

Release \$500,000 in PY2022 funds for a public facility improvement project for Housing Forward's Write Inn

## **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 and prior year 2022 funds in the amount of \$500,000 for a total of \$2,896,971, 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, **water main and line improvements** 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 (6) 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, Housing Forward, 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

Prior Year

#### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Village of Oak Park started developing its PY 2023 Action Plan to identify priority needs and engage 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.

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 a 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](http://www.oak-park.us/cdbg). The Plan was presented on January 8, 2023, at the Village of Oak Park for the final public hearing prior to the Village of Oak Park meeting on January 15, 2024, Village Board of Trustees meeting at 7 pm. Access is, and accommodations were, available for persons with disabilities and 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.

As part of this second amendment process, all citizens and interested parties were able to view a draft of this plan. Copies of the amended plan, in draft for were available for a thirty (30) day review and comment period beginning February 7, 2024, 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](http://www.oak-park.us/cdbg). The plan was presented on March 4, 2023, at the Village of Oak Park for the final public hearing prior to the Village of Oak Park meeting on March 5, 2024, Village Board of Trustees meeting at 7 pm. Access is, and accommodations were, available for persons with disabilities and non-English speakers. No public comment was received. Final approval of the plan by the Village Board of Trustees at the March 5, 2024 Village Board of Trustees meeting.

As part of this third 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 a thirty (30) day review and comment period beginning February 19, 2025, at the Village of Oak Park located at 123 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302 in the Neighborhood Services Department and online at [www.oak-park.us/cdbg](http://www.oak-park.us/cdbg). The plan was presented on February 28, 2025, at the Village of Oak Park for the final public hearing prior to the Village of Oak Park meeting on March 18, 2025, Village Board of Trustees meeting at 7 pm. Access is, and accommodations were, available for persons with disabilities and non-English speakers. No public comment was received. Final approval of the plan by the Village Board of Trustees at the March 25, 2025 Village Board of Trustees meeting.

**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                                 |
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| 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**

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| 1 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS IN SUBURBANK COOK COUNTY  |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Housing<br>Regional organization<br>Planning organization<br>Neighborhood Organization   |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Homelessness Strategy  |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | 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 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | OAK PARK REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER   |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Service-Fair Housing<br>Planning organization<br>Neighborhood Organization   |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Housing Need Assessment  |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | 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. |

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| 3 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | COOK COUNTY  |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Other government - County<br>Regional organization<br>Planning organization<br>Grantee Department  |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Housing Need Assessment<br>Economic Development  |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | 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 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | State of Illinois  |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Other government - State<br>Planning organization<br>Grantee Department  |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | State Government   |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | 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 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | OAK PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY   |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | PHA<br>Services-Elderly Persons<br>Services-Persons with Disabilities<br>Other government - Local<br>Neighborhood Organization   |

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|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Public Housing Needs   |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | 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 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | OAK PARK RESIDENCE CORPORATION   |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Housing<br>Services - Housing<br>Other government - Local<br>Planning organization<br>Civic Leaders<br>Neighborhood Organization   |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Housing Need Assessment  |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | 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 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Housing Forward  |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Services - Housing<br>Services-homeless<br>Services-Education<br>Services-Employment<br>Regional organization<br>Neighborhood Organization   |

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|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Public Housing Needs<br>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless<br>Homeless Needs - Families with children<br>Homelessness Needs - Veterans<br>Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth   |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | 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 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Infant Welfare League, the Children's Clinic  |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Services-Children<br>Services-Health<br>Services-Education<br>Health Agency<br>Child Welfare Agency<br>Neighborhood Organization  |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Anti-poverty Strategy<br>Lead-based Paint Strategy  |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | 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.                                 |

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| 9  | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | SARAH'S INN   |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Housing<br>Services-Victims of Domestic Violence<br>Services-Education<br>Services - Victims<br>Regional organization<br>Neighborhood Organization  |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Anti-poverty Strategy   |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | 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 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation  |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Regional organization<br>Planning organization<br>Civic Leaders<br>Foundation   |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Housing Need Assessment<br>Anti-poverty Strategy  |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | 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. |

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| 11 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Beyond Hunger  |
|    | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Services - Housing<br>Services-Health<br>Services-Education<br>Health Agency<br>Regional organization<br>Neighborhood Organization                           |
|    | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Anti-poverty Strategy  |
|    | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | 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**

| <b>Name of Plan</b> | <b>Lead Organization</b>                             | <b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b> |
|---------------------|--|---|
| 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**

Two ads were also placed in the Wednesday Journal to advertise the mandatory Grants Workshop and encourage new non-profits to participate in CDBG funding opportunities. Over 55 participants attended the workshop, including eight new organizations that had not previously received CDBG funds. The Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC) held four hearings and conducted a review of each application. Chair presented the funding recommendations to the Village President and Board of Trustees. 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.

