and HOME investments in meeting underserved needs. These include:

- Local Share Grant Investments Over \$8 million in annual grants to assist municipalities, nonprofits, and small businesses.
- Affordable Housing Trust Fund Local grants to assist income-qualified residents with purchasing their first home; local grants for production of new affordable housing.
- Tourism Grant Program Local grant program that supports tourism-generating activities including those in LMI communities.
- Whole Home Repairs Program State grant administered by Dauphin County to rehabilitate low-to-moderate income homes in disrepair.
- Community Matters Grant Program Local grants for underserved businesses and community organizations.
- Housing Authority Transitional Housing Program Local program that acquires homes for use as transitional family housing.

The above are just a sampling of "other actions" taken by Dauphin County to meet underserved needs.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

In 2024, Dauphin County plans to invest in a number of activities that facilitate meeting the needs of underserved populations. CDBG activities planned in 2024 include:

- Installation of emergency generator and purchase of van for Robert M. Jackson Veterans Center for homeless veterans to ensure connection to services.
- Replacement of flooring at Northern Dauphin County YMCA to preserve ADA accessibility and allow it to serve as community center and Red Cross facility.
- ADA upgrades including new ramps, sidewalks and curbing to increase accessibility at Scottish

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- Rite facility used by community.
- Investing in Steelton Borough co-responder program to connect individuals with mental health and social resources instead of incarceration.
- Investing in free pre-school education programming for low-income families in the Steelton Highspire School District through the United Way Ready for School, Ready to Succeed Program.
- Purchasing a mobile mental health clinic to expand reach of Catholic Charities of Harrisburg's free mental health services in Dauphin County.
- Investing in Greenlight Operation therapeutic services to victims of human trafficking including housing, trauma therapy, counseling, and access to dental and medical care.
- Investing in free workforce training and reentry employment programs.

In addition to CDBG, Dauphin County supports additional public service activities and expansion of accessibility through its annual Local Share Grant Program and other county programs including those run through the Department of Human Services and Area Agency on Aging.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Out of all needs, the demand for affordable housing and homelessness are the most pressing issues the county is taking action to address with HOME/CDBG and other resources.

The following actions are planned in 2024 to foster and maintain affordable housing:

- Invest CHDO Set Aside funds in production of new affordable rental housing units through the Sycamore Homes Project (23 studio units) or the Woodward Lofts Project (48 one-room unit
- Invest Local Affordable Housing Trust Fund Investments in affordable housing production including: 6th Street Lofts Project, Savoy Project, and Walnut Street (Old Courthouse) Project.
- Invest CHDO operating support to build capacity of the Latino Connection Foundation--a new CHDO building affordable housing in Dauphin County.
- Rehabilitate up to 40 low-to-moderate income homeowner properties through the Whole Home Repairs Program.
- Assist low-to-moderate income families with purchasing their first home through the First Time Homebuyers Program.
- Invest in supportive services related to housing including Greenlight Operation program for victims of human trafficking and Fair Housing Council's housing counseling programs.
- Support Brethren Housing's purchase of two homes for transitional housing.
- Launch of Dauphin County Housing Authority Housing Choice Voucher Landlord Incentive Program
- Continue Affordable Housing Associates of Dauphin County's transitional housing program which provides transitional housing and support services to qualifying families.
- Perform due diligence on potential Housing Authority project.
- Award of HOME-ARP funds to projects serving homeless, at-risk for homelessness, and other

- HOME-ARP qualifying populations.
- Support CACH priority projects through other federal, state and county grant programs including the Veterans Tiny Home Village and other selected projects.

Dauphin County will take additional actions through 2024 as resources and opportunities become available as affordable housing and homelessness are critical emergency-level issues for the county.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The County takes the presence of lead based paint hazards seriously, especially considering the age of the County's housing stock. As part of the county's HOME Rehab program, any house that was built before 1978 has a lead based paint (LBP) inspection performed on the residence and if necessary lead-paint abatement is performed. The Housing Rehabilitation Program is utilized as an avenue to mitigate lead-based paint hazards in low- income households and the county anticipates continuing to address LBP on a case-by-case basis as the HOME Rehab program continues. This includes LBP activities that may take place under the Whole-Home Repairs Program. Dauphin County's Lead Based Paint Standards can be found in its HOME Lead Based Paint Policies and Procedures Manual.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Through implementation of its housing and community development program Dauphin County expects to reduce the number of families with incomes below the poverty level. Dauphin County has a number of programs that address the needs of households with incomes below the poverty level. Dauphin County supports a number of social service providers that help households with poverty or near poverty level incomes. Some of the Programs and Actions supported by the county include: TANF, Dauphin County Community and Economic Development grants to social service providers including the Local Share Grant Program, implementation of Section 3 Employment and Contracting policies, HACD providing Housing Choice Vouchers, public housing, and transitional housing to families, and the Capitol Coalition on Homelessness which provides emergency and permanent supportive housing.

Specific to the 2024 Action Plan, CDBG/HOME funds are planned to be used for the following efforts that help reduce the number of poverty-level families:

- United Way Ready to Succeed Program which provides free preschool education for children from low-income families to close the education gap.
- Housing Authority of Dauphin County's Center for Employment Opportunities Transition Work
 Crew which provides employment and on-the-job training for reentrants and provides pathways
 to careers.
- Fair Housing Council Housing Counseling Program which includes eviction prevention, rental dispute mediation, landlord-tenant rights education, and financial literacy counseling to keep

- families in their homes.
- Salvation Army Steam Rollers Academy which provides academic coaching and programming to students in the Steelton-Highspire School District.
- Catholic Charities mobile Free Walk-In Outpatient Mental Health Clinic to provide free healthcare services to families throughout Dauphin County.
- Greenlight Operation which provides restorative services and housing to victims of human trafficking including trauma therapy, access to medical and dental care, and training to equip each participant to live an independent life.
- Evolve Youth Trades Academy which provides trades-based education to students in the Steelton-Highspire School District and connects them to trades-based employment and careers.
- Using HOME Funds to produce new affordable housing, support first-time homebuyers, and rehabilitate homes of low-income owners.
- Using HOME-ARP funds to support affordable housing and supportive services targeted to homeless/at-risk for homelessness populations.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Dauphin County Board of Commissioners has delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Dauphin County's CDBG and HOME programs to the Dauphin County Office of Community and Economic Development through its Economic Development Corporation. The EDC and its staff serve as the institutional structure within which both programs are administered.

