

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Village of Oak Park is proud to present its 2023 Annual Action Plan, which represents the fourth year of our comprehensive 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Our community is committed to improving living conditions through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, primarily for low and moderate-income residents by addressing three key federal statutory goals: providing decent housing, creating a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities.

To achieve these goals, the Village has identified a range of eligible activities, including public services, housing rehabilitation and preservation, housing outreach, infrastructure improvements, code enforcement, public facility improvements, economic development, and planning and administration. These activities will be financed in part by federally-funded CDBG dollars, which will have a PY 2023 allocation of \$1,539,187 and will include the prior year 2020 funds in the amount of \$857,784 for a total of \$2,396,971, running from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024.

As part of our commitment to transparency and community engagement, the Village has followed its Citizen Participation Plan by posting the draft Action Plan for a 30-day public comment period and holding a public meeting to solicit input from residents. This process ensures that our Action Plan reflects the priorities and needs of our community.

The Plan identifies activities that the Village of Oak Park plans to undertake through direct action or provision of funding to other entities. It is closely connected to the Village's Program Year (PY) 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, which guides our efforts to improve the quality of life for all Oak Park residents.

The lead agency for the Action Plan is the Administrative Division of the Development Customer Services Department of the Village of Oak Park, a general-purpose unit of municipal government. The Division has taken the lead in administering, organizing, and preparing the Action Plan, ensuring that it aligns with the Village's overall goals and priorities.

The Village of Oak Park is excited to continue our efforts to improve the lives of our residents through the implementation of our 2023 Annual Action Plan. We remain committed to working closely with our community partners to address the ongoing challenges faced by our residents and to create a brighter, more equitable future for all.

In April 2023, the members of the Cook County Consortium, and several other entitlement communities, reconvened to continue work on a Cook County Regional Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Plan. This work was started before the COVID pandemic and was paused due to other urgent priorities and HUD's initial suspension AFFH implementation and pending new rule. Since HUD's February 9, 2023, publication in the Federal Register of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) entitled "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing," the Consortium is now anticipating planning the development of an AFFH Equity Plan when guidelines are published and final rule-making is complete. The Consortium is looking forward to publication of the AFFH Final Rule and will continue to consult with local partners in the planning and development of a required AFFH Equity Plan within the timeframe required by the Final Rule. In the interim, all Consortium members are utilizing previous Analysis of Impediments and draft AFFH concepts to inform their advancement of fair housing in communities.

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.

The Village of Oak Park's 2023 Annual Action Plan aims to implement the fourth year of the Village's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan using CDBG funds. The plan focuses on three federal statutory goals to improve living conditions for primarily low- and moderate-income residents: providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities. Eligible activities include public services, housing rehabilitation and preservation, housing outreach, infrastructure improvements, code enforcement, public facility improvements, economic development, and planning and administration.

The plan follows the five-year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development (Con Plan), which is the Village of Oak Park's primary vehicle for identifying and prioritizing housing, community development, and economic needs and strategies to guide the use of its entitlement funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). During the 2023 Program Year, the Village will focus on addressing community priority needs and outcomes of affordable and decent housing, accessibility and availability of a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

After the Con Plan's citizen participation process and input from Village stakeholders, the highest priorities for CDBG funds were found to be public services, affordable housing, homelessness, creating livable communities through infrastructure improvements, administration and planning, economic development, and public facility improvements. Subcategories for the listed priorities are as follows:

- **Public Services:** mental health and substance use disorder counseling and treatment, parenting education, intellectual/developmental disability case management and respite, literacy education, mentoring, domestic violence supports, and emergency food provision and nutrition services. Homeless supports include prevention, street outreach, emergency shelter, and interim housing.

- **Affordable Housing:** Small Rental Rehabilitation Program, Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program, and code enforcement. The Small Rental Rehabilitation Program increases affordability for renters in multi-family buildings with 7 or fewer units, while the Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program provides zero percent loans deferred for 20 years for low- and moderate-income homeowners. Code enforcement enhances the health and safety of Oak Park's population by inspecting the local housing stock and ensuring that it is in good shape.
- **Livable Communities and Infrastructure:** alley improvements, water main and line improvements, street improvements, and sidewalk and sidewalk ramp improvements (including ADA compliant sidewalks.)
- **Public Facility Improvements:** nonprofit public facility improvements, economic development, administration, and planning. This includes public facility improvements for five (5) non-profit organizations, located in Oak Park and providing social services to Oak Park residents. Those organizations include UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago, Y.E.M.B.A., Hephzibah Children's Association, Way Back Inn, and Thrive Counseling Center.

Over five program years, from 2020 to 2024, the Village has a strategy to prioritize proposed projects that meet these high priorities. The plan identifies activities that the Village of Oak Park anticipates undertaking through direct action or provision of funding to other entities, with the lead agency for the Action Plan being the Administrative Division of the Development Customer Services Department of the Village of Oak Park.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The Village of Oak Park received \$1,259,754 in CDBG-CV funds through the CARES Act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds were used to provide business assistance loans to the Oak Park business community, rental assistance for homeless prevention, emergency shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness, and public service supports to non-profit organizations. CDBG-CV funding went entirely to assist individuals of low- and moderate-income.

While the Village was successful in meeting many of its goals in PY 2022, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact infrastructure development, causing delays and limitations in the process. The limited access to supplies, increased cost to the supplies that were available, union strikes, and shortage in contractors resulted in an inability to fully expend funds and not meet timeliness requirements. Despite these challenges, Public Service, Public Facility Improvement, and Administration projects were able to spend down their allotment funds.

The past performance of PY 2021 subrecipients was evaluated in PY 2022, and agencies that underperformed were reported to the Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee (CDCAC), which makes funding level recommendations to the Village of Oak Park Board of Trustees. With 20,475 persons served with PY 2022 CDBG funds, the overall CDBG goals were exceeded.

In PY 2022 the Village allocated \$248,031, which is the maximum allotted with the 15% public service cap, from the CDBG Program to fund 16 public service activities administered by various not-for-profit service providers and one handled by a Village department. Additionally, \$75,000 in CDBG Administration funds were allocated to the Oak Park Regional Housing Center for fair housing services, \$16,000 for the Oak Park Homeless Coalition; and \$99,071 for facility improvements for UCP Seguin, Way Back Inn, and Y.E.M.B.A., who each serve LMI clients.

Overall, while the COVID-19 pandemic caused challenges and delays in infrastructure development, the Village was successful in meeting its goals in PY 2022 and exceeded its overall CDBG goals with PY 2022 funds. The Village's allocation of CDBG funds to local non-profit subrecipients in PY 2022 shows a pledge to public service and the commitment to high-priority activities in PY 2023 indicates a continued focus on addressing the community's needs. The high-priority activities, include Public Services, Affordable Housing, Infrastructure, and Public Facility Improvements.

The Village received \$1,539,187 in CDBG funds available in PY 2023 and will allocate \$857,784 in prior year funds, which will be used to further Con Plan objectives. The 2020 prior year funds will be used to support infrastructure in the Village through the following Activities

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

As part of the amendment process, all citizens and interested parties were able to view a draft of this plan. Copies of the Amended Plan, in draft form, were available for thirty (30) day review and comment period beginning December 6, 2023 at the Village of Oak Park located at 123 Madison St. Oak Park, IL 60302 in the Development Customer Services Department and online at www.oak-park.us/cdbg. The Plan was presented on January 8, 2023 at Village of Oak Park for final public hearing prior to the Village of Oak Park meeting on January 15, 2024 Village Board of Trustees meeting at 7pm. Access is, and accommodations were, available for persons with disabilities and for non-English speakers. No public comment was received. Final approval of the Plan by the Village Board of Trustees at the January 15, 2024 meeting.

The Village of Oak Park started developing its PY 2023 Action Plan with the aim of identifying priority needs, and engaging citizens, public agencies and non-profit organizations. The process began in January 2023 with the publication of a Notice of Federal Funding Availability in a newspaper and on social media. Two ads were also placed in the *Wednesday Journal* to advertise the mandatory Grants Workshop and encourage new non-profits to participate in the CDBG funding opportunities. Over 55 participants

attended the workshop, including eight new organizations that have not previously received CDBG funds. The Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC) held four hearings and conducted an in-depth review of each application. After the commissioners collectively worked to determine funding recommendations, the Chair presented funding recommendations to the Village Board of Trustees, which are now included in the Draft Action Plan. This Draft Action Plan was previously subject to a public notice and related public hearing and comment period, as published on June 21, 2023. The Village has revised the proposed PY2023 Action Plan as of July 12, 2023 – August 12, 2023 the Village of Oak Park Program Year (PY) 2023 Draft Annual Action Plan is available for public review and comment, the Plan can be reviewed during business hours Monday-Friday, effective July 12, to August 12, 2023, at the Oak Park Village Hall, Development Customer Services Department, 123 Madison Street; and on the Village Housing-Grants webpage <https://www.oak-park.us/village-services/housing-programs/community-development-shelter-grants> and at the Public Library, Main Branch, 834 Lake Street. Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking persons, as needed.

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.

No public comments were received during this time.

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

No public comments were received during this time.