The Village of Oak Park invited public comment on the PY2023 Amended Action Plan from December 6, 2023, through January 8, 2024. Copies of the Amended Plan, in draft form, were available for a 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](http://www.oak-park.us/cdbg). The Plan was presented on January 8, 2023, at the Village of Oak Park for the final public hearing prior to the Village of Oak Park meeting on January 15, 2024, Village Board of Trustees meeting at 7 pm. No public comment was received.

As part of this second 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 a thirty (30) day review and comment period beginning February 7, 2024, 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](http://www.oak-park.us/cdbg). The plan was presented on March 4, 2023, at the Village of Oak Park for the final public hearing prior to the Village of Oak Park meeting on March 5, 2024, Village Board of Trustees meeting at 7 pm. No public comment was received.

### 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                               | <a href="https://www.oak-park.us/village-services/housing-programs/community-development-shelter-grants">https://www.oak-park.us/village-services/housing-programs/community-development-shelter-grants</a> |

| 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) |
|------------|------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 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.                              |                     |

| 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) |
|------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------|
| 6          | Newspaper Ad     | Non-targeted/broad community | On December 6, 2023 the Village of Oak Park published the 30-day comment period for the PY 2023 Amended Action Plan. The Final Public Hearings were held concerning the PY 2023 Amended Action Plan Prior to and at the Village of Oak Park Board meeting on January 15, 2024 | No comments were received during the 30-day comment period. There were no attendees at the Public Hearing and no comments were made during the Public Hearing on January 8, 2024 on the PY 2023 Amended Action Plan |  |                     |

| 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) |
|------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------|
| 7          | Public Hearing   | Non-targeted/broad community | On December 6, 2023 the Village of Oak Park published the 30-day comment period for the PY 2023 Amended Action Plan. The Final Public Hearings were held concerning the PY 2023 Amended Action Plan Prior to and at the Village of Oak Park Board meeting on January 15, 2024 | No comments were received during the 30-day comment period. There were no attendees at the Public Hearing and no comments were made during the Public Hearing on January 8, 2024 on the PY 2023 Amended Action Plan. |  |                     |
| 8          | Public Hearing   | Non-targeted/broad community | March 5th. No response or attendance  | none   | n/a  |                     |
| 9          | Newspaper Ad     | Non-targeted/broad community | Thirty day comment period in local newspaper beginning Feb. 7. No response  | none   | N/A  |                     |

| 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) |
|------------|------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 10         | Newspaper Ad     | Non-targeted/broad community | Thirty day comment period in local newspaper beginning Feb 19 .<br>No response | none                         | N/A  |                     |

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 - \$ 340,000 ~~\$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 - \$ 718,256

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. Added \$500,000 for Housing Forward's Write Inn

Public Infrastructure - ~~\$1,300,000~~ \$1,400,000

The Village of Oak Park will provide CDBG funds to repair, renovate, and upgrade alleys, ADA sidewalks, and lead water line replacement. Prior Year 2020 funds, in the amount of \$857,784 will be used for the following activities in PY 2023. \$1,300,000 ~~\$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 \$2,896,971 which includes the PY 2023 Annual Allocation and Prior Year 2020 and 2022 resources. The

expected amount of remaining funds will be \$280,623.29.

**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<br>Admin and Planning<br>Economic Development<br>Housing<br>Public Improvements<br>Public Services | 1,539,187                        | 0                  | 1,357,784                | 2,896,971 | 280,623   | 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). \$500,000 in PY22 funds was added for a public facility project. |

| 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<br>Financial Assistance<br>Overnight shelter<br>Rapid re-housing (rental assistance)<br>Rental Assistance Services<br>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. An additional \$500,000 of PY22 funds was added for a public facility project.

