

# Executive Summary

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

### 1. Introduction

The Village of Oak Park Grants Division of the Neighborhood Services Department is proud to present its 2024 Annual Action Plan, which represents the fifth year of the Village's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan using CDBG funds. 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 projects, including: public services, housing rehabilitation and preservation, housing outreach, infrastructure improvements, code enforcement, public facility improvements, economic development, and planning and administration. These projects will be financed in part by the Village's federally-funded CDBG PY 2024 allocation of \$1,581,724 and will include the prior year funds in the amount of \$644,558.58; this is broken out by PY2021, \$10,000; PY2022, \$629,349.27; and PY2023, \$5,209.31 for a total of \$2,226,282.58, running from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025.

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 Grants Division of the Neighborhood 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 2024 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.

## 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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Building upon the goals outlined in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and aligning with the three overarching federal statutory goals, the 2024 Annual Action Plan delineates a range of objectives, including: public services, public facility improvements, housing rehabilitation, public infrastructure enhancements, code enforcement, economic development initiatives, and planning and administration.

Drawing from inputs garnered through the Consolidate Plan's citizen participation process and engagement with Village stakeholders, the following priority areas for CDBG funds have been identified:

- **Public Services:** Focus areas include mental health and substance use disorder support, parenting education, literacy programs, mentorship initiatives, and emergency food provision. Homeless support activities encompass prevention, outreach, emergency shelter, and interim housing solutions.
- **Affordable Housing:** Strategies include the Small Rental Rehabilitation Program aimed at enhancing affordability for renters in smaller multi-family buildings, the Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program offering zero-interest loans to low- and moderate-income homeowners, Lead Hazard Reduction, **income-eligible private-side water line infrastructure**, Energy Efficiency Program, and code enforcement measures to maintain housing quality and safety.
- **Infrastructure:** Improve the quality of existing public infrastructure in Oak Park's low- and moderate-income areas, Village-wide ADA accessibility infrastructure improvements and **income-eligible private-side water line infrastructure**.
- **Public Facility Improvements:** Maintain and improve the quality of Oak Park's non-profit owned and operated public facilities to ensure residents have access to safe and accessible facilities. Investments are directed towards enhancing the facilities of nonprofit organizations serving Oak

Park residents, including UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago, Way Back Inn, Y.E.M.B.A., PACTT Learning Center, Thrive Counseling Center, and Oak Leyden.

### **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 received \$1,581,724 in CDBG funds available in PY 2024 and will allocate prior year funds in the amount of \$644,558.58; this is broken out by PY2021, \$10,000; PY2022, \$629,349.27; and PY2023, \$5,209.31 which will be used to further Con Plan objectives. The 2022 prior year funds will be used to support infrastructure in the Village through the following Activities:

In an effort to remain consistent with outlined objectives in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the Village of Oak Park struggled to spend down past housing and infrastructure projects due to logistical construction-related issues brought about by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The goal for this Action Plan is to catch up on the Pandemic-delayed project goals. Other projects have remained consistent and will continue to go as planned.

### **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 2024 Action Plan with the aim of identifying priority needs and engaging citizens, public agencies and non-profit organizations. The process began in January 2024 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 20 participants attended the workshop, including four new organizations that have not previously received CDBG funds.

The Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC) held two hearings and conducted an in-depth review of each application. After the commissioners collectively worked to determine funding recommendations, the Chair presented the 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 18, 2024.

The Village has revised the proposed PY 2024 Action Plan. As of June 20, 2024, the Village of Oak Park Program Year (PY) 2024 Draft Annual Action Plan is available for public review and comment. The Plan can be reviewed during business hours Monday-Friday, June 20, 2024 – July 23, 2024, at the Oak Park Village Hall, Neighborhood Services Department, 123 Madison Street; 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 this 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 25, 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**

Working in partnership with other entities in order to meet the priority needs of the community, the Village will continue to identify and incorporate more partners and 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.