7. Summary

To meet the priority needs of the community, the Village worked in partnership with other entities and will continue to identify and incorporate more partners, as well as assist existing partners in enhancing their service delivery systems. This will be accomplished through project funding, program monitoring, technical assistance, workshops and information-sharing, particularly through the various coalitions and committees on which the Village serves.

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	OAK PARK	
CDBG Administrator		Development Customer Services/Village of Oak Park
HOME Administrator		
ESG Administrator		Development Customer Services/Village of Oak Park

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The lead agency for the Action Plan is the Administrative Services Division of the Development Customer Services Department of the Village of Oak Park, a general-purpose unit of municipal government. The division initiated the administration, organization and preparation of the Action Plan and will coordinate with the public and nonprofit entities through which it will be carried out. All of this will be done in conjunction with Cook County, the lead agency for the HOME Consortium to which Oak Park belongs.

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

1. Introduction

The Development Customer Services Department of the Village of Oak Park engages in consultations with various agencies and community partners throughout the year to receive input and feedback from the community. The department collaborates with the Village's Departments of Public Works and Public Health. Many public service agencies, citizens, and non-profits engage with the Village of Oak Park to provide input. The department's plans for HUD funding are developed in consultation with Continuum of Care members, community representatives, and sub-recipients. In accordance with the citizen participation plan, citizens and key persons are asked to provide feedback on the draft PY 2023 Action Plan. Several agencies are involved in the consultation, planning, and communication efforts, including the Oak Park and River Forest Infant Welfare Society and the state public health agency who was consulted regarding lead-based paint hazard reduction efforts, particularly in relation to children can lead-to-develop a comprehensive and effective action plan that meets the needs of the Oak Park community.

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(l)).

The Village of Oak Park works collaboratively with public and private agencies to streamline the grant application and awarding process to leverage resources that support local organizations. The Village is part of a funder collaboration group that aims to coordinate efforts to ensure services are not duplicated and needs are addressed effectively. The committee evaluates priorities and funding efforts in the community to provide the most coordinated funding structure that addresses the needs of the community, including persons experiencing homelessness, with an emphasis on chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth, as well as persons at risk of homelessness. The Village worked closely with sub-recipients and other service providers, including NAMI Metro Suburban and Thrive, to develop better coordination and partnership to assist persons with mental health issues. The Village is also closely involved with Housing Forward, the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County (Continuum of Care lead), and the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition to develop a cohesive plan to end homelessness in the Village.

The Village's application process for 2023 CDBG Public Services focuses on funding priority needs of the community to encourage collaboration among community partners. The reporting and monitoring practices are unified to ensure clear and programmatic financial record-keeping, compliance, and transparency. By working collaboratively with other funding partners and agencies, the Village is able to identify clear and measurable outcomes that are requested by sub-recipients to ensure effectiveness. The goal of the collaboration is to provide a coordinated funding structure that addresses the needs of the community. Through these collective efforts, the Village is able to make the greatest impact with

limited resources by providing a more streamlined and synchronized approach to addressing the needs of the community.

HUD eligibility was not the only consideration. Following the 5-year Consolidated Plan's priorities/objectives was also taken into consideration. The Priorities/Objectives are:

Priority 1: Public Services

Priority 2: Public Infrastructure

Priority 3: Homelessness

Priority 4: Affordable Housing

Priority 5: Improvements to Public Facilities

Priority 6: Economic Development

Priority 7: Administration and Planning

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.

The Village of Oak Park is actively involved in coordinating efforts with the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County (the Alliance) and the area's Continuum of Care. This collaboration ensures a comprehensive and harmonized response to homelessness within the community, while also assessing the specific needs of Oak Park. The Village participates in various committees of the Alliance to confirm that its priorities align with the strategic plan of the Alliance. Housing Forward, an agency partnering with the Village, implements two CDBG activities to help these populations: W.R.A.P. and interim housing shelter.

The Village is also involved in the Oak Park Homeless Coalition to increase interagency collaboration and ensure that persons experiencing homelessness receive services best suited to their needs. The Coalition has set goals for 2023, which include creating a By Name Referral list managed by Housing Forward to prioritize families and individuals for housing assistance. The Coalition will also focus on providing short-term stability case management and shelter diversion services more effectively.

Overall, the Village of Oak Park prioritizes partnerships with external agencies to ensure the most effective response to homelessness in its community. By working closely with the Alliance, Continuum of Care, Housing Forward, and other service providers, the Village can better assess the specific needs of its community and allocate resources accordingly.

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

The Village has not been a recipient of ESG funds since 2019 and prioritizes public service monies to ensure homeless needs are supported.

In addition to stakeholder meetings held to determine Con Plan priorities, the Village met with a variety of funders in the community, including the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County (the Alliance), Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation, Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park Township, and Cook County to evaluate how funds are being used to address priorities in Oak Park, including homeless needs. This involved a focused discussion on the coordination of funds between Oak Park, Cook County, private funders, and other localities. The Alliance participated in the discussion to provide regional expertise on how best outcomes can be achieved.

The Village met with the Alliance and included Housing Forward, Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago Homeless Coalition, State of Illinois, and State Representatives to discuss how current funds are being utilized, what needs still remain in the community, and how future effects can be focused more efficiently. Oak Park relies on the Alliance’s expertise on homeless needs in suburban Cook County – including performance standards, outcomes evaluation, and policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS – to ensure a synchronized regional effort and to provide a consistent message to all subrecipients.

Coordination among ESG recipients is facilitated through the use of the Coordinated Entry initiative that increases the efficiency of assistance to persons in need and determines targeting and prioritization for services. Since 2016, the Village has been involved with the implementation of Coordinated Entry, attending meetings, serving on the RFP Review Committee for Coordinated Entry, and attending regular meetings since the contract was awarded to a collaborative group led by Housing Forward. The Village has not been a recipient of ESG funds since 2019 and prioritizes public service monies to ensure homeless needs are supported.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS IN SUBURBANK COOK COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Regional organization Planning organization Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Village followed the Alliance Strategic Plan and attended meetings and special sessions all throughout the year. The Alliance was interviewed for the Con Plan and played an important leadership role as the CoC.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Planning organization Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was funded with CDBG funds and plays a vital role, being the main fair housing agency in Oak Park. They were consulted during the Con Plan process. They are expected to help keep Oak Park diverse and, mainly, free of discrimination. The Housing Center is an official Partner Agency of the Oak Park government.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	COOK COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Regional organization Planning organization Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cook County government (Department of Planning and Development; Bureau of Economic Development) is the lead agency for the HOME Consortium to which the Village belongs. This entire IDIS PY 2023 Action Plan is being done in partnership with Cook County.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	State of Illinois
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - State Planning organization Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	State Government
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Like all these other agencies and organizations, the State was sent the draft Action Plan, with an emphasis on lead hazard reduction and children.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	OAK PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Other government - Local Neighborhood Organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	The Village works with the Oak Park Housing Authority (OPHA) to ensure proper housing for LMI persons, seniors, persons experiencing homelessness and persons with disabilities. The OPHA Plan and the Village Con Plan and Action Plan are consistent with each other. They received the draft Action Plan.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	OAK PARK RESIDENCE CORPORATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Other government - Local Planning organization Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Village works with the Oak Park Residence Corporation to ensure proper and inclusive housing policy and actions. The Residence Corporation is an official Partner Agency of the Oak Park government.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Forward
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization Neighborhood Organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Housing Forward is a subrecipient of CDBG funds and the primary homelessness services provider for Oak Park. They were interviewed for the Con Plan and played an important leadership role with the Alliance and the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition. They received the draft Action Plan.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Infant Welfare League, the Children's Clinic
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Health Services-Education Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Oak Park-River Forest Children's Clinic of the Infant Welfare Society, a CDBG subrecipient, is the primary child welfare agency, that the Village consulted with regard to lead-based paint hazard reductions, particularly on the subject of children.

9	Agency/Group/Organization	SARAH'S INN
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Education Services - Victims Regional organization Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	Sarah's Inn is a subrecipient of CDBG funds, being the main domestic violence services provider for Oak Park and the larger area. They received the draft Action Plan.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization Civic Leaders Foundation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	The Village is involved with the meeting of community funders, led by the Oak Park Township Community Mental Health Board and the Oak Park & River Forest Community Foundation. The goal is to better serve nonprofit agencies.

11	Agency/Group/Organization	Beyond Hunger
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Health Services-Education Health Agency Regional organization Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	Beyond Hunger is a subrecipient of CDBG funds, being the main emergency food provider for Oak Park and the larger area. They received the draft Action Plan.

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

The Village sought to include one other agency in this section, but the IDIS AAP search system would not allow this. This agency is the Oak Park Township Community Mental Health Board, which, along with the Oak Park & River Forest Community Foundation, works with the Village of Oak Park on matters of homelessness and finding the most efficient and effective way to serve local nonprofit agencies.