In 2024, emphasis will be placed on developing additional institutional infrastructure to improve timeliness expenditure of program funds. Namely, the following policy changes will be made to facilitate quicker drawdown of funds:

- Subrecipient agreements will be amended to reduce the maximum grant term from 18 months to 12 months.
- A new clause will be added to subrecipient agreements requiring subrecipients to make their first draw withing six (6) months of the agreement date.
- A resolution by Dauphin County Board of Commissioners will be passed concurrently with this
 action plan authorizing the EDC Executive Director and/or Chairman to execute subrecipient
 agreements for all projects outlined in the plan. This will reduce the time between approval of
 the Action Plan and execution of Subrecipient Agreements.

In addition to program changes to improve timeliness, the Dauphin County EDC has also entered into an agreement with Mullin and Longergan Associates to provide general and HOME-ARP technical assistance

to improve delivery of the HOME and HOME-ARP programs.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The County will continue to coordinate with the Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin, Habitat for Humanity, local housing developers, its new CHDO, and CACH to identify opportunities for new housing development. In addition, efforts to increase participation of private landlords, particularly those in higher opportunity neighborhoods will be encouraged by the County and the Housing Authority. Efforts could include coordinating with real estate professionals, property managers, and others involved with rental housing.

The County participates in the Harrisburg/Dauphin County Continuum of Care and will continue to consult with the CoC on homelessness issues including emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing activities. The largest gap in the delivery of services to low-moderate-income households is the lack of adequate funding to address the housing and community development needs of the County. The County will provide resources to address a variety of housing and service needs in FY 2024 and as such will continue to coordinate and streamline efforts to ensure efficient, effective service delivery. This includes allocating HOME-ARP resources to improve supportive services, including connecting private and public housing with social service agencies

Discussion:

Through public comment and stakeholder meetings, it is clear that lack of affordable housing and homelessness are *the* critical issues that require substantial resources from both HUD and non-HUD sources. The enormity of the housing and homelessness crisis requires every avenue of support the county can identify.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

As a Grantee of HUD funds, Dauphin County enforces a number of specific program requirements consistent with 24 CFR including policies that ensure CDBG and HOME-funded activities meet minimum standards that preserve the intent of the CDBG/HOME program and ensure proper stewardship of HUD funds. These written policies and procedures are available to the public for inspection at the Dauphin County Office of Community and Economic Development.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

${\bf 1.}\ {\bf The\ total\ amount\ of\ program\ income\ that\ will\ have\ been\ received\ before\ the\ start\ of\ the\ next\\$	
program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to	ı
address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not	t
been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0
Other CDBG Requirements	
1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that	
benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period	
of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall	
benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate	
income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	0.98%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is

as follows:

On top of direct HOME investments, Dauphin County is utilizing additional resources to promote new housing construction, address homelessness, and provide affordable housing-related services.

New Housing Construction: The Dauphin County Affordable Housing Trust Fund is investing over \$500,000 in three additional affordable housing rental developments (Sycamore Homes, Savoy Project, 6th Street Lofts, and Walnut Street Apartments). The Dauphin County Local Share Grant Program is also investing hundreds of thousands in the aforementioned projects. This is in addition to the HOME investment in its CHDO Set-Aside Project.

First-Time Homebuyer's Program: The Dauphin County Affordable Housing Trust Fund matches HOME Funds that support the First-Time Homebuyers Program which provides \$6,000 in downpayment assistance to LMI first-time homebuyers.

HOME Rehabilitation: Dauphin County continues to utilize Pennsylvania Whole-Home Repairs Program (WHR) funds in 2024 to continue to provide rehabilitation to LMI households. The amount of be used is \$2.4 million.

Homelessness: Dauphin County is investing \$2.3 million in HOME-ARP dollars into transitional and affordable rental housing and supportive services for homeless and at-risk-for homelessness individuals. Dauphin County has also invested \$300,000 of local Affordable Housing Trust Fund dollars into the purchase of single-family homes by Affordable Housing Associates of Dauphin County to be used as transitional housing. The first family graduated from the first transitional home in 2023.

Housing Authority of Dauphin County Landlord Incentive Fund: The Local Affordable Housing Trust Fund is investing \$60,000 in a new program administered by the Dauphin County Housing Authority to incentivize landlord participation in the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

First-time Home Buyer Program: The seller must repay the full amount borrowed when the property transfers ownership. This requirement lasts in perpetuity. Homeowner is required to sign a First Time Homebuyer's Agreement outlining the terms of recapture. In no case will recapture amount exceed the net proceeds of sale. Per program guildlines, this recapture is recorded as a lien on the property which is paid off at the time of closing.

Home Rehab Program: Per program guidelines, a lien is placed on HOME Rehab participants property covering the period of affordability depended on amount of HOME funds invested in a unit.

Liens are reduced by the following schedule and are paid off at closing if a partipicant sells their property.

- First year 100%
- Second year 95%
- Third year 90%
- Fourth year 85%
- Fifth year 80%
- Sixth year 75%
- Seventh year 70%
- Eighth year 65%
- Ninth year 60%
- Tenth year 55%
- 3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The resale/recapture guidelines for Dauphin County's HOME Program can be found in HOME Program Guidebook Policies and Procedures Manual. Under Section III 2.b "Qualification of Affordable Homeownership Housing", it states:

- (6) The family who receives assistance to become a homeowner is subject to either resale restrictions or recapture to ensure the property's continued affordability in compliance with Section 92.254(a)(5) of the HOME Final Rule.
- (7) DCED currently utilizes a policy that requires the recapture of HOME- assistance in the event the homebuyer does not continue to live in the home as their principal residence for the duration of the required affordability period. However, when the only assistance provided is to the developer to assist with construction and/or development costs and there is no direct assistance to the homebuyer, a "resale" requirement must be put in place instead of "recapture".

Under Section III 2.c "Enforcement of Affordability in Homeownership Housing, it states:

- (1) The County places a lien on the deed to the home requiring that the County of DCED be notified and be given a first right of refusal to purchase the home in the event of foreclosure or a loan default prior to foreclosure.
- (2) If the County repurchases a home previously assisted with HOME and the unit goes into foreclosure, additional HOME funds may be used to keep the unit affordable under certain conditions pursuant to Section 92.254(a)(ii)(9) of the HOME Final Rule. Additional HOME funding may not be used if the mortgage that is in default is a HOME funded mortgage. Total funding for the home

(including previously used HOME funds) cannot exceed the maximum HOME investment allowed under 221 (d)(3). HOME funding can be used to assist a new, low-income homebuyer to purchase the home. [1]

(3) HOME guidelines require that the County declare whether it will use resale or recapture at the time of the commitment of HOME funds to a project. {Ref. HUD Homefires publication Vol. 5 no.5} Under Section III 7 Recapture of HOME Funds, our policy states:

Recapture of HOME funds is only possible if upon the sale or transfer of an assisted homeowner unit, which is subject to the recapture requirement, there are available funds for recapture after payment of the senior mortgage(s) and payment of required sales expenses, taxes, fees, utilities and other reasonable and legitimate settlement costs.[1] Note: There is no recapture provision allowed for rental housing since any rental housing that does not remain affordable and occupied in compliance with the HOME program requires that all HOME funds provided to assist the property be repaid.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The County does not participate in refinancing.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

Not applicable.