The Action Plan underscores a strategic approach to project selection, emphasizing alignment with these high-priority areas across the five-year program duration. The Village of Oak Park anticipates implementing identified activities either directly or through collaborative efforts with partner entities, with the Grants Division of the Neighborhood Services Department serving as the lead agency for plan execution.

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

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

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

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

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative**

The lead agency for the Action Plan is the Grants Division of the Neighborhood 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 Neighborhood 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 2024 Action Plan.

### **Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(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 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 2024 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 engaged in coordinating efforts with the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County (the Alliance) and the area's Continuum of Care to address homelessness comprehensively. This collaborative approach ensures a synchronized response to homelessness within the community, while also considering the unique needs of Oak Park residents.

Participation in various committees of the Alliance enables the Village to align its priorities with the strategic plan of the Alliance, ensuring that resources are directed where they are most needed. Housing Forward, a key partner agency, implements CDBG activities aimed at assisting homeless populations in Oak Park.

In the past year, the Village participated in a 100-Day Challenge cohort focused on supporting unhoused residents and reducing barriers to housing. This initiative resulted in significant outcomes, with over 117 unhoused individuals accessing permanent supportive housing and 310 individuals connected to shelter throughout Suburban Cook County.

Furthermore, the Village is actively involved in the Oak Park Homeless Coalition, promoting interagency collaboration to ensure that homeless individuals receive tailored services. The Coalition has established goals for 2024, including the creation of a By Name Referral list managed by Housing Forward to prioritize housing assistance for families and individuals. Additionally, Housing Forward aims to enhance the effectiveness of short-term stability case management and shelter diversion services.

Overall, the Village prioritizes partnerships with external agencies to address homelessness effectively. By collaborating closely with the Alliance, Continuum of Care, Housing Forward, and other service providers, the Village can assess and respond to the specific needs of its community, ensuring that resources are allocated in the most impactful manner.

**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.

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

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Regional organization Planning organization 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 Planning organization 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.

3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	COOK COUNTY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - County Regional organization Planning organization Grantee Department
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment 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 Planning organization Grantee Department
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	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>	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 Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Other government - Local Neighborhood Organization

	<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 Services - Housing Other government - Local Planning organization 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 Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization Neighborhood Organization

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans 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 Services-Health Services-Education Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Anti-poverty Strategy 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.

9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SARAH'S INN
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Education Services - Victims Regional organization 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 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 Planning organization Civic Leaders Foundation
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment 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.

11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Beyond Hunger
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Health Services-Education Health Agency Regional organization 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**

The Village of Oak Park started developing its PY 2024 Action Plan with the aim of identifying priority needs, and engaging citizens, public agencies and non-profit organizations. The process began in January 2024 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 20 participants attended the workshop, including four new organizations that have not previously received CDBG funds. The Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC) held two 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 18, 2024. The Village has revised the proposed PY 2024 Action Plan. As of June 20, 2024, the Village of Oak Park Program Year (PY) 2024 Draft Annual Action Plan is available for public review and comment. The plan can be reviewed during business hours, Monday-Friday, June 20, 2024 – July 23, 2024, at the Oak Park Village Hall, Neighborhood Services Department, 123 Madison Street; 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.

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### Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	The Wednesday Journal newspaper ad ran on June 19, 2024. The comment period ran from June 20, 2024, to 5:00 pm on July 23, 2024.	None	N/A	
2	Internet Outreach	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	Draft PY 2024 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.	None	N/A	<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>

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3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	The public meeting for the Draft Action Plan was held on May 30, 2024.	None	N/A	
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The public hearing for the Draft Action Plan was held on July 19, 2024, at 10:00 am.	None	N/A	
5	Newspaper	Non-targeted/broad community	The Wednesday Journal newspaper ad ran on February 19, 2025. The comment period ran from February 19, 2025, to 5:00 pm on March 25, 2025.	None	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