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?
Continuum of Care	Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County	Our goals overlap with the Alliance's plan

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 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

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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	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	The Wednesday Journal newspaper ad ran on June 21, 2023. The comment period ran from June 22, 2023, to 5:00 pm on July 24, 2023.	No comments were received.	Not applicable	
2	Internet Outreach	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: any other language</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	Draft PY 2023 Action Plan sent out to multiple agencies per the Oak Park Citizen's Participation Plan. The draft document was also made available on the Village of Oak Park's website.	no comments received	not applicable	https://www.oak-park.us/village-services/housing-programs/community-development-shelter-grants

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3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The public meeting for the draft Action Plan was held on July 24, 2023.	No comments were received.	Not applicable.	
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The public hearing for the draft Action Plan was held on July 24, 2023, at 3:30 pm.	No comments were received.	Not applicable.	
5	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	This Draft Action Plan was previously subject to a public notice and related public hearing and comment period, as published on June 21, 2023. The Village has revised the proposed PY2023 Action Plan as of July 12, 2023 August 12, 2023	No comments were received.	Not applicable.	

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Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The Village of Oak Park CDBG entitle grant for PY 2023 is \$1,539,187 and prior year funds are \$857,784. The total will be spent in the following categories:

Program Administration - \$ 307,837

This activity will provide general management, oversight, and coordination of the CDBG programs. This activity will fund Administrative salaries, as well as any administrative costs incurred by the management of the office.

Affordable Housing Program - \$ 240,000

This program will provide home repair assistance and emergency repair assistance to low and moderate-income homeowners who are experiencing conditions in and around their homes that pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the household occupants. Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction regulation under 24 CFR 35 includes Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction activities in all its rehabilitation programs. These activities include paint testing, safe work practices, occupant protection, education, and clearance testing before re-occupancy. This activity is eligible under 24CFR section 570.202(a) and will benefit low and moderate-income persons qualified under 570.208(a)(2)(i)(A).

Public Services - \$ 230,878

The Village of Oak Park will provide CDBG funding necessary for local Public Services to implement their programs. All programs funded with CDBG money will benefit low to moderate-income Oak Park residents, or presumed low-mod beneficiaries. The services will range from youth

programs to mental health services, to homeless services.

Public Facilities - \$ 218,256

The Village will provide CDBG funds to help fund public facilities for non-profits in Oak Park that provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities, mental illness, substance use disorders, foster children, mentoring, and youth programs. This will be provided through the Way Back Inn, Y.E.M.B.A., Thrive Counseling Center, IWS Children's Clinic, UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago, and Hephzibah Children's Association.

Public Infrastructure - \$1,400,000

The Village of Oak Park will provide CDBG funds to repair, renovate, and upgrade alleys, ADA sidewalks, lead water line replacement, and street resurfacing. Prior Year 2020 funds, in the amount of \$857,784 will be used for the following activities in PY 2023. \$1,400,000 is a combination of prior year 2020 funds in the amount of \$857,784 and PY23 annual allocation of \$542,216.

Total amount funded for PY 2023 is \$2,396,971 which includes the PY 2023 Annual Allocation and Prior Year 2020 resources. The

expected amount of remaining funds will be \$780,623.29.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,539,187	0	857,784	2,396,971	780,623	Allocated non-profit agencies serving the Oak Park community, for public services and public facility improvement; infrastructure, Affordable Housing, and Administration planning. Prior Year resources from PY 2020, in the amount of \$857,784 will be used to support infrastructure activities through ADA sidewalks (\$157,784) and alleys (\$700,000).

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	0	0	0	0	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

Federal funding will leverage private, state and local funds by enabling the Village of Oak Park to serve those with the greatest need at the highest capacity. Additionally, federal funds will serve as funding for Village programs or service provider applications that require additional funding in order to have their program, project or service meet the need of the community. The grant money provided by HUD will allow organizations and the Village to successfully meet the needs of the community’s most vulnerable members. In addition, when the Village does

receive ESG funds, which will not be the case for PY 2023, they have to be matched dollar for dollar by sub recipients, creating additional investment in the community.

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

No publicly owned land or property within the Village of Oak Park will be used to address the needs identified.

Discussion

The Village of Oak Park received an allocation of \$1,539,187 for PY 2023 and will use the prior year 2020 funds in the amount of \$857,784 to meet the public infrastructure goals identified in the plan. The goals include infrastructure activities for alleys and ADA sidewalks.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Services	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Entire Jurisdiction	Public Services Homelessness Assistance	CDBG: \$230,878	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3887 Persons Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 40 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 20 Persons Assisted
2	Public Facilities and Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Entire Jurisdiction	Public Facilities & Improvements	CDBG: \$218,256	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1182 Persons Assisted
3	Affordable & Safe Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Entire Jurisdiction CDBG Target Area	Housing	CDBG: \$240,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 14 Household Housing Unit Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 1200 Household Housing Unit
4	Public Infrastructure	2020	2024	Public Infrastructure	Entire Jurisdiction CDBG Target Area	Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$1,400,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1570 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Entire Jurisdiction	Administration & Planning	CDBG: \$307,837	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	The Village of Oak Park will provide CDBG funding necessary for local Public Services to implement their programs. All programs funded with CDBG money will benefit low to moderate-income Oak Park residents, or presumed low-mod beneficiaries. The services will range from youth programs to mental health services, to homeless services.
2	Goal Name	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Goal Description	The Village will provide CDBG funds to help fund public facilities for non-profits in Oak Park that provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities, mental illness, substance use disorders, foster children, mentoring, and youth programs. This will be provided through the Way Back Inn, Y.E.M.B.A., Thrive Counseling Center, IWS Children’s Clinic, UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago, and Hephzibah Children’s Association.
3	Goal Name	Affordable & Safe Housing
	Goal Description	The goal for the Housing Rehabilitation Program is to assist 7 homeowners with rehabilitation projects. Along with the rehabilitation program. The goal includes the Lead Hazard Program to perform lead abatement projects throughout the year on projects that require lead abatement. This program will provide home repair assistance and emergency repair assistance to low and moderate-income homeowners who are experiencing conditions in and around their homes that pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the household occupants.

4	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	The Village of Oak Park will provide CDBG funds to repair, renovate, and upgrade alleys, ADA sidewalks, lead water line replacement, and street resurfacing. Prior Year 2020 funds, in the amount of \$857,784 will be used for the following activities in PY 2023.
5	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	This goal will provide general management, oversight, and coordination of the CDBG program. This goal will fund Administrative salaries, as well as any administrative costs incurred with the management of the office.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

In order to achieve the priorities, strategies, and goals listed in the Consolidated Plan, the Village has identified four projects that will be implemented in PY 2023: public services, infrastructure, public facility improvements, and housing. The disbursement for the four projects which focuses on services that address the priority needs labeled in the Consolidated Plan. Services include youth services, after school services, mental health services, housing counseling services, services to the developmental disability community, and daycare services. As well as, with the rehabilitation, lead-based paint hazard reduction, and accessibility programs. Public Services - \$230,878; Infrastructure - \$1,400,000 (this includes prior year 2020 funds in the amount of \$857,784 to complete activities in the plan through alleys (\$700,000) and ADA sidewalks (\$157,784)); Public Facility Improvements - \$718,256; and Housing - \$240,000, including \$75,000 for Code Enforcement activity. Similar to last year, the Village did not receive Emergency Solutions Grant funding for PY 2023.

#	Project Name
1	B23-1 Beyond Hunger
2	B23-2 CSS
3	B23-3 Easterseals
4	B23-4 Hephzibah (Facility Improvement)
5	B23-5 Hephzibah (Public Services)
6	B23-6 Housing Forward, Interim Housing
7	B23-7 Housing Forward, OPHCoalition (Admin)
8	B23-8 Housing Forward, WRAP
9	B23-9 IWS Children's Clinic
10	B23-10 IWS Children's Clinic (Facility Improvement)
11	B23-11 NAMI
12	B23-12 New Moms
13	B23-13 NW Housing Partnership
14	B23-14 OP Regional Housing Center
15	B23-16 Sarah's Inn
16	B23-15 Our Future Reads
17	B23-17 Thrive (Public Facility)
18	B23-18 UCP Seguin (Public Facility)
19	B23-19 Way Back Inn
20	B23-20 Way Back Inn (Facility Improvement)
21	B23-21 YEMBA

#	Project Name
22	B23-22 YEMBA (Facility Improvement)
23	B23-23 VOP CDBG Admin
24	B23-24 VOP Farmer's Market
26	B23-26 VOP Housing Code Enforcement
27	B23-27 VOP Housing, Lead Hazard
28	B23-28 VOP Housing Project Implementation
29	B23-29 VOP Housing Single Family Rehab
30	B23-30 VOP Housing Small Rental Rehab
31	B23-31 VOP Public Works Alleys
32	B23-32 VOP Public Works Sidewalks
33	B23-33 VOP Public Works Streetscaping
34	B23-34 VOP Public Works Water Line Improvements

Table 7 – Project Information

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

Allocation priorities for Village units were determined to be affordable housing, infrastructure, public services, planning-administration, and public facility improvements. These are based on consultation and public participation. The Village sought a high level of agency and public consultation in an effort to demonstrate its commitment to identifying priority needs and engaging the participation of public agencies and nonprofit organizations. These actions and meetings resulted in the Village's allocation priorities.