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

Not applicable.

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that

limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).
Not applicable.

Attachments



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COUNTY OF DAUPHIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOMB) PROGRAM July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 (Program Year 2024)

All citizens of Dauphin County are urged to attend the public hearings to discuss the County's proposed 2024 Action Plan, which serves as the application process for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). This plan sets forth the proposed use of Federal funds to meet housing and community needs Dauphia County.

Citizen participation is considered to be a key ingredient to the success of the program and is encouraged by the County Commissioners.

Public meetings were advertised for Monday, February 5, 2024 and Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Both meetings were scheduled to be hold in person with the option of receiving a virtual meeting link. Notice of these hearings was placed in Patriot-News which is the paper of local circulation in addition to the webpage of Dauphin County Department of Community and Economic Development.

There were two participants present at the public hearing that was held on February 5, 2024. Both attendees advocated for more transitional and permanent affordable housing in the Allison Hill section of the City of Harrisburg, as well as throughout the County. Staff discussed options for using CDBG funds to acquire properties outside the City.

COUNTY OF DAUPHIN FIRST PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE 2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM

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In order to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties, the County has placed its proposed FY2024 Annual Action Plan on public display online at https://www.dauphincounty.gov/government/support-services/community-and-economic-development-corporation/community-development-block-grant for 30 days beginning April 5, 2024 through May 5, 2024. A copy of the document can be e-mailed upon request. Please contact Debra Laudenslager at dlaudenslager@dauphincounty.gov if you wish to obtain a copy of the document.

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Comments on the proposed use of funds for FY 2024 can be submitted the following ways:

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2024 ACTION PLAN AND EXECUTION OF RELATED AGREEMENTS FOR

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

RESOLUTION NO. 9

WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has made grants to the County of Douphin Pennsylvania, to implement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs, and

WHEREAS, under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, HUD has made grants to the County of Dauphin Pennsylvania, to implement the UOWI Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Dauphin submitted and HUD approved the County's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan for Community Planning and Development Programs; and

WHEREAS, the County's Action Plan for 2024 is consistent with the goals and objectives established in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, two public hearings, stakeholder meetings, and a public review period were held to obtain fredback on the 2024 Annual Action Plan; and

WITIGRICAS, the Dauphin County Economic Development Corporation administers the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships (TRIMIS) Programs on behalf of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, that:

- 1. The 2024 Action Plan for the County of Dauphin is hereby approved in all respects.
- The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners hereby is authorized and directed to submit the Action Plan/ Consolidated Plan to HUD allowing for the inclusion of public comments and the responses to those comments and to provide any supplemental or revised data which HUD may request in connection with its review.
- 3. The Chairman and Executive Director of the Dauphin County Economic Development Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to execute all grant/loan and/or subrecipient agreements for the activities approved for the 2024 CDBG and HOMB Program Year,

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- Mill assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 105 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1988, as amended (18 U.S.C. §470), FO 11593 (identification and protection of nistoric properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (18 U.S.C. §§469a-1 of seq).
- Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendmenta of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Lord Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
- Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
- 2D. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victime Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant sward recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the portiod of time that the award is in effect (2) Producing a commercial sex sof during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subsweads under the award.

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CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consulidated planregulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing — The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and in following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Drug Free Workplace -- It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

- Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a committed substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- 2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about -
 - (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (b) The grantce's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs;
 and
 - The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
- Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will -
 - (a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (b) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

- 5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Pederal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
- Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted.
 - (a) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - (b) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief;

- No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to, any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renowal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
- 2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
- It will require that the language of paragraph (n) of this certification be included in the
 award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and
 contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall
 certify and disclose succordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the logal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 - it will comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 135.

Signature/Authorized Official

George P. Hartwick, III, Chairman

Board of Dauphin County Commissioners

SPECIFIC CDBG CERTIFICATIONS

The Entitlement Community centilies that:

Citizon Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CPR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan — It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds - It has complied with the following criteria:

- Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
- 2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year 2023-2025, (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
- 3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG finds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the, capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and accupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

- A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
- A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance
 to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights
 demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance with Auti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its notification, inspection, testing and abatement procedures concerning lead-based paint with comply with the requirements of 24 CFR 570.608;

Compliance with Laws - it will comply with applicable laws.

Signature/Authorized Official

George P. Hartwick, III, Chairman

Board of Dauphin County Commissioners

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SPECIFIC HOME CERTIFICATIONS

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance — If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenent—based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenunt-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR 92,205 through 92,209 and that it is not using and will not use HOMB funds for prohibited activities, as described in 92,214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance — hefore committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing.

Signature/Authorized Official

George P. Hartwick, III, Chairman

Board of Dauphin County Commissioners

5-4-24

Date

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

A. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Codo. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

B. Drug-Free Workplace Certification

- By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.
- The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the granter knowingly rendered a falso certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Frea Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
- 3. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
- 4. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass, transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, and performers in concert halls or radio stations).
- If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph three).

6. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Dauphin County Office of Community and Economic Development 3211 North Front Street, Suite 301-C Harrisburg, PA 17110

Check _____ if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here,

The certification with regard to the drug-free workplace required by 24 CFR part 24, subpart F.

Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common
rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees'
attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

"Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (2J U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

"Conviction" means a finding of guift (including a plea of note contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial hody charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes:

"Criminal drug statute" means a Pederal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

"Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All "direct charge" employees; (ii) all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and (iii) temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to ancet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

HOME-ARP



DAUPHIN COUNTY HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

Dauphin County Department of Community and Economic Development

Consultation

Describe the consultation process including methods used and dates of consultation:

See Appendix A for all Stakeholder Consultation materials. Stakeholder comments received throughout these various sessions and individual meetings are summarized in the Feedback Chart in the next section and are referenced appropriately throughout the Needs Assessment & Gaps Analysis.

Dauphin County engaged in an extensive stakeholder consultation process during June and July 2022. During this time, the County engaged with a variety of shelter and service providers serving each of the qualifying populations and participating in the Continuum of Care; the County Department of Human Services; victim service providers; rental assistance providers; the Dauphin County Housing Authority; and the Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness.

During each of the consultation sessions, County staff focused on identifying the Qualifying Populations and their unmet housing and service needs. A brief Power Point presentation on the HOME-ARP program was presented followed by questions meant to engage participants in identifying unmet needs among the qualifying populations they served.