The anticipated resources section of the Action Plan describes the Village of Oak Park's financial resources for PY 2024, and for the duration of the PY 2020 to 2024 Consolidated Plan. The financial resources listed are not all-encompassing, but serve to illustrate the Village's ability to use federal and local funding to address the priority needs and goals put forth in this plan. The funds are anticipated to be utilized by various regional and local government entities, as well as the nonprofit service providers that serve Oak Park. Note that the \$644,558.58 listed below is prior year resources and returned funds to be used in PY 2024. Additionally, Admin was not listed as a goal in the Con Plan because it doesn't report accomplishments. This resulted in the dollar amount for the Goals.

Program Administration - \$ 316,344.80

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~~-\$440,000

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 **and lead water line replacement** 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 - \$ 237,258.60

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 and homeless services.

Public Facilities - \$ 232,679.10

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, UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago, Oak Leyden and PACTT Learning Center.

Public Infrastructure - ~~\$1,100,000.68~~ \$1,000,000

The Village of Oak Park will provide CDBG funds to repair, renovate, and upgrade alleys, ADA sidewalks, and lead water line replacement. Prior year funds in the amount of \$644,558.58; this is broken out by PY2021, \$10,000; PY2022, \$629,349.27; and PY2023, \$5,209.31, will be used for the following activities in PY 2024. \$1,100,000.68 is a combination of prior year 2022 funds in the amount of \$644,558.58 and PY24 annual allocation of \$458,648.20.

Total amount funded for PY 2024 is \$2,226,282.50, which includes the PY 2024 Annual Allocation and Prior Year 2021, 2022, and 2023

resources.

**Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,581,724	0	644,559	2,226,283	0	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, in the amount of \$644,558.88, will be used to support infrastructure activities through ADA Sidewalks (\$44,558.88) and Alleys (\$600,000) from PY 2022. Prior year funds in the amount of \$644,558.58; this is broken out by PY2021, \$10,000; PY2022, \$629,349.27; and PY2023, \$5,209.31

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

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

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

receive ESG funds, which will not be the case for PY 2024, they have to be matched dollar-for-dollar by subrecipients, 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**

### **Discussion**

The Village of Oak Park received an allocation of \$1,581,724 for PY 2024 and will use the prior year funds in the amount of \$644,558.58; this is broken out by PY2021, \$10,000; PY2022, \$629,349.27; and PY2023, \$5,209.31 to meet the goals identified in the plan. The goals include public infrastructure activities for alleys and ADA sidewalks.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

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

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Services	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Entire Jurisdiction CDBG Target Area	Public Services	CDBG: \$237,258	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3900 Persons Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 40 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 40 Persons Assisted
2	Public Facilities and Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Entire Jurisdiction CDBG Target Area	Public Facilities & Improvements	CDBG: \$232,679	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 682 Persons Assisted
3	Affordable & Safe Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Entire Jurisdiction CDBG Target Area	Housing	CDBG: <del>\$340,000</del> \$440,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 14 Household Housing Unit Housing, 13 lead water line replacement, Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 235 Household Housing Unit Other: 20 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Public Infrastructure	2020	2024	Public Infrastructure	Entire Jurisdiction CDBG Target Area	Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$1,100,000  \$1,000,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2000 Persons Assisted
5	Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Entire Jurisdiction	Administration & Planning	CDBG: \$316,345	

Table 6 – Goals Summary

### Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Affordable & Safe Housing
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	



## 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 2024: public services, infrastructure, public facility improvements, and housing. This includes activities funded from previous program year allocations that will be completed and/or disbursed in PY 2024. The disbursement for the four projects is as follows: Public Services - \$237,258.60; Infrastructure - ~~\$1,100,000.68~~ \$1,000,000; Public Facility Improvements - \$232,679.10; and Housing - ~~\$340,000~~ \$440,000, including \$75,000 for Code Enforcement activity. Similar to last year, the Village did not receive Emergency Solutions Grant funding for PY 2024.