Oak Park continues to work at addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. More residents are experiencing housing insecurity challenges to finding affordable housing, behavioral health supports and other social influences. Many nonprofit partners are overwhelmed and understaffed, and there is a continued shortage of qualified workers for all types of construction and human services jobs. In addition to supply chain problems and rapidly rising material costs, there is a continued delay in construction projects. As a result, achieving the goals in our Action Plan will continue to be challenging, specifically with our capital/construction projects. However, we are confident that the proposed goals will be accomplished in the program year.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	B23-1 Beyond Hunger
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$24,000
	Description	Funding will help cover the cost of food as well as offset the personnel costs of Food Pantry, Nutrition Education, and Social Services staff.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1500 LMI Persons
	Location Description	848 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60301
	Planned Activities	Funding will help cover the cost of food as well as offset the personnel costs of Food Pantry, Nutrition Education, and Social Services staff.
2	Project Name	B23-2 CSS
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	Funding will go toward a case manager and respite in order to provide individualized resources, services, and supports to meet the needs and interests of program participants.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	36 LMI Persons
	Location Description	9021 Ogden Ave, Brookfield, IL 60513
	Planned Activities	Funding will go toward a case manager and respite in order to provide individualized resources, services, and supports to meet the needs and interests of program participants.

3	Project Name	B23-3 Easterseals
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	Staff training and supplies for three programs to support LMI parents of at-risk children.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	90 LMI Persons
	Location Description	171 S. Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	Staff training and supplies for three programs to support LMI parents of at-risk children.
4	Project Name	B23-4 Hephzibah (Facility Improvement)
	Target Area	CDBG Target Area
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities & Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$65,291
	Description	Removal and Replacement of 80 Windows at Hephzibah Home
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 LMI Persons
	Location Description	946 North Boulevard, Oak Park, IL 60301
	Planned Activities	Removal and Replacement of 80 Windows at Hephzibah Home
5	Project Name	B23-5 Hephzibah (Public Services)
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services

	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,000
	Description	Funding will go toward a behavior interventionist who will provide academic, behavioral support and crisis intervention services for 50 children who reside at Hephzibah Home and attend District 97 and therapeutic schools.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 LMI Persons
	Location Description	1144 Lake Street, Fifth Floor, Oak Park, IL
	Planned Activities	Funding will go toward a behavior interventionist who will provide academic, behavioral support and crisis intervention services for 50 foster children who reside at Hephzibah Home and attend District 97 and therapeutic schools.
6	Project Name	B23-6 Housing Forward, Interim Housing
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$32,000
	Description	Funding will go toward the Interim Housing program which provides short-term, 24/7, private accommodations--combined with structured programming--to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness transition from housing crisis to a stable, permanent housing destination.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 LMI Persons
	Location Description	211 N. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302

	Planned Activities	Funding will go toward the Interim Housing program which provides short-term, 24/7, private accommodations--combined with structured programming--to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness transition from housing crisis to a stable, permanent housing destination.
7	Project Name	B23-7 Housing Forward, OPHCoalition (Admin)
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Administration & Planning
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	Funds will go toward financial support for administrative costs for project implementation associated with planning for the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Admin doesn't report
	Location Description	211 N Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302
Planned Activities	Funds will go toward financial support for administrative costs for project implementation associated with planning for the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition.	
8	Project Name	B23-8 Housing Forward, WRAP
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services Homelessness Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,347
	Description	Funding will support the community case management of the Wraparound Services Program. Community case management provides longer-term case management support to individuals who have successfully transitioned into permanent housing in the community through an Oak Park Housing Choice Voucher. The focus is on ensuring greater long-term independence and housing stability.

	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 LMI Persons
	Location Description	211 N Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	Funding will support the community case management of the Wraparound Services Program. Community case management provides longer-term case management support to individuals who have successfully transitioned into permanent housing in the community through an Oak Park Housing Choice Voucher. The focus is on ensuring greater long-term independence and housing stability.
9	Project Name	B23-9 IWS Children's Clinic
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	The Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society Children's Clinic will use CDBG funds to subsidize the cost of providing preventive and restorative dental care for low-income Oak Park children.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	600 LMI Persons
	Location Description	28 Madison St, Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	The Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society Children's Clinic will use CDBG funds to subsidize the cost of providing preventive and restorative dental care for low-income Oak Park children.
10	Project Name	B23-10 IWS Children's Clinic (Facility Improvement)
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Improvements

	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities & Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
	Description	Funds will be used to subsidize the cost of replacing three rooftop air-handling units for their building. The total project cost includes the purchase and installation of the new rooftop units, as well as associated roof upgrades that are needed to ensure proper installation and ample performance.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	600 LMI Persons
	Location Description	28 Madison St, Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to subsidize the cost of replacing three rooftop air-handling units for their building. The total project cost includes the purchase and installation of the new rooftop units, as well as associated roof upgrades that are needed to ensure proper installation and ample performance.
11	Project Name	B23-11 NAMI
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,000
	Description	Funding will partially support a Program Supervisor. Job duties include providing direct services to program members with mental illness, establishing a therapeutic milieu, monitoring members' behavior, and supervising activities at the drop-in center.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	29 LMI Persons
	Location Description	814 Harrison St. Oak Park, IL 60304

	Planned Activities	Funding will partially support a Program Supervisor. Job duties include providing direct services to program members with mental illness, establishing a therapeutic milieu, monitoring members' behavior, and supervising activities at the drop-in center.
12	Project Name	B23-12 New Moms
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,500
	Description	Funding will go toward staff salaries and benefits for New Moms' Family Support program which serves to meet the challenging needs of high-risk low-income, adolescent mothers and their children. Services are delivered through providing critical weekly/bi-weekly home-based, health-focused interventions including parent coaching using the evidence-based Parents as Teachers model, and doula services to support healthy pregnancy outcomes.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 LMI Persons
	Location Description	206 W. Chicago Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	Funding will go toward staff salaries and benefits for New Moms' Family Support program which serves to meet the challenging needs of high-risk low-income, adolescent mothers and their children. Services are delivered through providing critical weekly/bi-weekly home-based, health-focused interventions including parent coaching using the evidence-based Parents as Teachers model, and doula services to support healthy pregnancy outcomes.
13	Project Name	B23-13 NW Housing Partnership
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,625

	Description	This project will provide cost-effective services by professional and qualified persons to seniors aged 63 and older in the Village of Oak Park. These services are minor repairs that do not require a permit. The handypersons are experienced working with seniors and carry liability insurance. Oak Park seniors pay a sliding scale fee based on income.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 LMI Persons
	Location Description	Oak Park, IL
	Planned Activities	This project will provide cost-effective services by professional and qualified persons to seniors aged 63 and older in the Village of Oak Park. These services are minor repairs that do not require a permit. The handypersons are experienced working with seniors and carry liability insurance. Oak Park seniors pay a sliding scale fee based on income.
14	Project Name	B23-14 OP Regional Housing Center
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Administration & Planning
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	Funds will go toward staff costs for employees of the Oak Park Regional Housing Center which provides fair housing education and housing search assistance to clients in need of rental housing in an effort to combat discrimination and to ensure awareness of fair housing rights and housing opportunities to people of all races, abilities and incomes.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Admin does not report
	Location Description	1041 S Blvd, Oak Park, IL 60302

	Planned Activities	Funds will go toward staff costs for employees of the Oak Park Regional Housing Center which provides fair housing education and housing search assistance to clients in need of rental housing in an effort to combat discrimination and to ensure awareness of fair housing rights and housing opportunities to people of all races, abilities and incomes.
15	Project Name	B23-16 Sarah's Inn
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	This project will pay for the partial salary and fringe benefits for the Advocacy and Counseling Coordinator, Counselor, Child & Family Counselor, Intervention Counselor, Community Advocate, Community Advocacy Supervisor, Counseling Supervisor, Legal Advocate, Legal Advocacy Supervisor, Community Educator and Training and Education Supervisor. These trained positions will provide counseling, general advocacy, legal advocacy, safety planning, IDVA education ad support, assistance in obtaining an order of protection, accompaniment to court, public education about Sarahs Inn services and the dynamics of domestic violence to community members.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	350 LMI Persons
	Location Description	Domestic Violence
Planned Activities	This project will pay for the partial salary and fringe benefits for the Advocacy and Counseling Coordinator, Counselor, Child & Family Counselor, Intervention Counselor, Community Advocate, Community Advocacy Supervisor, Counseling Supervisor, Legal Advocate, Legal Advocacy Supervisor, Community Educator and Training and Education Supervisor. These trained positions will provide counseling, general advocacy, legal advocacy, safety planning, IDVA education ad support, assistance in obtaining an order of protection, accompaniment to court, public education about Sarah’s Inn services and the dynamics of domestic violence to community members.	

16	Project Name	B23-15 Our Future Reads
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,000
	Description	CDBG funds will support a part-time employee to manage inventory, ship books, as well as cover the costs for shipping the books.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	600 LMI Persons
	Location Description	909 N Marion St, Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will support a part-time employee to manage inventory, ship books, as well as cover the costs for shipping the books.
17	Project Name	B23-17 Thrive (Public Facility)
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities & Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	This project's funding will go toward rehabilitating 8 bathrooms and 4 drinking fountains, along with patch and painting work associated with the rehabilitation. All space will be accessible to clients.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 LMI Persons
	Location Description	120 S Marion St, Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	This project's funding will go toward rehabilitating 8 bathrooms and 4 drinking fountains, along with patch and painting work associated with the rehabilitation. All space will be accessible to clients.