## 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<br>Non-Homeless<br>Special Needs<br>Non-Housing<br>Community Development | Entire Jurisdiction                        | Public Services<br>Homelessness Assistance | CDBG:<br>\$230,878                      | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3887 Persons Assisted<br>Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 40 Persons Assisted<br>Homelessness Prevention: 20 Persons Assisted                                |
| 2          | Affordable & Safe Housing | 2020       | 2024     | Affordable Housing  | Entire Jurisdiction<br>CDBG<br>Target Area | Housing                                    | CDBG:<br>\$240,000<br><br>\$340,000     | Rental units rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Unit<br>Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 14 Household Housing Unit<br>Housing Code, 13 Water Lead Line Replacement<br>Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 1200 Household Housing Unit |
| 3          | Public Infrastructure     | 2020       | 2024     | Public Infrastructure   | Entire Jurisdiction<br>CDBG<br>Target Area | Infrastructure Improvements                | CDBG:<br>\$1,800,000<br><br>\$1,900,000 | 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          | 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: 1200 Persons Assisted |
| 6          | 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 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Public Services   |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | 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 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Affordable & Safe Housing   |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | The goal for the Housing Rehabilitation Program is to assist 7 homeowners with rehabilitation projects including lead water line replacement. 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. |

|   |                         |   |
|---|-------------------------|---|
| 3 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Public Infrastructure   |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | The Village of Oak Park will provide CDBG funds to repair, renovate, and upgrade alleys, ADA sidewalks, and lead water line replacement. Prior Year 2020 funds, in the amount of \$857,784 will be used for the following activities in PY 2023. \$500,000 was added from PY22 funds for Write Inn public facility project.   |
| 5 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Public Facilities and Improvements  |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | 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. |
| 6 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Economic Development  |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | 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~~ \$1,300,000 (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~~ \$340,000, 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               |
| 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 | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-1 Beyond Hunger   |
|   | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction   |
|   | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Services   |
|   | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Public Services   |
|   | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$24,000  |
|   | <b>Description</b>   | Funding will help cover the cost of food as well as offset the personnel costs of Food Pantry, Nutrition Education, and Social Services staff.                                  |
|   | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024   |
|   | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 1500 LMI Persons  |
|   | <b>Location Description</b>  | 848 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60301   |
|   | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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 | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-2 CSS   |
|   | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction   |
|   | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Services   |
|   | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Public Services   |
|   | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$12,000  |
|   | <b>Description</b>   | 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. |
|   | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024   |
|   | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 36 LMI Persons  |
|   | <b>Location Description</b>  | 9021 Ogden Ave, Brookfield, IL 60513  |
|   | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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. |

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

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|---|--|---|
|   | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Public Services   |
|   | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$21,000  |
|   | <b>Description</b>   | 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.   |
|   | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024   |
|   | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 50 LMI Persons  |
|   | <b>Location Description</b>  | 1144 Lake Street, Fifth Floor, Oak Park, IL   |
|   | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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 | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-6 Housing Forward, Interim Housing  |
|   | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction   |
|   | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Services   |
|   | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Homelessness Assistance   |
|   | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$32,000  |
|   | <b>Description</b>   | 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. |
|   | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024   |
|   | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 40 LMI Persons  |
|   | <b>Location Description</b>  | 211 N. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302   |

|                           |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|
|                           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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                         | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-7 Housing Forward, OPHCoalition (Admin)  |
|                           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction  |
|                           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Economic Development   |
|                           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Administration & Planning  |
|                           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$40,000   |
|                           | <b>Description</b>   | Funds will go toward financial support for administrative costs for project implementation associated with planning for the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition.   |
|                           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024  |
|                           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>   | Admin doesn't report   |
|                           | <b>Location Description</b>  | 211 N Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302   |
| <b>Planned Activities</b> | Funds will go toward financial support for administrative costs for project implementation associated with planning for the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition. |  |
| 8                         | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-8 Housing Forward, WRAP  |
|                           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction  |
|                           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Services  |
|                           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Public Services<br>Homelessness Assistance   |
|                           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$13,347   |
|                           | <b>Description</b>   | 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. |

|           |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|
|           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024  |
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 20 LMI Persons   |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  | 211 N Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302   |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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. |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-9 IWS Children's Clinic  |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction  |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Services  |
|           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Public Services  |
|           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$25,000   |
|           | <b>Description</b>   | 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.   |
|           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024  |
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 600 LMI Persons  |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  | 28 Madison St, Oak Park, IL 60302  |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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.   |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-10 IWS Children's Clinic (Facility Improvement)  |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction  |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Facilities and Improvements   |