Please note: IDIS does not allow decimal points for "Expected Resources" and we have been instructed by our CPD rep to leave it as is.

#	Project Name
1	Beyond Hunger
2	Community Support Services
3	Easterseals
4	Hephzibah
5	Housing Forward Interim Housing
6	Housing Forward OPHC Admin
7	IWS Children's Clinic
8	NAMI
9	New Moms
10	NW Housing Partnership
11	Our Future Reads
12	Thrive
13	UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago
14	Way Back Inn
15	Way Back Inn Facility
16	YEMBA
17	YEMBA Facility
18	VOP CDBG Admin
19	Farmers Market
20	Code Enforcement
21	Housing Lead Hazard
22	Housing Project Implementation
23	Housing Single Family Rehab
24	Housing Small Rental Rehab

#	Project Name
25	Public Works Alleys
26	Public Works Sidewalks
27	Public Works Water Lines
28	Housing Energy Program
29	PACTT Learning Center
30	Oak Leyden

**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.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Beyond Hunger
	<b>Target Area</b>	Entire Jurisdiction
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$28,758
	<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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	13500
	<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>	Community Support Services
	<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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	325
	<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.

<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Easterseals
	<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>	Funds will go toward educational materials and transportation to support classroom readiness for children of low-income persons.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	25
	<b>Location Description</b>	171 S. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funds will go toward educational materials to support classroom readiness for children of low-income persons.
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Hephzibah
	<b>Target Area</b>	Entire Jurisdiction
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$26,000
	<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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	50
	<b>Location Description</b>	1144 Lake Street, Fifth Floor, Oak Park, IL 60301

	<b>Planned Activities</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>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	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: \$35,000
	<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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	110
	<b>Location Description</b>	211 N. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Forward OPHC 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>	9/30/2025

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<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.
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	5000
	<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>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	125
	<b>Location Description</b>	814 Harrison St, Oak Park, IL 60304
	<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>9</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	New Moms
	<b>Target Area</b>	Entire Jurisdiction
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
	<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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	200
	<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>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	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: \$8,500
	<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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	150
	<b>Location Description</b>	Various locations
<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>11</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	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: \$8,500

	<b>Description</b>	CDBG funds will support a part-time employee to manage inventory and ship books, as well as cover the costs for shipping the books.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	3400
	<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 and ship books, as well as cover the costs for shipping the books.
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Thrive
	<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: \$35,132
	<b>Description</b>	Acquisition and installation of 4 new water fountains.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1350
	<b>Location Description</b>	120 S Marion St, Oak Park, IL 60302
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Acquisition and installation of 4 new water fountains.
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago
	<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: \$62,250
	<b>Description</b>	New fence and wheelchair lift, two new boilers, new furnace at three CILAs
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2025

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	8
	<b>Location Description</b>	436 South Taylor, 134 South East, and 1045 Highland. All in Oak Park, IL 60302
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	New fence and wheelchair lift, two new boilers, new furnace at three CILAs  436 S Taylor: New Fence 134 S East: Two New Boilers 1045 Highland: New Furnace
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	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: \$17,000
	<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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	4
	<b>Location Description</b>	412 Wesley Ave, 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>15</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Way Back Inn 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: \$32,303

	<b>Description</b>	Re-roofing with new shingles, tuckpointing and capping of chimney.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	25
	<b>Location Description</b>	412 Wesley Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Re-roofing with new shingles, tuckpointing and capping of chimney.
<b>16</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	YEMBA
	<b>Target Area</b>	Entire Jurisdiction
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$26,500
	<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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	150
	<b>Location Description</b>	218 Lake Street, 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>17</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	YEMBA 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: \$14,800