18	Project Name	B23-18 UCP Seguin (Public Facility)
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities & Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$46,800
	Description	Renovation of two Oak Park CILA homes for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8 LMI Persons
	Location Description	2 houses in Oak Park
	Planned Activities	Renovation of two Oak Park CILA homes for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities.
19	Project Name	B23-19 Way Back Inn
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,406
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to provide counseling to individuals in recovery and their family members at the Way Back Inn Grateful House.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	86 LMI Persons
	Location Description	412 Wesley, Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be used to provide counseling to individuals in recovery and their family members at the Way Back Inn Grateful House.
	Project Name	B23-20 Way Back Inn (Facility Improvement)

20	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities & Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,165
	Description	Funds will go toward the cost and installation of a whole-house backup generator for a recovery home in Oak Park during power failures.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	86 LMI Persons
	Location Description	412 Wesley, Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	Funds will go toward the cost and installation of a whole-house backup generator for a recovery home in Oak Park during power failures.
21	Project Name	B23-21 YEMBA
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,000
	Description	Funds support salary for staff to provide mentoring empowerment and training services to minority youth, in 6-8th grade, who are Oak Park residents.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	138 LMI Persons
	Location Description	218 Lake St, Oak Park, IL 60302
Planned Activities	Funds support salary for staff to provide mentoring empowerment and training services to minority youth, in 6-8th grade, who are Oak Park residents.	
	Project Name	B23-22 YEMBA (Facility Improvement)

22	Target Area	CDBG Target Area
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities & Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	This project is for equipment, materials and labor for the installation of glass door inserts, canned lighting in a multipurpose room and common area, and frosted glass inserts at the mentoring facility.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	138 LMI Persons
	Location Description	218 Lake St, Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	This project is for equipment, materials and labor for the installation of glass door inserts, canned lighting in a multipurpose room and common area, and frosted glass inserts at the mentoring facility.
23	Project Name	B23-23 VOP CDBG Admin
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Administration & Planning
	Funding	CDBG: \$207,837
	Description	General oversight, administration and management of the Village CDBG program for PY 2023.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Admin does not report
	Location Description	123 Madison, Oak Park, IL
Planned Activities	General oversight, administration and management of the Village CDBG program for PY 2023.	
	Project Name	B23-24 VOP Farmer's Market

24	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	Funds will be used as an incentive for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants to purchase farm-fresh and nutritious specialty crops at the Oak Park Farmers Market. The CDBG funds will be used as part of a Double Value Coupon Program where SNAP participants will receive up to a \$25 match in the form of LINK bucks to purchase additional farm-fresh products.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	178 LMI Persons
	Location Description	460 Lake St, Oak Park, IL 60302
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used as an incentive for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants to purchase farm-fresh and nutritious specialty crops at the Oak Park Farmers Market. The CDBG funds will be used as part of a Double Value Coupon Program where SNAP participants will receive up to a \$25 match in the form of LINK bucks to purchase additional farm-fresh products.
25	Project Name	B23-26 VOP Housing Code Enforcement
	Target Area	CDBG Target Area
	Goals Supported	Affordable & Safe Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	The Neighborhood Services Division of the Oak Park Development Customer Services Department is receiving CDBG funds to improve homes and businesses in deteriorated/deteriorating income-eligible areas of the Village in order to improve the health, safety and overall well-being of Oak Park residents.
	Target Date	9/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Code Enforcement staff will touch 1200 houses in LMI census block groups
	Location Description	Various houses in low/mod block groups
	Planned Activities	The Neighborhood Services Division of the Oak Park Development Customer Services Department is receiving CDBG funds to improve homes and businesses in deteriorated/deteriorating income-eligible areas of the Village in order to improve the health, safety and overall well-being of Oak Park residents.
26	Project Name	B23-27 VOP Housing, Lead Hazard
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Affordable & Safe Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	The Village will use these CDBG funds to reduce lead hazards in the single-family homes of income-qualifying households in partnership with a single-family housing rehabilitation activity.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7 LMI Households
	Location Description	123 Madison, Oak Park, IL
	Planned Activities	The Village will use these CDBG funds to reduce lead hazards in the single-family homes of income-qualifying households in partnership with a single-family housing rehabilitation activity.
27	Project Name	B23-28 VOP Housing Project Implementation
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Affordable & Safe Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$65,000

	Description	Funding is for the Oak Park Housing Programs Projects Implementation, which covers activity delivery costs for the three housing projects: lead hazard reduction; single-family rehab with the revolving loan fund; and small rental rehab.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	17 LMI Households
	Location Description	123 Madison, Oak Park, IL
	Planned Activities	Projects Implementation covers activity delivery costs for the three housing projects: lead hazard reduction; single-family rehab with the revolving loan fund; and small rental rehab.
28	Project Name	B23-29 VOP Housing Single Family Rehab
	Target Area	CDBG Target Area
	Goals Supported	Affordable & Safe Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$1
	Description	Provide zero percent loans for approved rehab projects for eligible low/mod income single-family homeowners to correct code violations, health and safety issues, and other housing conditions.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7 LMI Families
	Location Description	123 Madison, Oak Park, IL
	Planned Activities	Provide zero percent loans for approved rehab projects for eligible low/mod income single-family homeowners to correct code violations, health and safety issues, and other housing conditions.
29	Project Name	B23-30 VOP Housing Small Rental Rehab
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction

	Goals Supported	Affordable & Safe Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	The Village will use these CDBG funds for a small-rental housing rehabilitation activity that will assist LMI households. The improvements will ensure the health and safety of LMI renters.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10
	Location Description	123 Madison, Oak Park, IL
	Planned Activities	The Village will use these CDBG funds for a small-rental housing rehabilitation activity that will assist LMI households. The improvements will ensure the health and safety of LMI renters.
30	Project Name	B23-31 VOP Public Works Alleys
	Target Area	CDBG Target Area
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$700,000
	Description	The project replaces deteriorated public alleys throughout the Village in order to improve the public infrastructure. The Village maintains a system of over 650 alley segments. CDBG funds are used for alley replacements in Low/Mod income areas.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	560 LMI persons
	Location Description	Oak Park, IL

	Planned Activities	The project replaces deteriorated public alleys throughout the Village in order to improve the public infrastructure. The Village maintains a system of over 650 alley segments. CDBG funds are used for alley replacements in Low/Mod income areas.
31	Project Name	B23-32 VOP Public Works Sidewalks
	Target Area	CDBG Target Area
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$600,000
	Description	This project will go toward making ADA-compliant accessibility improvements to sidewalks to eliminate sidewalk mobility hazards that create barriers for persons with disabilities and to comply with ADA guidelines.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1000
	Location Description	Oak Park, IL
Planned Activities	This project will go toward making ADA-compliant accessibility improvements to sidewalks to eliminate sidewalk mobility hazards that create barriers for persons with disabilities and to comply with ADA guidelines.	
32	Project Name	B23-33 VOP Public Works Streetscaping
	Target Area	CDBG Target Area
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$0.00
	Description	The Streets and Sidewalk Ramp project replaces deteriorating streets as well as sidewalk ramps at intersections as part of the Village's annual street resurfacing project.
	Target Date	9/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	600
	Location Description	Oak Park, IL
	Planned Activities	The Streets and Sidewalk Ramp project replaces deteriorating streets as well as sidewalk ramps at intersections as part of the Village's annual street resurfacing project.
33	Project Name	B23-34 VOP Public Works Water Line Improvements
	Target Area	CDBG Target Area
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	The Village of Oak Park will administer a program to remove lead water services (both public side and private side) from the water system over a period of time. The Village has approximately 12,000 water services that are either known to have lead or have unknown materials and assumed to be lead. Families with young children will be targeted, as the purpose is to reduce or eliminate lead poisoning. Qualifying low- and moderate-income persons will be the beneficiaries.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 LMI Households
	Location Description	Oak Park, IL
	Planned Activities	The Village of Oak Park will administer a program to remove lead water services (both public side and private side) from the water system over a period of time. The Village has approximately 12,000 water services that are either known to have lead or have unknown materials and assumed to be lead. Families with young children will be targeted, as the purpose is to reduce or eliminate lead poisoning. Qualifying low- and moderate-income persons will be the beneficiaries.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

The Village of Oak Park has identified priority areas for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding based on the percentage of low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. The Village of Oak Park is identified as an exception grantee. In FY23 our threshold is 36.29% which represents the minimum percentage of low- and moderate-income persons that must reside in the service area of an area benefit activity for the activity to be assisted with CDBG funds. Our 2023 An LMI census block group is one where 36.29% or more of the population have incomes of 80% or less of the Median Family Income (MFI). Fourteen of the Village's 53 census block groups qualify as LMI areas according to this criterion. The proposed Public Facilities Improvements projects by UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago, Hephzibah Children's Association, Thrive Counseling Center, IWS Children's Clinic, and Y.E.M.B.A. are all located in LMI census tracts. The code enforcement activity will also be conducted in LMI areas.