A summary of the agencies consulted and the feedback generated during the consultations sessions is outlined below.

List the organizations consulted:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness	Continuum of Care Lead (includes public and private agencies serving all four of the qualifying populations)	Virtual focus group	There is a lack of permanent supportive housing; shelter operations are a need; general case managers that are not bound by rental assistance, funding source or housing type could be useful; Street Outreach services have been critically important and successful in placing people in shelter; respite housing identified as a need; Fair Market Renis not competitive in current housing market; landlords are no longer willing to accept HCV or other rental subsidy payments; poor rental, credit, criminal histories act as barriers; year round, low-barrier shelter is not widely available;
YWCA	Veterans' groups; homeless service provider (all qualifying	Virtual focus group	Veterans have co-occurring barriers that require ongoing supportive services to maintain stability once

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
	populations); domestic violence/human trafficking service provider		housed; transitional housing is a successful model for Veterans and individuals fleeing domestic violence and human trafficking; victims of domestic violence are one of the three subpopulations that spend the longest time homeless; shelter dedicated to victims of domestic violence is needed in the County;
Tri-County Community Action Commission	Homeless service provider (all qualifying populations); private agency addressing the needs of persons with disabilities	Virtual focus group	Transportation is a barrier to access housing in proximity to services and employment opportunities; childcare services are unaffordable and inaccessible; services targeted to a whole family are an unmet need
Fair Housing Council	Private organization that addresses fair housing, civil rights	Virtual focus group	Housing and shelter options for large families are limited; Supportive Service Needs include life skills, particularly for those with IDD, financial literacy, housing stability services, transportation, childcare, literacy, landlord/tenant relationship building; employment services (helping to achieve livable wage, not just paycheck to paycheck; soft skillshow to self-advocate, communicate with coworkers; Rental Agreements often favor the landlord, and many tenants have difficulty understanding and abiding by a lease
Salvation Army	Homeless service provider (all qualifying populations)	Virtual focus group	Long term intensive case management is a need to ensure stability for households; staff capacity among service providers is a need to offset and avoid future burnout; transitioning households from immediate employment needs to long term career sustainability requires long term planning and service provision, not always associated with housing;
United Way	Homeless service provider-homeless and at-risk of homeless qualifying	Virtual focus group	Capacity building among direct service providers is a need/gap in the service system

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
	populations; private agency addressing the needs of persons with disabilities		
Dauphin County Human Services	Public agency addresses the needs of all four qualifying populations; agency addressing the needs of persons with disabilities	Virtual focus group	Biggest gap continues to be availability of affordable, accessible units; 100+ individuals/families in hotels due to lack of shelter and housing units; intensive case management is critical to long term success (minimum 18 mos, but often longer is needed up to 5 years); many young adults transitioning out of foster care choose not to continue to participate in the CYS system and lose access to resources to assist with housing and services; capacity and resources to operate a new NCS are not existent-concerns with NCS include isolating individuals and households; Shelter capacity is limited in the northern part of the County, but DHS and faith-based groups have successfully placed households in hotels and provided services. Transportation is still a barrier in the rural parts of the County, even if organizations and services are available. TBRA is effective when coupled with the right services-both are needed;
Dauphin County Housing Authority	РНА	Virtual focus group	Has capacity to project base some vouchers; There are insufficient units on the market with landlords willing to accept FMR-they are not competitive with actual rent rates; as such vouchers are being returned even after 180 day extensions; Background checks are posing an increasingly high barrier for households, along with poor rental and credit history; Developer entity creating transitional housing units coupled with FSS, services are

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback		
			provided ongoing after a household i placed in housing. This is in partnership with Children & Youth focused on families with children living in hotels		
Mid-Penn Legal Services	Private organization that addresses fair housing, civil rights	Virtual focus group	Rental assistance and legal services for eviction prevention can help salvage tenancies and prevent poor rental history from becoming a barrier for future tenancies;		
Latino Hispanic Community Center	Homeless service providers (homeless and at-risk qualifying populations); private organization that addresses fair housing, civil rights;	Virtual focus group	Capacity building for nonprofits in order to provide greater level of service is a need; assistance and services to keep at-risk households housed is an unmet need; ESL services and literacy services area need-capacity building to provide Spanish speakers is needed;		
Shalom House	Homeless service providers (homeless and at-risk qualifying populations);	Virtual focus group	Transitional housing models are effective and needed to help households move successfully out of shelter into permanent housing, especially when finding affordable permanent housing is difficult; there is an increase in elderly homeless being priced out of rental units they've occupied long-term		

Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:

General Themes and Trends that emerged from all of the consultation groups include the following:

- There continues to be a large gap in the number of quality affordable and accessible units available for rent in the County.
- · Protected classes are generally over-represented among people experiencing homelessness.
- Landlord engagement and risk mitigation funds could be helpful to recruit and encourage more landlords to rent to special needs populations.
- Shelter capacity is limited (both bed and staff capacity); hotel/motel utilization rates are high due lack of shelter bed capacity
- Barriers to accessing housing for special needs populations/ELI households include poor credit, criminal and rental histories; significant requests for security deposit (sometimes 3- and 4-times monthly rent); landlords requiring households have 3x the rent in monthly income
- Private landlords no longer accepting HCV or other rental assistance. Many private owners of naturally occurring affordable housing (or owners that had accepted HCV or other assistance)

- are selling the units to owners who no longer accept assistance or who increase the rent significantly, displacing households who cannot find affordable units elsewhere.
- Supportive service needs identified include life skills, financial literacy, housing stability services, transportation, childcare, landlord/tenant relationship building; employment services; LEP services
- · Staff capacity among all providers is extremely limited

Public Participation

Describe the public participation process, including information about and the dates of the public comment period and public hearing(s) held during the development of the plan:

Date(s) of public notice: 11/22/2022

Public comment period: start date - 11/29/2022 end date - 12/13/2022

Date(s) of public hearing: 12/5/2022

Describe the public participation process:

Dauphin County published a notice in the Patriot News informing the public of the availability of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, as well as the public hearing, on November 22, 2022. A copy of the notice and Plan were also made available on the County's Website. The Plan was available for a 15 day period, and the County conducted a public hearing on December 5, 2022. The public hearing was held in person, with a virtual option. Comments on the Plan were accepted via US mail, e-mail, telephone or at the public hearing.

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

Dauphin County offered multiple opportunities and methods for interested parties to provide comment and participate in the public participation process (such as virtually, in person, written or verbal comments). Language services for the Limited English Proficient were available upon request. Reasonable accommodations to allow broader participation by LEP persons or persons with disabilities in the hearing either in person or virtually were made available.

Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process either in writing, or orally at a public hearing:

No comments or recommendations were received.

Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why: N/A-no comments were received.