	<b>Description</b>	Install automated, secure door accessibility and install a surveillance system.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	30
	<b>Location Description</b>	218 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60302
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Install automated, secure door accessibility and install a surveillance system.
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	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: \$276,344
	<b>Description</b>	General oversight, administration and management of the Village CDBG program for PY 2024.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	123 Madison St, Oak Park, IL 60302
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	General oversight, administration and management of the Village CDBG program for PY 2024.
<b>19</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Farmers Market
	<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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	301
	<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.
<b>20</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	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 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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1200
	<b>Location Description</b>	Various houses in low/mod block groups

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The Neighborhood 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>21</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	7
	<b>Location Description</b>	123 Madison St, 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>22</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	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
	<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>	9/30/2025

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	24
	<b>Location Description</b>	123 Madison St, Oak Park, IL 60302
	<b>Planned Activities</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>23</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Single Family Rehab
	<b>Target Area</b>	Entire Jurisdiction
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable & Safe Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	:
	<b>Description</b>	Revolving Loan Fund, will not be in the budget. 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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	7
	<b>Location Description</b>	123 Madison St, Oak Park, IL 60302
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Revolving Loan Fund, will not be in the budget. 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>24</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Small Rental Rehab
	<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 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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	10 Households, 6 LMI
	<b>Location Description</b>	123 Madison St, Oak Park, IL 60302
	<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.
25	<b>Project Name</b>	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: \$600,000
	<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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	200 LMI Persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	Various alleys in LMI census block groups
	<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>Project Name</b>	Public Works Sidewalks

26	<b>Target Area</b>	Entire Jurisdiction
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$400,000
	<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>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1000
	<b>Location Description</b>	Various sidewalks throughout SW 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.
27	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Works Water Lines
	<b>Target Area</b>	Entire Jurisdiction
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	<del>Public Infrastructure</del> Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	<del>Infrastructure Improvements</del> Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000
	<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>	9/30/2025

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	10 LMI Households
	<b>Location Description</b>	10 qualifying locations throughout Oak Park
	<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.
28	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Energy Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	Entire Jurisdiction
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable & Safe Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000
	<b>Description</b>	Provide up to \$5,000 per household for energy efficiency upgrades.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	20 LMI Households
	<b>Location Description</b>	20 homes in Oak Park, IL
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide up to \$5,000 per household for energy efficiency upgrades.
29	<b>Project Name</b>	PACTT Learning Center
	<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: \$39,200
	<b>Description</b>	New energy/sound efficient windows
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2025

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	22 LMI Persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	119 Harvey Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	New energy/sound efficient windows
30	<b>Project Name</b>	Oak Leyden
	<b>Target Area</b>	Entire Jurisdiction
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Facilities and Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$48,994
	<b>Description</b>	Labor and materials for 3 new doors.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	86 LMI Persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	320 Chicago Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Labor and materials for 3 new doors.

## **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. 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, Thrive Counseling Center, 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 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

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 2024, funded at \$600,000, and \$44,558.88 will be used to support ADA sidewalks.

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

### **Introduction**

Homelessness is a pressing issue affecting many communities across the United States. Oak Park, a village in Illinois, is no exception. In PY 2024, 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.

Since September 2020, Housing Forward has been operating a temporary fixed site shelter, located in a former residential hotel, the Write Inn, at 211 N. Oak Park Avenue. The Write Inn location is serving clients in need of housing from across Housing Forward's entire 25-community service territory throughout western Cook County. The property will offer Housing Forward's clients:

Private rooms with showers and personal storage designed to protect individuals against adverse health outcomes due to exposure to winter cold and/or summer heat.

- 45 rooms for adults, couples, and small families
- 19 rooms for medical respite care and stable housing supporting better health outcomes; and
- Climate-controlled rooms that minimize potential exposure and cross infection, including isolation and quarantine space in the event of public health emergencies.
- On-site services: Case Manage services – All clients have a dedicated case manager, who provides clients with specialized services and a continuity of care across program areas from a client's initial entry until a permanent destination is found. Wrap-around services – Housing Forward's interdisciplinary team strengthens the agency's service integration model in the areas of health and behavioral health, employment and income support, and other critical needs of clients.