The Village also defines areas of racial or ethnic concentration as geographical areas where the percentage of a specific minority or ethnic group is 10 percentage points higher than in the Village overall. Two census tracts meet the criteria for areas of racial concentration based on the percentage of African-American residents being 29.8% or higher. These areas are census tract 8121 and census tract 8125.

The Village has not identified the locations for the Alley Improvement activity and/or the Street Improvement activity yet, but it is planned that they will be conducted in LMI areas that are also areas of racial concentration. Property Maintenance Inspections will be conducted in these areas. The Village's efforts to focus on LMI and minority areas are in line with HUD regulations that allow exceptions for areas that meet the "upper quartile" criterion.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Entire Jurisdiction	60
CDBG Target Area	40

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

All activities funded will primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons or households, either as a direct service or by making improvements in areas benefiting primarily low- and moderate-income persons.

Code Enforcement – Code enforcement inspectors perform inspections throughout the Village.

The CDBG-funded portion of code enforcement will be within the CDBG target area which will be paired with other community development activities to address deterioration, maintaining code enforcement and property standards of dwelling units in the area.

Public Infrastructure Improvements: Public Infrastructure activities funded will primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons or households through four projects:

1. ADA Sidewalks: repair and replace sidewalk squares that are deemed non-compliant with ADA standards
2. Alleys: repairing deteriorating alleys in low/mod areas
3. Resurfacing: street resurfacing
4. Lead Water: replacing private-side lead water lines for low/mod residents

Discussion

The Village will use 60% for activities for the Village as a whole and 40% for target areas serving an LMI Area benefit. The targeted area percentage is much higher than in years past because a long-deferred Alley Improvements project will be taking place in PY 2023, and is funded at \$700,000. Also in the 60% is a targeted Street Improvement project, funded at \$200,000. Both of these are being managed by the Village Public Works Department.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

During this program year, the Village will utilize \$45,347 in CDBG dollars from the PY 2023 Allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address homelessness. Homelessness is a pressing issue affecting many communities across the United States. Oak Park, a village in Illinois, is no exception. In PY 2023, the Village will not receive Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program funds, which could support the growing needs of the individuals experiencing homelessness. However, the Village has developed a homelessness strategy that can be found in the Consolidated Plan, which outlines various ways to assist individuals experiencing homelessness.

Housing Forward, a non-profit organization, will provide two services with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to help those in need: W.R.A.P. and Interim Housing Shelter. W.R.A.P., a new program with Housing Forward, is a comprehensive, personalized support and resource for individuals and families who are able to address the complex issues and challenges that often accompany homelessness and interfere with obtaining long-term housing stability. The team provides continuity of care across program areas from initial entry until a permanent destination is found. The team integration model is focused on areas of health, behavioral health, employment, income support, and other critical needs identified by the clients. Interim Housing provides individuals and families with accommodations for up to 90 days. Housing Forward maintains three distinct housing facilities, totaling 70 beds.

Additionally, Housing Forward serves as the fiscal agent of the Oak Park Coalition to End Homelessness and receives administration funds to help with planning efforts to end homelessness in the area.

Despite the elimination of ESG program funds, the Village of Oak Park remains committed to collaborating with the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County Continuum of Care to address the needs of homeless individuals and families. The Village attends Continuum of Care Prevention Committee and West Suburban Council on Homelessness meetings regularly to stay informed and to participate in discussions that aim to develop effective solutions to this problem.

Overall, the Village of Oak Park recognizes the importance of addressing homelessness and continues to work towards ending it within its community. Through collaboration with organizations and agencies, the Village hopes to make a positive impact on the lives of those affected by 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

Despite the Village of Oak Park not receiving Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program funds for PY 2023, we continue to support and take action to provide resources to individuals experiencing homelessness. One of the activities that the Village has funded is the Housing Forward Interim Housing CDBG activity, which offers real shelter for people experiencing homelessness. This program allows individuals to stabilize themselves while they look for permanent housing, and it also provides essential services such as food, case management, mental health services, and referral services.

Another program that the Village has funded is the Housing Forward W.R.A.P. CDBG activity, a comprehensive, personalized support, and resource for individuals and families who are able to address the complex issues and challenges that often accompany homelessness and interfere with obtaining long-term housing stability. The team provides continuity of care across program areas from initial entry until a permanent destination is found. The team integration model focuses on health, behavioral health, employment, income support, and other critical needs identified by the clients. Their goal is to see as many residents as possible achieve this level of independence.

To assess the level of need for these services, the Village of Oak Park partners with Housing Forward through the Street Outreach program, emergency shelter, and Homeless Coalition, which all conduct outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness. This outreach involves social workers, community stakeholders, or other trained professionals who can connect with individuals experiencing homelessness to learn about their needs and help them access appropriate services.

Overall, the Village of Oak Park is taking proactive steps to support individuals experiencing homelessness through the Housing Forward Interim Housing and W.R.A.P. CDBG activities. These programs provide essential services to individuals in need, and the Village's outreach efforts are likely critical in assessing the level of need and connecting individuals with appropriate services. Through these efforts, the Village hopes to help as many individuals as possible become self-sufficient and achieve greater stability in their lives.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

In PY 2023, the Village of Oak Park will provide funding for the Housing Forward Interim Housing activity, which offers total shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness. This program provides a safe environment for individuals and families experiencing homelessness for up to 90 days. Housing Forward

maintains three distinct interim housing facilities totaling 70 beds. 1) Hotel-based Interim Housing: 24/7 accommodations for individuals and families experiencing homelessness as they work with a case manager toward permanent, independent living. This model also provides medical respite for short-term residential and medical care for individuals experiencing homelessness who were discharged from a hospital stay, but are not equipped to recover on the streets; 2) Sojourner House: a community-based setting of five apartments and one three-bedroom coach house in Oak Park that provides a 90-day program for safe, stable, living while participants are assisted with improved health, employment, family reunification, and linkage to community-based services until a permanent destination is identified; 3) Ohana House: a three-unit apartment building in which participants work with a Family Support Specialist to provide their family with intensive case management and life skills training, empowering them to return to permanent housing.4) Emergency Shelter: a year-round shelter re-opened in the Oak Park community to support 15 beds for an overnight stay for individuals and their families experiencing homelessness.

The Housing Forward Interim Housing program provides a critical service for individuals experiencing homelessness, and the renewed lease of the Write Inn hotel underscores the Village's commitment to addressing this issue. Transitional housing is an essential step towards permanent housing, as it offers stability and allows individuals to focus on securing more permanent accommodations.

It is worth mentioning that Housing Forward adapted successfully during the height of the pandemic when indoor facilities were closing, and volunteers were scarce due to shelter-in-place ordinances. Despite these challenges, they continued to provide safe accommodations to as many unsheltered community members as possible.

Overall, the Housing Forward Interim Housing program funded by the Village of Oak Park aims to provide safe accommodations for as many unsheltered community members as possible. The program offers a safe environment that allows clients to focus on their housing goals and reduces barriers to finding permanent housing. With the renewed lease of the Write Inn hotel, Housing Forward can continue to provide this vital service, and the Village of Oak Park can continue to work towards addressing the issue of homelessness in its community.

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

Housing Forward's interim shelter model has proven to be an effective way of helping individuals experiencing homelessness transition into permanent or transitional housing. The current model offers

wrap-around services to ensure that individuals have their basic needs met, allowing them to focus on finding more permanent accommodations. With this model in place, Housing Forward can help individuals secure housing within 90 days.

WRAP offers comprehensive, personalized support and resource for individuals and families who are able to address the complex issues and challenges that often accompany homelessness and interfere with obtaining long-term housing stability. The team provides continuity of care across program areas from initial entry until a permanent destination is found. The team integration model is focused on areas of health, behavioral health, employment, income support, and other critical needs identified by the clients, and it is their goal to see as many residents as possible achieve this level of independence.

The Village also funded the Housing Forward Interim Housing CDBG activity, which provides case management, mental health services, and referral services to individuals experiencing homelessness. The program's goal is to create stability and opportunities for each client while also providing a safe, supportive shelter. By addressing the root causes of homelessness and providing wrap-around support services, Housing Forward can help clients find stable, permanent housing.

Housing Forward interim shelter model, W.R.A.P. and Interim Housing CDBG activities provide a comprehensive approach to helping individuals experiencing homelessness transition to permanent housing. By addressing the root causes of homelessness and providing support services that promote stability and self-sufficiency, Housing Forward and the Village of Oak Park are making significant strides toward ending homelessness in their community.

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.

In Oak Park, low-income individuals experiencing homelessness have access to a range of social services and support programs. The Oak Park Homeless Coalition works together to identify gaps in services and to leverage resources to provide the most comprehensive support possible.

Housing Forward, in particular, offers two CDBG activities, W.R.A.P. and Interim Housing, to assist persons experiencing homelessness. These activities provide a range of services, including case management, mental health services, and referral services, as well as temporary shelter to stabilize clients while they seek permanent housing. These programs are designed to provide a safety net for

those experiencing homelessness and to help them become self-sufficient over time.