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Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

Like many communities, Dauphin County has insufficient inventory of emergency and transitional housing options. Over 40% of those in shelter or transitional housing remain as such for more than six months. Longer lengths of stay may increase the need for beds, as there is less movement for new clients to be able to use those resources. This could also point to a need for additional housing inventory, as fewer available options lead to less turnover in shelter and transitional housing beds. Subpopulations with the longest homeless tenure include those aged 55 and older, victims of domestic violence, those with disabilities.

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

					Н	omeless							
	Current Inventory				Homeless Population				Gap Analysis				
	Far	nily	Adult	s Only	Vets	Family	Adult		0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	HH (at least 1 child)	HH (w/o child)	Vets	of DV	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	110	61	130	130	1								
Transitional Housing	76	31	33	33	16								
Permanent Supportive Housing	55	23	145	145	78								
Other Permanent Housing	10	2	27	27	17								
Sheltered Homeless						46	193	38	28				20
Unsheltered Homeless						1	58	0	5				
Current Gap						u c							100

Suggested Data Sources: 1. Point in Time Count (PIT); 2. Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); 3. Consultation

Dauphin County also has a need for affordable housing. The shortage of units both affordable and available for renter households at or below 30% area median income (AMI) increases housing insecurity and rent pressure on extremely low-income households.

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless							
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis				
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households				
Total Rental Units	29,140						
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	3,535						
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	6,720						
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		4,145					
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		3,495					
Current Gaps			7,145				

Suggested Data Sources: 1. American Community Survey (ACS); 2. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the PJ's boundaries:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The number of Dauphin County residents that meet the definition of homeless under 24 CFR 91.5 was derived from the 2022 PIT Count, conducted by the Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness (CACH) on January 26, 2022. The PIT Count identified a total of 423 persons experiencing homelessness in 2022, up from 358 persons (+18.1%) identified in 2021. Of the counted homeless individuals, 359 (84.9%) were sheltered and 64 (15.1%) were unsheltered. In terms of racial and ethnic demographics, 243 (57.4%) of homeless individuals were African American, 145 (34.3%) were White, and 33 (7.8%) were Hispanic. Black/African American individuals comprise 19.2% of Dauphin County's population, and is disproportionally over-represented among the homeless.

In addition, the County Department of Human Services reported over 100 households in hotel/motels due to lack of shelter capacity and affordable housing inventory.

Between January 2021 and May 2022, a total of 2,083 homeless persons were served by the Dauphin County/Harrisburg Continuum of Care.

Program	Persons Served
Emergency Shelter	683
Permanent Supportive Housing and Supportive Housing	197
Rapid Re-Housing	201
Transitional Housing	205
Safe Haven	9
Street Outreach	788
Total	2,083

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According to the FY2021 Performance Measure Module, 883 individuals experienced homelessness for the first time during the period October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021. This is a 137.4% increase from 2020, which had 372 persons experiencing homelessness for the first time. These measures took into account persons entering emergency shelter, transitional housing, safe haven, and permanent housing programs.

The Dauphin County Department of Human Services reported over 100 individuals/families are staying in hotels due to lack of shelter capacity and inventory of affordable housing units.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

According to 2014-2018 CHAS data, there are 26,958 Dauphin County residents, or 24.1% of residents, with an annual income below 30% of median family income. Renters who are considered disproportionately at-risk numbered 9,440 or 22.9% of renters with household income at or below 30% of the median family income. Additionally, 15,745, or 38.3% of renter households in Dauphin County are considered cost burdened, spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs. Finally, there are 195 renter households that are living in severely overcrowded housing conditions with more than 1.5 persons per room.

Based on HMIS data for the October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021, 29% of leaver households exited to temporary destinations. Exiting to a temporary destination may indicate greater risk of returning to the homeless system.

In addition, Dauphin County assisted 2,903 households with the Emergency Rental Assistance Program since inception through July 7, 2022. Of these households, 59% had income at or below 30% AMI. Households requiring rental assistance may be at greater risk of experiencing homelessness if they cannot sustain ongoing rent and utility payments.

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice

The YWCA Greater Harrisburg served 199 adults and 71 children in its shelter during the period January 1 through December 31, 2021. Of these, 34.2% were Black or African American and 24% were white. Households not reporting race represented 24.3% of the total served; 12.5% indicated Hispanic ethnicity. During the 2022 PIT Count, 33 individuals in the system were identified as survivors of domestic violence. The YWCA dedicates 16 emergency shelter beds and 5 transitional housing beds for survivors of domestic violence and their families. Additionally, 9 rapid re-housing beds are designated for victims of human trafficking. Stakeholders reported difficulty in reporting the number of victims of human trafficking because victims are reluctant to confirm their status as a victim while receiving assistance.

In 2014, YWCA Greater Harrisburg established PAATH 15 to provide direct services to victims including crisis intervention and response, emergency shelter, case management, advocacy, legal and medical accompaniments, information and referrals, and other services. Dauphin County often serves as a passthrough and destination for trafficking due to its location along major highway intersections, the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and an airport.

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Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability, as defined by HUD in the Notice

Those at greatest risk of housing instability include 5,795 renter households with an annual income less than or equal to 30% AMI and experiencing severe cost burden. This represents 14.1% of all renter households in the County. In addition, 90 renter households earn less than or equal to 50% AMI and live in overcrowded housing conditions.

Other populations at greater risk of housing instability, as identified in the 2022 PIT Count include 93 persons with serious mental illness, 72 persons with a substance use disorder, 38 veterans, 6 transgender/ gender non-conforming/ questioning individuals. The following is a breakdown of these populations' sheltered and unsheltered status:

Sheltered		Unchaltered	Total	
Emergency	Transitional	Safe Haven	Onsheitereu	TOTAL
28	18	9	38	93
37	9	0	26	72
0	1	0	0	1
23	14	1	0	38
3	1	0	1	5
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According to HMIS data, 205 people were living in transitional housing during the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021; of these 131 or nearly 64% were Black, African American, or African. During the same time period, 201 people were receiving rapid rehousing assistance; of these, 70% were Black, African American, or African, again highlighting that this segment of the population is over-represented among people experiencing homelessness. Nearly 15% were Hispanic. Of households that exited Rapid Rehousing programs during this period, 15% of adult leavers had no cash income, putting these households at greater risk of returning to homelessness if unable to support ongoing housing payments.

During the period October 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021, 77 households exited to temporary destinations and 169 households exited to unknown destinations. Of these, 25% and 20%, respectively, returned to homeless during the period May 1, 2021-September 30, 2021. One percent of households exiting to permanent destinations returned to homelessness. Households receiving temporary assistance and those exiting to temporary destinations are more likely to return to homeless or face greater risk of housing instability than those exiting to permanent destinations.