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|           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Public Facilities & Improvements  |
|           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$35,000  |
|           | <b>Description</b>   | 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. |
|           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024   |
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 600 LMI Persons   |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  | 28 Madison St, Oak Park, IL 60302   |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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. |
| <b>11</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-11 NAMI   |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction   |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Services   |
|           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Public Services   |
|           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$11,000  |
|           | <b>Description</b>   | 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.  |
|           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024   |
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 29 LMI Persons  |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  | 814 Harrison St. Oak Park, IL 60304   |

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|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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.   |
| <b>12</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-12 New Moms  |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction  |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Services  |
|           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Public Services  |
|           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$18,500   |
|           | <b>Description</b>   | 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. |
|           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024  |
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 80 LMI Persons   |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  | 206 W. Chicago Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302   |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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. |
| <b>13</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-13 NW Housing Partnership  |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction  |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Services  |
|           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Public Services  |
|           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$6,625  |

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|           | <b>Description</b>   | 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. |
|           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024  |
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 150 LMI Persons  |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  | Oak Park, IL   |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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. |
| <b>14</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-14 OP Regional Housing Center  |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction  |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Economic Development   |
|           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Administration & Planning  |
|           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$60,000   |
|           | <b>Description</b>   | 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.  |
|           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024  |
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | Admin does not report  |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  | 1041 S Blvd, Oak Park, IL 60302  |

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|    | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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 | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-16 Sarah's Inn   |
|    | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction  |
|    | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Services  |
|    | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Public Services  |
|    | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$12,000   |
|    | <b>Description</b>   | 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.  |
|    | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024  |
|    | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 350 LMI Persons  |
|    | <b>Location Description</b>  | Domestic Violence  |
|    | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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. |

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| 16 | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-15 Our Future Reads  |
|    | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction  |
|    | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Services  |
|    | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Public Services  |
|    | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$7,000  |
|    | <b>Description</b>   | CDBG funds will support a part-time employee to manage inventory, ship books, as well as cover the costs for shipping the books.   |
|    | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024  |
|    | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 600 LMI Persons  |
|    | <b>Location Description</b>  | 909 N Marion St, Oak Park, IL 60302  |
|    | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | CDBG funds will support a part-time employee to manage inventory, ship books, as well as cover the costs for shipping the books.   |
| 17 | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-17 Thrive (Public Facility)  |
|    | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction  |
|    | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Facilities and Improvements   |
|    | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Public Facilities & Improvements   |
|    | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$50,000   |
|    | <b>Description</b>   | 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. |
|    | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024  |
|    | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 300 LMI Persons  |
|    | <b>Location Description</b>  | 120 S Marion St, Oak Park, IL 60302  |
|    | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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. |

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

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

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| 22                        | <b>Target Area</b>   | CDBG Target Area  |
|                           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Facilities and Improvements  |
|                           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Public Facilities & Improvements  |
|                           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$10,000  |
|                           | <b>Description</b>   | 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. |
|                           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024   |
|                           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 138 LMI Persons   |
|                           | <b>Location Description</b>  | 218 Lake St, Oak Park, IL 60302   |
|                           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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                        | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-23 VOP CDBG Admin   |
|                           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction   |
|                           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Economic Development  |
|                           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Administration & Planning   |
|                           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$207,837   |
|                           | <b>Description</b>   | General oversight, administration and management of the Village CDBG program for PY 2023.   |
|                           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024   |
|                           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | Admin does not report   |
|                           | <b>Location Description</b>  | 123 Madison, Oak Park, IL   |
| <b>Planned Activities</b> | General oversight, administration and management of the Village CDBG program for PY 2023.      |   |
|                           | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-24 VOP Farmer's Market  |