In addition to these programs, the Village of Oak Park also funds several other PY 2023 CDBG public service activities aimed at preventing individuals from becoming homeless. These include hunger relief programs, dental clinics, parenting support, domestic violence services, and substance use recovery counseling. These programs are vital in addressing the root causes of homelessness and providing support to vulnerable individuals and families.

Discussion

The Village of Oak Park also accepts the homeless discharge policies of the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County. This policy ensures that individuals experiencing homelessness receive coordinated, efficient, and effective services throughout the region, regardless of where they may be discharged.

By providing a range of social services and support programs, as well as collaborating with other organizations and following best practices in homeless discharge policies, the Village of Oak Park is working to address the issue of homelessness in the community in a comprehensive and effective way. Through these efforts, low-income individuals experiencing homelessness can access the resources they need to stabilize their lives and work towards a brighter future.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

The Village of Oak Park has been investing CDBG funds in housing to help reduce barriers that impact affordable housing in Oak Park. When it comes to fostering affordable housing, there is an urgency to develop as many alternatives as possible. As a member of the Cook County HOME Consortium, the Village hopes to identify creative ways to increase the affordable housing stock in the community. As referenced in the “AP-65 The Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities” section, the Village’s efforts provide affordable housing to persons experiencing homelessness and those at risk.

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

The Village of Oak Park recognizes the need to address limited affordable housing and its negative impact on low- to moderate-income residents. Currently, 26% of all Oak Park housing stock is considered affordable. The Village has implemented various programs and initiatives to improve and maintain the quality of affordable housing: the Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation Program and Small Rental Rehabilitation Program. The Village is also an active and supportive partner to area nonprofit housing developers and organizations that create affordable housing opportunities for Oak Park residents.

Despite these efforts, several public policies impacting affordable housing are beyond the control of the Village government. However, the Village works to address existing barriers to affordable housing through programs and initiatives that can be supported by CDBG and other funds. For instance, the Village continues to operate the Small Rental Rehabilitation Housing Program, which assists rental property owners in rehabilitating their rental units and the Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation Program which provides low- and moderate-income homeowners with no-interest loans to correct code violations and housing quality deficiencies.

The Village works with agencies that provide expanded housing options to current and potential Oak Park residents. The Oak Park Regional Housing Center assists low-income renters. The Village is committed to removing impediments to fair housing choices for all protected classes

and affirmatively furthering fair housing choices.

To further address the negative effects of public policing, the Village established the Community Relations Commission (CRC). The CRC works to build positive relationships between the police and community members, particularly in marginalized communities. The Village also implemented the Police Complaint Mediation Program, which provides an alternative dispute resolution process for residents who have experienced police misconduct.

Discussion

The Village is committed to helping reduce and remove barriers to affordable housing by making housing more affordable, preserving the condition and availability of existing housing stock and helping citizens build assets of all kinds: human, social, financial, physical and natural. To this end, the Village and its community partners have incorporated an integrated system of services and programs to meet the various needs of individuals as they progress toward financial self-sufficiency. This includes coordinated efforts to assist persons experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness.

In addition to supporting the initiatives of local organizations that serve low- and moderate-income residents by providing employment training, case management, shelter and other social services, the Village of Oak Park administers programs that aim to mitigate poverty. The Village can directly impact some of poverty's primary causal factors which include poor quality housing, expensive housing, lack of education, unemployment, low income and ill health. The Village can cause impact by utilizing resources, improving housing stock, and assisting in the provision of vital social services, employment opportunities, public health services and an excellent educational system. The multi-pronged approach provided by the programs run by the Village and its subrecipients has the ability to reduce the number of households with incomes below the poverty level. Specific components of the Village's poverty reduction strategy are listed in another part of this Action Plan (a part of AP 85).

In April 2023, the members of the Cook County Consortium, and several other entitlement communities, reconvened to continue work on a Cook County Regional Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Plan. This work was started before the COVID pandemic and was paused due to other urgent priorities and HUD's initial suspension AFFH implementation and pending new rule. Since HUD's February 9, 2023, publication in the Federal Register of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) entitled "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing," the Consortium is now anticipating planning the development of an AFFH Equity Plan when guidelines are published and final rule-making is complete. The Consortium is looking forward to publication of the AFFH Final Rule and will continue to consult with local partners in the planning and development of a

required AFFH Equity Plan within the timeframe required by the Final Rule. In the interim, all Consortium members are utilizing previous Analysis of Impediments and draft AFFH concepts to inform their advancement of fair housing in communities.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

The following are actions to be undertaken by the Village of Oak Park to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of low-income families, develop institutional structure and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The Village of Oak Park faces a significant obstacle in meeting the needs of underserved communities due to limited financial resources. The cap on public service funding through CDBG is consistently lower than the amount needed to meet local goals, resulting in worthwhile projects being funded at lower levels. Additionally, municipalities often experience revenue reductions, further depleting available resources. The lack of available land for affordable housing construction, and the limited availability of existing structures for purchase and rehabilitation, also limits the Village's ability to expand affordable housing. To address these challenges, the Village collaborates with funding partners to reduce redundancy and streamline the grant application process. The goal is to leverage resources to ensure their most effective and efficient use to best support local organizations. The Village is identifying new opportunities to increase the affordable housing inventory by coordinating with local agencies. The Administrative Division of the Development Customer Services Department is developing a replacement activity to meet economic development goals in line with the Consolidated Plan.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The Village of Oak Park faces a significant obstacle in meeting the needs of underserved communities due to limited financial resources. The cap on public service funding through CDBG is consistently lower than the amount needed to meet local goals, resulting in worthwhile projects being funded at lower levels. Additionally, municipalities often experience revenue reductions, further depleting available resources. The lack of available land for affordable housing construction, and the limited availability of existing structures for purchase and rehabilitation, also limits the Village's ability to expand affordable housing. To address these challenges, the Village collaborates with funding partners to reduce redundancy and streamline the grant application process. The goal is to leverage resources to ensure their most effective and efficient use to best support local organizations. The Village is identifying new opportunities to increase the affordable housing inventory by coordinating with local agencies. The Administrative Division of the Development Customer Services Department is developing a replacement activity to meet economic development goals in line with the Consolidated Plan.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

To reduce the number of poverty-level families in The Village of Oak Park, a multi-pronged approach is

necessary. The Village can make an impact by improving housing inventory, providing social services, creating employment opportunities, delivering public health services and maintaining an excellent educational system. The programs run by the Village, and its subrecipients, offer many social service programs to aid persons with incomes below the poverty level. For example, Housing Forward provides homelessness-preventative services that promote economic independence and create long-term change in the lives of persons experiencing homelessness.

Maintaining an excellent educational system is crucial to providing opportunities for upward mobility. The Village must work to ensure that all individuals are housed and healthy, with living wage employment available to them. Public health services, such as case management services for all children that live in Oak Park, are also necessary. The Village has an agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide such services.

The Village of Oak Park Single-Family Rehabilitation (SFR) program and all other housing projects assisted with CDBG funding have adhered to HUD's requirements. The SFR program will continue to incorporate lead hazard reduction in its activities for the rehabilitation of owner-occupied LMI properties, using CDBG and Cook County dollars. Lead inspections and environmental reviews will be conducted on the activities. Beyond the Village Housing Programs unit, through the Public Works Department, the Village will work to make water lines lead-free in PY 2023.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

To reduce the number of poverty-level families in The Village of Oak Park, which is approximately 13,564 of the 51,550 current Oak Park residents are identified as LMI, a multi-pronged approach is necessary. The Village can make an impact by improving housing inventory, providing social services, creating employment opportunities, delivering public health services and maintaining an excellent educational system. The programs run by the Village, and its subrecipients, offer many social service programs to aid persons with incomes below the poverty level. For example, Housing Forward provides homelessness-preventative services that promote economic independence and create long-term change in the lives of persons experiencing homelessness.

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conducted on the activities. Beyond the Village Housing Programs unit, through the Public Works Department, the Village will work to make water lines lead-free in PY 2023.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Village of Oak Park works to increase institutional structure throughout the year by maintaining contact with partner agencies, offering referrals for funding and training opportunities, and participating in various coalitions. Village staff participates in the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition to make homelessness rare, brief, and a one-time occurrence. The Village staff also participates in the National Community Development Association and a coalition of grantees to better coordinate and leverage funds to collectively finance services that meet community needs and provide measurable outcomes. The Administrative Division of the Development Customer Services Department of the Village of Oak Park works with a network of local organizations to carry out the Action Plan.

The Village contracts with non-profit agencies to deliver the community programs and services outlined in the draft Action Plan and uses its annual budget process to coordinate and allocate funding. The Village's governing body, the Village Board of Trustees, receives public input from the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC) regarding the allocation of CDBG funds. Non-profit CDBG subrecipients are monitored based on risk analysis, and previous performance is reported by Village staff to the CDCAC when agencies apply for funding.

The Village emphasizes coordination among agencies in the development and implementation of housing and community development programs and services to maximize the use of limited resources. The Village is committed to the close coordination of all of its programs with other agencies at a variety of levels.