Identify and consider the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing (Optional):

The Dauphin County Housing Authority owns and manages more than 815 public housing units throughout the County (excluding the City of Harrisburg) as well as administers 1,050 Housing Choice Vouchers, including VASH, Mainstream and Family Unification vouchers.

The Dauphin County 2022 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) indicated 237 emergency shelter beds were available, including 59 seasonal beds unavailable after March 2022. In addition, the HIC identified 141 transitional housing beds; 25 Safe Haven beds; 242 Permanent Supportive Housing beds; 105 Rapid Rehousing beds and 65 other permanent housing beds (in the form of tenant-based or project based/SRO voucher assistance).

Due to expiration of eviction moratoria, which offered protection for many low-income renter households, coupled with escalating rents, lack of affordable housing inventory, and continued economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the homeless system in Dauphin County experienced significant strains. It lacks capacity across all systems to address the unmet needs of all qualifying populations. This includes staff capacity, inventory capacity and resource capacity to appropriately address growing needs among all of the QPs. Service providers and shelters alike experience ongoing staffing shortages that contribute to these capacity challenges, but also the housing market and inventory is rapidly changing.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations: Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

HMIS indicated 1295 individuals served by the homeless system during the period October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021. The CACH Coordinated Entry System showed a waitlist of 717 households containing 1,353 people. According to the 2022 HIC, Dauphin County has 242 permanent supportive housing beds, of which most are estimated to be occupied. The County also has 339 emergency shelter, transitional housing and safe haven beds. This includes 257 year-round beds and 20 overflow beds. This available inventory in insufficient to meet the needs of the population experiencing homelessness.

All stakeholders consulted for this process expressed the same overwhelming need: affordable rental housing. The County collaborates with developers to invest its HOME funds in LIHTC rental housing to expand the inventory of affordable rental units. However, many of those participating in consultations reported that even these units are not affordable to the extremely low-income populations. Further, there is increased competition for fewer affordable units. Already subsidized projects fill quickly and experience very little turnover and long waiting lists for affordable housing and permanent supportive housing. Many permanent supportive providers rely on scattered site privately owned units, and many providers are falling victim to the landlords who are no longer willing to accept assistance or have tenant selection policies that act as barriers for special needs populations.

According to stakeholders, intensive case management and wrap-around supportive services are required as soon as homeless individuals and families are placed in housing, and these services should be provided for at least 18 months to assist in stabilizing them and decreasing their chance of returning

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to homelessness. While numerous service providers are available in the County, their capacity to provide adequate levels of supportive services are strained due to staff shortages, staff burnout, and insufficient staff wages.

Shelter capacity is limited in the northern part of the County and other rural parts of the County, but the Department of Human Services and faith-based groups have successfully placed households in hotels and provided services until affordable housing options are identified. Low-barrier, year-round shelter is not widely available in the County. In addition, there are no dedicated shelter facilities for youth or LGTBQ+, subpopulations identified as having particular unmet needs.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

According to 2014-2018 CHAS data, the number of total housing units exceeds the number of households in Dauphin County. However, the supply of affordable housing units is insufficient for households earning 0-30% AMI. As a result, these households must reside in housing units that are more costly than what would be considered affordable to these households. Renter households earning 81%+ AMI also do not have enough available units appropriately affordable to them. This leads to many highearning households residing in housing units that would be affordable to lower income households, including those with income below 30% AMI. The low vacancy rates of rental units affordable to these households is indicative of a strong demand for affordable housing within these ranges. Furthermore, this does not consider additional costs such as transportation, childcare, and accessibility modifications for individuals with disabilities. With 38.3% of all Dauphin County renters considered cost burdened and 14.1% of renter households considered severely cost burdened, these additional costs further exacerbate the limited access to affordable housing in the county. Among extremely low-income households, who represent 23% of renter households in the County, 61% experience severe cost burden. For very low-income renters, who represent nearly 40% of all renters in the County, 47.5% are severely cost burdened. This further suggests that the supply of affordable options for housing low-income households is insufficient.

	Total		Cost burdened		Severely Cost burdened	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Renters	41,080	-	15,745	38.3%	7,970	19.4%
Very Low-Income Renters (0-50% AMI)	16,365	39.8%	11,590	70.8%	7,770	47.5%
30-50% AMI	6,925	16.9%	5,065	73.1%	1,975	28.5%
Extremely Low-Income Renters (0-30% AMI)	9,440	23.0%	6,525	69.1%	5,795	61.4%

According to stakeholders, supportive services such as affordable childcare, transportation, employment training and housing counseling along with tenant-based rental assistance are in great need for all qualifying populations, but especially those at-risk of homelessness. Stakeholders also report that TBRA

is highly effective at providing ongoing housing stability, but only if there is adequate, quality inventory and supportive services for extended periods of time to help promote that stability.

Poor rental history is often identified as a barrier for households accessing affordable households. Rental assistance and legal services for eviction prevention were identified as needed services to help salvage tenancies and prevent poor rental history from becoming a barrier for future tenancies.

Subpopulations identified include LGBTQ+ populations, homeless youth and young adults (18-24). This includes young adults that are transitioning out of foster care and choose not to continue to participate in the CYS system and lose access to resources to assist with housing and services. Due to age and lack of rental history, permanent housing options are limited. Stakeholders reported some providers are master leasing units for youth; however, due to general lack of affordable housing inventory, there is still an unmet need for housing options for youth.

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice

Victims of domestic violence are identified as one of the three subpopulations that spend the longest time homeless, indicating a need for dedicated resources, including shelter. The YWCA Greater Harrisburg reported 152 individuals were turned away in 2021 due to lack of shelter capacity, indicative of the need for additional dedicated shelter space for this qualifying population. During Federal Fiscal Year 2021, 55% of households fleeing domestic violence exited the homeless system to temporary or unknown destinations. This suggests a lack of permanent, affordable options for this qualifying population. In fact, according to the 2022 HIC, only 16 shelter beds and five transitional housing beds are dedicated for survivors of domestic violence. Only nine Rapid Rehousing units are available for victims of human trafficking. Transitional housing has been identified as a successful model for individuals fleeing domestic violence and human trafficking, particularly when finding permanent affordable housing is difficult; however, stakeholders confirmed the HIC data indicating there are few transitional housing options for this qualifying population in the County. Further, dedicated shelter for victims of domestic violence is needed in the County. Recovery support services are provided through PAATH 15 for survivors, and training is provided to the public and police to identify potential victims.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability as defined by HUD in the Notice

According to HMIS, during the period January 1, 2021-May 1, 2022, 629 individuals exited the homeless system. Of these, 30% exited to temporary destinations, including transitional housing and temporarily staying with friends or family. Households without permanent housing may be more likely to experience returns to homelessness. Even among households exiting to permanent destinations, 40% exited to rentals without ongoing subsidy. Together, these suggest a need for both affordable housing units, as well as tenant based-rental assistance to support extremely low, and low-income households.