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| 24 | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction   |
|    | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Services   |
|    | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Public Services   |
|    | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$12,000  |
|    | <b>Description</b>   | 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. |
|    | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024   |
|    | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 178 LMI Persons   |
|    | <b>Location Description</b>  | 460 Lake St, Oak Park, IL 60302   |
|    | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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 | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-26 VOP Housing Code Enforcement   |
|    | <b>Target Area</b>   | CDBG Target Area  |
|    | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Affordable & Safe Housing   |
|    | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Housing   |
|    | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$75,000  |
|    | <b>Description</b>   | 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.   |
|    | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024   |

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|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | Code Enforcement staff will touch 1200 houses in LMI census block groups  |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  | Various houses in low/mod block groups  |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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. |
| <b>26</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-27 VOP Housing, Lead Hazard   |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction   |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Affordable & Safe Housing   |
|           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Housing   |
|           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$50,000  |
|           | <b>Description</b>   | 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.  |
|           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024   |
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 7 LMI Households  |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  | 123 Madison, Oak Park, IL   |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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.  |
| <b>27</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-28 VOP Housing Project Implementation   |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction   |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Affordable & Safe Housing   |
|           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Housing   |
|           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$65,000  |

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|    | <b>Description</b>   | 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. |
|    | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024   |
|    | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 17 LMI Households   |
|    | <b>Location Description</b>  | 123 Madison, Oak Park, IL   |
|    | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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 | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-29 VOP Housing Single Family Rehab  |
|    | <b>Target Area</b>   | CDBG Target Area  |
|    | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Affordable & Safe Housing   |
|    | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Housing   |
|    | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$1   |
|    | <b>Description</b>   | 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.   |
|    | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024   |
|    | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 7 LMI Families  |
|    | <b>Location Description</b>  | 123 Madison, Oak Park, IL   |
|    | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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 | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-30 VOP Housing Small Rental Rehab   |
|    | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire Jurisdiction   |

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|    | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Affordable & Safe Housing  |
|    | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Housing  |
|    | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$50,000   |
|    | <b>Description</b>   | 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.   |
|    | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024  |
|    | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 10   |
|    | <b>Location Description</b>  | 123 Madison, Oak Park, IL  |
|    | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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 | <b>Project Name</b>  | B23-31 VOP Public Works Alleys   |
|    | <b>Target Area</b>   | CDBG Target Area   |
|    | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Infrastructure  |
|    | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Infrastructure Improvements  |
|    | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$700,000  |
|    | <b>Description</b>   | 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. |
|    | <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024  |
|    | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 560 LMI persons  |
|    | <b>Location Description</b>  | Oak Park, IL   |

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|                           | <b>Planned Activities</b>   | 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. |
| <b>31</b>                 | <b>Project Name</b>   | B23-32 VOP Public Works Sidewalks  |
|                           | <b>Target Area</b>  | CDBG Target Area   |
|                           | <b>Goals Supported</b>  | Public Infrastructure  |
|                           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>  | Infrastructure Improvements  |
|                           | <b>Funding</b>  | CDBG: \$600,000  |
|                           | <b>Description</b>  | 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.                                |
|                           | <b>Target Date</b>  | 9/30/2024  |
|                           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>  | 1000   |
|                           | <b>Location Description</b>   | Oak Park, IL   |
| <b>Planned Activities</b> | 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. |  |
| <b>32</b>                 | <b>Project Name</b>   | B23-34 VOP Public Works Water Line Improvements  |
|                           | <b>Target Area</b>  | CDBG Target Area   |
|                           | <b>Goals Supported</b>  | Public Infrastructure-Affordable Housing   |
|                           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>  | Infrastructure Improvements  |
|                           | <b>Funding</b>  | CDBG: \$100,000  |

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| <b>Description</b>   | 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. |
| <b>Target Date</b>   | 9/30/2024  |
| <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | 10 LMI Households  |
| <b>Location Description</b>  | Oak Park, IL   |
| <b>Planned Activities</b>  | 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**

| <b>Target Area</b>  | <b>Percentage of Funds</b> |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 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**

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### **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        |
| <b>Total Program Income:</b>   | <b>0</b> |

## 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. 100.00%

## 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**

The Village plans to devote all activity funding to benefit low- to moderate-income persons. There is no ESG funding or Emergency funds.