In April 2023, the members of the Cook County Consortium, and several other entitlement communities, reconvened to continue work on a Cook County Regional Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Plan. This work was started before the COVID pandemic and was paused due to other urgent priorities and HUD's initial suspension AFFH implementation and pending new rule. Since HUD's February 9, 2023, publication in the Federal Register of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) entitled "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing," the Consortium is now anticipating planning the development of an AFFH Equity Plan when guidelines are published and final rule-making is complete. The Consortium is looking forward to publication of the AFFH Final Rule and will continue to consult with local partners in the planning and development of a required AFFH Equity Plan within the timeframe required by the Final Rule. In the interim, all Consortium members are utilizing previous Analysis of Impediments and draft AFFH concepts to inform their advancement of fair housing in communities.

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

service agencies

The Village of Oak Park is focused on enhancing coordination and collaboration between public and private housing. As identified through the Consolidated Plan consultation process, good coordination and collaboration were recognized as key priorities for the Village and its partners. The Village is taking steps to ensure that CDBG public service applicants report on their coordination with other social service organizations throughout the community. If the applicants do not have established connections in the community, they outline plans and timelines for implementing a collaborative process. This approach aims to improve collaboration among awarded agencies and allows the Village to identify other areas for additional coordination.

Many of the funded agencies participate in the Continuum of Care and work closely with other non-profits to identify opportunities for persons in the community. The Village's commitment to enhancing coordination and collaboration is evident in its effort to improve community partnerships and invest in economic, and neighborhood, development. The Village recognizes the importance of collaboration in maximizing the use of limited resources.

The Village's focus on collaboration is expected to have a positive impact on the community by improving access to services and resources for residents. The Village is working to ensure that all public service applicants have established connections in the community and are working collaboratively with other organizations to address the needs of residents. By improving coordination and collaboration among its partners, the Village hopes to create a more interconnected approach to addressing issues related to public and private housing.

Discussion

As noted in the introduction, the narrative in the sections above are actions to be undertaken by the Village of Oak Park to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. The Village partners with the following organizations to meet its goals: Beyond Hunger, Community Support Services, Hephzibah Children's Association, Housing Forward, NAMI, New Moms, North West Housing Partnership, Oak Park Regional Housing Center, IWS Children's Clinic, Sarah's Inn, UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago, Way Back Inn, and YEMBA.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Objective: Make funding available for public facility improvements.

Proposed Accomplishments: Over the course of this plan, it is anticipated that 6 non-profits will be benefit using CDBG funds for public facilities.

- **Priority 4:** Public Infrastructure

Objective: Make funding available for infrastructure

Proposed Accomplishments: The Village of Oak Park will provide CDBG funds to repair, renovate, and upgrade alleys, ADA sidewalks, lead water line replacement, and street resurfacing. Prior Year 2020 funds, in the amount of \$857,784 will be used for the alleys and ADA sidewalks in PY2023.

The Village of Oak Park CDBG entitlement grant for PY 2023 is \$1,539,187 and will include 2020 prior year funds in the amount of \$857,784 for a total of \$2,396,971 in funding for the upcoming program year.

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.

1. 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 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 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. 0.00%

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)
2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.
3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).
4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions

regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Discussion

NA

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

The Village of Oak Park Program Year 2023 Draft Action Plan was available for public review and comment on July 12-August 12, 2023.

Reasonable accommodations were offered for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking persons. There was a draft Action Plan Public Hearing held from 3:30-5:00 PM on July 24, 2023, at the Village of Oak Park meeting room 101.

There were no comments on the Oak Park Program Year 2023 Draft Action Plan.



Vanessa Matheny, Grants Supervisor

Village of Oak Park



PUBLIC NOTICE

Village of Oak Park 2023 Annual Action Plan

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Oak Park Program Year (PY) 2023 Draft Annual Action Plan is available for public review and comment, the Plan can be reviewed during business hours Monday-Friday, effective July 12, to August 12, 2023, from the Oak Park Village Hall, Development Customer Services Department, 123 Madison Street; and on the Village Housing-Grants webpage <https://www.oak-park.us/village-services/housing-programs/community-development-shelter-grants> and at the Public Library, Main Branch, 834 Lake Street. Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking persons, as needed. This Action Plan was previously subject to a public notice and related public hearing and comment period, as published on June 21, 2023. The Village has revised the proposed PY2023 Action Plan as of July 12, 2023, and is therefore advising its citizens of a new public hearing and comment period as prescribed herein in this public notice.

The original draft Action Plan included allocations in the amount

of \$500,000 to be allocated for the Oak Park Fire Department Rehabilitation which will no longer take place.

Comprising year 4 of the Village PY 2020-24 Consolidated Plan for Housing & Community Development (Con Plan), the Draft PY 2023 Action Plan contains goals and objectives for implementing the Village's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, as well as a description of proposed projects to be undertaken in PY 2023 as part of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the period October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. The Village received \$1,539,187 in CDBG funding, along with other program funds to utilize for the Plan.

Any comments concerning the Draft PY 2023 Action Plan can be submitted in writing to Vanessa Matheny, Grants Supervisor, at grants@oak-park.us, or in person at the Draft Action Plan Public Hearing to be held at Village Hall Room 101 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. on July 24, 2023 at 123 Madison St. Oak Park, IL 60302.

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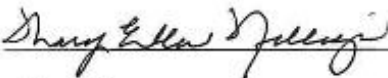
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A notice, a true copy of which is attached, was published one time(s) in Wednesday Journal, namely one time per week for one successive week(s). The first publication of the notice was made in the newspaper, dated and published on July 12, 2023, and the last publication of the notice was made in the newspaper dated and published on July 12, 2023. The notice was also placed on a statewide public notice website as required by 715 ILCS 5/2.1.

In witness, Growing Community Media, NFP has signed this certificate by Mary Ellen Nelligan, its publisher representative, at Oak Park, Illinois, on July 12, 2023.

Growing Community Media NFP

By: 

Mary Ellen Nelligan

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 Village of Oak Park --CDBG
 Vanessa Matheny
 123 Madison Street
 Oak Park, IL 60302

Order Date: 07/07/2023
 Order Number: 90847
 Rep: Kamil Brady
 kamil@growingcommunitymedia.org

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Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

GAR Number: 4040-004
 Expiration Date: 11/30/2023

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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3a. Federal Entity Identifier: E-23-20-17-9017	5a. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
State Use Only:		
3. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
B. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: Village of Oak Park		
* b. Employer/employer Identification Number (EIN/IDN): 37-6065027	* c. UFI: 00000000000000000000	
d. Address:		
* Street1: 123 Madison Street	<input type="text"/>	
* Street2:	<input type="text"/>	
* City: Oak Park	<input type="text"/>	
* County/Parish:	<input type="text"/>	
* State: Ill. Illinois	<input type="text"/>	
* Province:	<input type="text"/>	
* Country: USA- UNITED STATES	<input type="text"/>	
* Zip/Postal Code: 601021272	<input type="text"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Development Services Services	Division Name: Community Development Block Gr	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: Vanessa	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name:	<input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: Nathery	<input type="text"/>	
Suffix:	<input type="text"/>	
Title: Grants Supervisor		
Organizational Affiliation: Village of Oak Park		
* Telephone Number: 708-201-5314	* Fax Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Email: vanathery@villageoakpark.il.us		

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development"/> Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/> Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/> * Other Agency: <input type="text"/>	
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14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="Full-time and part-time Community Development Block Grant administration/planning, affordable housing, public facilities and improvements, infrastructure, and public service projects for FY 2023."/>	
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:
 * a. Applicant: * b. Program/Project:

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:
 * a. Start Date: * b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,000,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
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* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
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19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?
 a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review or
 b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
 c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)
 Yes No
 If "Yes", provide explanation and attach:

21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications" and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances" and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)
 I AGREE
 ** The list of certifications and assurances, or an Internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:
 Middle Name:
 Last Name:
 Suffix:

* Title:
 * Telephone Number: Fax Number:
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* Signature of Authorized Representative:  * Date Signed:

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:


1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or charge the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4501 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1661-1663, and 1655-1656), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290d(i)-(3) and 290c(e)-(5)), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscriminatory statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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1. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Title II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-348) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
2. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
3. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. § 276c and 18 U.S.C. § 874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurance construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11733; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (15 U.S.C. §§ 1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 175(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955 as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in ensuring compliance with Section 156 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 470); EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties); and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§ 469a-1 et seq.).
15. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audit of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from: (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or sub-awards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Deputy Village Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
Village of Oak Park	8/11/23

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CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and 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, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

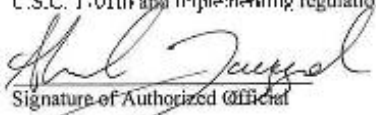
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. 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, renewal, 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-L.L.L., "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying 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 accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal 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 Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 – It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

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

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

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

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, 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 CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having 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 (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2022-2024 [a period specified by the grantee 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 funds, 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.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied 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.

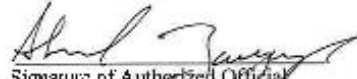
Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individual engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. 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 Anti-discrimination laws – The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint – Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws – It will comply with applicable laws.


Signature of Authorized Official

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