Stakeholders reported that these households, without ongoing supportive services, are more likely to experience crises, unexpected financial obligations, or other obstacles that may lead to returns to homelessness. Services such as case management, financial literacy, budgeting, basic life skills, workforce development and training, childcare and transportation, when provided beyond the time limitations of housing and/or rental assistance are needed to promote stability and prevent returns to

homelessness. Stakeholders reported these long-term services are not widely available due to lack of financial and staff capacity.

Veterans: There are a total of 121 beds available for veterans according to the 2022 HIC. However, two veterans were determined to be unsheltered during the 2022 PIT, indicating a barrier in accessing these resources or difficulties by service providers in engaging veterans. These barriers may include co-occurring mental health and/or substance abuse disorders, lack of income or rental history, or criminal history. YWCA of Greater Harrisburg provides a number of supportive services for veterans in addition to housing, such as case management, life skills training, employment training, financial planning and assistance, housing counseling, transportation, legal services, and child care services. Stakeholders reported that providing services once veteran households are placed in housing allows continuity of care that is critical to promoting stability.

Persons with Disabilities: Households with a disabled member represent one of three subpopulations with longest length of time homeless. During the Federal Fiscal Year 2021, over 70% of households with a disabled member exited the homeless system to temporary or unknown destinations. For people with disabilities, accessible housing is a continuing and critical need, ranging from individuals in wheelchairs to medical beds and in-home healthcare services in order to maintain housing stability. Overall, there is a severe need for permanent housing that can accommodate persons with disabilities. This typically includes bathroom equipped with grab bars, installation of handrails, walk-in showers and tubs, along with handicapped accessible doors and cabinets. Medical respite care was identified as a need for individuals discharging from hospital settings. Other needs of this population to maintain housing stability are the same as everyone else: access to employment and accessible public transportation.

Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:

According to PA 2-1-1 Counts, 6,726 requests were made for housing and shelter assistance between June 2021 and June 2022 in Dauphin County, or 3.3% of the county's adult population. This was the third highest rate out of all counties in Pennsylvania. Over 70% of these requests were made regarding rental assistance. While most requests were adequately met, unmet request rates were high for those seeking temporary housing solutions through shelter (4% unmet) and home repair or maintenance needs for low-income homeowners (7% unmet). Home repair/ maintenance includes adaptations for safety and disability access, general upkeep, and weatherization. This suggests an unmet need for supportive services and reinforces stakeholder comments indicating a lack of affordable and accessible housing options in the County.

Since PIT and HIC data only provide a snapshot of persons experiencing homelessness on a single night, a broader picture can be provided through data current presented in Dauphin County's Annual Performance Report (APR) for FY 2022 (1/1/2021 to 9/30/2022) as of May 2022. Between January 2021 and May 2022, 1,286 households stayed at least one night in emergency shelter (ES), permanent supportive housing (PSH), permanent housing (PH), rapid re-housing (RRH), transitional housing (TH), or safe haven (SH).

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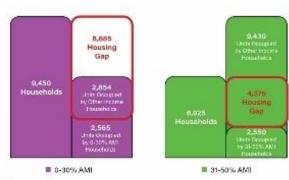
	Exits from the Homel	essness System	
	% Exits to Positive # of Households Exited to Positive Destinations		Total # of Households Exited
By Household type		10 II	
Adult-only Households	23.7%	49	207
Households with Children	31.6%	123	389
Child-only Households	0.0%	0	4
By Pathway			
ES	20.3%	95	468
PSH + PH	100.0%	6	6
RRH	34.3%	12	35
TH	54.2%	65	120
Safe Haven		0	0
All Households	28.3%	178	629

Only 28% of households exiting the homeless system exited to positive housing destinations. This suggests that there is an overall lack of permanent housing resources for all household types that entered the homelessness system, especially for those who were only able to access emergency shelter or rapid re-housing resources.

As indicated, shelter resources (both bed capacity and staff capacity) are insufficient to meet the needs. Specifically, there is a gap for low-barrier year-round shelter resources. Stakeholders reported that street outreach services that have been funded with supplemental CARES Act funding have been critical to identifying unsheltered individuals and placing them in shelter or other temporary housing solutions; however, as these resources dwindle, there will be a gap in the ability to continue to provide this service.

2014-2018 CHAS Data, though outdated, identified 9,450 renter households with income below 30% AMI. For these households, there is a 6,885-unit gap in inventory that is both affordable and available to households in this income tier. For renter households between 31-50% AMI, there is a 4,375 unit-gap in housing in units both affordable and available. This suggests that households are experiencing cost burden and severe cost burden by occupying units that are not affordable to them, putting them at greater risk of housing stability and homelessness.

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Source: 2014-2018 CHAS

ESL services and literacy services are unmet needs in the County. Staff capacity is insufficient to provide adequate services for the limited English proficient. Spanish speakers in particular were identified as not being widely available among service providers.

Under Section IV.4.2.ii.G of the HOME-ARP Notice, a PJ may provide additional characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness in their HOME-ARP allocation plan. These characteristics will further refine the definition of "other populations" that are "At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability," as established in the HOME-ARP Notice. If including these characteristics, identify them here:

Dauphin County is not establishing additional characteristics at this time.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Based on stakeholder consultations and data analysis, rental housing that is affordable and accessible to individuals and households at 0-30% AMI is the priority need. An adequate inventory of deeply subsidized housing for Qualifying Populations is a priority due to low vacancy rates and escalating rental costs. Coupled with this is a priority for rental assistance and supportive services (including case management, legal services and homeless prevention services) to assist the homeless identify and access housing and become stably housed, as well as to prevent homelessness among households who are at greatest risk.

Explain how the PJ determined the level of need and gaps in the PJ's shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan: In addition to feedback from stakeholders and consultation sessions, the following plans and data sources were consulted to determined needs and system gaps for HOME-ARP qualifying populations:

American Community Survey (ACS), 2016-2020

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- . HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), 2014-2018
- · Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness (CACH) 2022 Point-In-Time Count
- CACH 2022 Housing Inventory County (HIC)
- · CACH Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- · Harrisburg/Dauphin County CoC Annual Performance Report (APR)
- 2021 System Performance Measures
- United Way of Pennsylvania's 2-1-1 Counts

HOME-ARP Activities

Describe the method(s)that will be used for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors:

The Dauphin County Department of Community and Economic Development will invite any Developer/Owner that is looking to apply for funding and/or other resources from the County for the new construction, substantial rehabilitation, and/or preservation of affordable housing to submit a proposal for funding. The proposed activity, including the proposed qualifying population(s) to be served, will be evaluated in accordance with the County's HOME-ARP allocation priorities, preferences and prioritization (if any), and projects that address qualifying populations will be considered. The County is not currently establishing preference or priority as part of its scoring criteria for HOME ARP proposals for funding. Should the County establish preference or priorities, a substantial amendment may be duly publicized and submitted to HUD for review. Applicants for HOME-ARP must meet the minimum program eligibility and threshold requirements. Depending on the nature of the proposed activity, site inspections may be conducted by County staff. An evaluation of the site's feasibility, financial underwriting and developer capacity assessment will be completed and considered as part of the review process.

Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

Dauphin County will not administer and oversee its eligible activities directly. Rather, it will enter into HOME Agreements with developers of affordable rental housing projects, and execute subrecipient agreements with service providers. The County will provide oversight and management of its developer and subrecipient agreements.

If any portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds are provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan because the subrecipient or contractor is responsible for the administration of the PJ's entire HOME-ARP grant, identify the subrecipient or contractor and describe its role and responsibilities in administering all of the PJ's HOME-ARP program:

Dauphin County will not be distributing any portion of its HOME – ARP administrative funds to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 375,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non- Congregate Shelters	\$#		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$#		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,621,510		
Non-Profit Operating	\$#	# %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$#	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 352,325	15 %	15%

Describe how the PJ will distribute HOME-ARP funds in accordance with its priority needs identified in its needs assessment and gap analysis:

The HOME-ARP budget was driven by the priority needs identified as a result of stakeholder consultation and data analysis. Dauphin County will distribute 70% of its HOME-ARP allocation for the development of affordable rental housing. An overall lack of affordable rental units was one of the most frequently identified unmet needs among stakeholders. Tight rental markets and high rents make it extremely difficult for housing and service providers to find units that are affordable and in decent condition for their clients. The County is prioritizing the creation of affordable housing units for qualified populations. In addition, the County is allocating approximately 15% of its HOME-ARP funds for supportive services, recognizing that long term supportive services are critical to ensuring stability and success in permanent housing for vulnerable households. HOME – ARP funds will be used for individuals or families from all of the following qualifying populations: homeless; at-risk of homelessness; fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; other populations where providing assistance would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability.

Describe how the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the gap analysis provided a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities:

The affordable rental housing inventory in Dauphin County is severely limited, a challenge that existed long before, and has been exacerbated by, the pandemic. There is increased competition for fewer affordable units throughout the County. Privately owned units are no longer available for affordable housing in many places as landlords are no longer willing to accept rental assistance or have tenant selection policies that act as barriers for special needs populations. Shelters lack bed capacity for households experiencing homelessness, and many families are sheltered in hotels which is costly. Due to lack of affordable inventory, it is increasingly challenging to move folks out of shelter into permanent housing. Success in permanent housing is contingent on long-term services; therefore, the County's emphasis with HOME ARP funds will be to create new units to add to the affordable housing inventory in the County, while providing support for the wraparound services required to ensure successful, stable housing.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

Estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that the PJ will produce or support with its HOME-ARP allocation:

It is anticipated that the County's HOME ARP funds will be used to create a minimum of five new units affordable to households at or below 30% AMI.

Describe the specific affordable rental housing production goal that the PJ hopes to achieve and describe how the production goal will address the PJ's priority needs:

It is anticipated that the County's HOME ARP funds will be used to create a minimum of five new units affordable to households at or below 30% AMI. The County's priority goal established by this Allocation Plan is to increase the number of affordable housing units in the County. Providing funds for rental housing production directly supports the advancement of that goal.

Preferences

Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:

Dauphin County will not establish a preference; all qualifying populations will be eligible to apply for assistance under the County's HOME-ARP assisted program(s). Any preferences established in the future will be described in an amendment to this Allocation Plan and will not violate any fair housing, civil rights, or nondiscrimination requirements at the federal, state, or local level, which includes but is not limited to requirements found in 24 CFR 5.105(a).

If a preference was identified, explain how the use of a preference or method of prioritization will address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

No preferences are established.

Referral Methods

Identify the referral methods that the PI intends to use for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. PJ's may use multiple referral methods in its HOME-ARP program. (Optional):

Dauphin County will use the Coordinated Entry system as an indirect referral source. That is, the CE will be used for intake in order to add the eligible applicant to a HOME-ARP project waiting list, which will be selected from in accordance with the preference and prioritization described above. Coordinated Entry will not be used to admit applicants directly to a HOME-ARP assisted project

If the PJ intends to use the coordinated entry (CE) process established by the CoC, describe whether all qualifying populations eligible for a project or activity will be included in the CE process, or the method by which all qualifying populations eligible for the project or activity will be covered. (Optional):

As indicated above Coordinated Entry will not be used to admit applicants directly to a HOME-ARP assisted project as it does not include all of the qualifying populations. Referrals will be accepted from other sources including emergency shelters, 2-1-1, Street Outreach programs and service providers. All referrals will be placed on the project(s) waiting list and admitted in accordance with the preference and prioritization established earlier in this Plan

If the PJ intends to use the CE process established by the CoC, describe the method of prioritization to be used by the CE. (Optional):

As indicated above Coordinated Entry will not be used to admit applicants directly to a HOME-ARP assisted project, and the CoC CE prioritization will not be utilized.

If the PJ intends to use both a CE process established by the CoC and another referral method for a project or activity, describe any method of prioritization between the two referral methods, if any. (Optional):

As indicated above Coordinated Entry will not be used to admit applicants directly to a HOME-ARP assisted project as it does not include all of the qualifying populations. Referrals will be accepted from other sources including emergency shelters, 2-1-1, Street Outreach programs and service providers. All referrals will be placed on the project(s) waiting list and admitted in accordance with the prioritization described earlier in this plan. Source of referral will not give one applicant preference or prioritization over another.

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

Describe whether the PJ intends to limit eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation of a qualifying population identified in section IV.A of the Notice:

Dauphin County is not establishing limitations on eligibility.

If a PJ intends to implement a limitation, explain why the use of a limitation is necessary to address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

Dauphin County is not establishing limitations on eligibility.

If a limitation was identified, describe how the PJ will address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the limitation through the use of HOME-ARP funds (i.e., through another of the PJ's HOME-ARP projects or activities):

Not applicable.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

Dauphin County does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing in order to rehabilitate the units with HOME-ARP funds. If the County determines that it will use HOME ARP for refinancing, the guidelines for doing so will be in conformance with the HOME-ARP program notice and will be submitted to HUD for review.

Appendix A: Consultation Materials

Appendix B: Citizen Participation

Appendix C: SF424s and Certifications