A portion of the building's units will continue to operate the RISE Center (Recuperation in a Supportive Environment) for persons experiencing health trauma and uncertain refuge, including isolation space. Housing Forward and medical partner Cook County Health have collaborated to provide short-term residential and post-acute medical care for patients experiencing homelessness who are not sick enough to be hospitalized, but who are too ill or too frail to recover from a physical illness while seeking nightly

refuge in a rotating overnight shelter system or on the streets.

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 act 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.

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, which 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.

In the past year, the Village participated in a 100-Day Challenge cohort focused on supporting unhoused residents and reducing barriers to housing. This initiative resulted in significant outcomes, with over 117 unhoused individuals accessing permanent supportive housing and 310 individuals connected to shelter

throughout Suburban Cook County.

Housing Forward and the Oak Park Homeless Coalition have collaborated to create a platform for a “By Name List” that will allow for Housing Forward to coordinate efforts on housing individuals in the Oak Park community and surrounding areas and understand how they are actively engaged with other resources.

Overall, the Village of Oak Park is taking proactive steps to support individuals experiencing homelessness through the Housing Forward Interim Housing. 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 2024, the Village of Oak Park is allocating funding to support the Housing Forward Interim Housing program, aimed at addressing the needs of homeless individuals, particularly those who are unsheltered. This program offers comprehensive shelter solutions, including emergency shelter and transitional housing, to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

The program encompasses several key components:

- **Interim Housing:** Providing 24/7 accommodations for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, this model offers a safe environment and access to case management support to facilitate their transition to permanent, independent living. Additionally, it offers medical respite for individuals requiring short-term residential and medical care post-hospital discharge.
- **Sojourner House:** Located in Oak Park, this community-based facility offers a 90-day program to support individuals with stable living arrangements while receiving assistance with health improvement, employment, family reunification, and access to community-based services until permanent housing is secured.
- **Ohana House:** This three-unit apartment building offers intensive case management and life skills training for families experiencing homelessness, empowering them to transition to permanent housing with the guidance of a Family Support Specialist.
- **Emergency Shelter:** A year-round shelter facility reopened in Oak Park, providing 20 beds for overnight stays to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

The Housing Forward Interim Housing program plays a crucial role in addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals within the community. Despite challenges faced during the pandemic, such as facility closures and limited volunteers, Housing Forward continued to

provide safe accommodations to unsheltered community members.

The ownership of the Write Inn hotel and the public facility improvement funds underscores the Village's commitment to supporting this program, which offers stability and support to individuals on their journey toward securing permanent housing. By providing a safe environment and access to essential services, the program aims to reduce barriers and facilitate the transition to stable housing for homeless individuals in Oak Park.

**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**

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.

**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 CDBG activities 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 2024 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 is actively addressing the issue of limited affordable housing and its impact on low- to moderate-income residents. Presently, 26% of Oak Park's housing stock is considered affordable. To improve and maintain affordable housing quality, the Village has implemented various programs such as the Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation Program and Small Rental Rehabilitation Program. The Village collaborates with nonprofit housing developers to create more affordable housing opportunities.

While the Village is committed to addressing barriers to affordable housing, some public policies are outside its control. Nonetheless, it endeavors to mitigate these challenges through initiatives supported by funds like the CDBG. For instance, programs such as the Small Rental Rehabilitation Housing Program aid rental property owners in refurbishing units, while the Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation Program provides low- and moderate-income homeowners with no-interest loans for home repairs.

In partnership with agencies like the Oak Park Regional Housing Center, Oak Park Housing Authority, Oak Park Residence Corporation, the Alliance to End Homelessness, and Housing Forward, the Village seeks to expand housing options for residents. It's dedicated to promoting fair housing choices for all protected classes and actively works to remove barriers to housing access.

To tackle issues related to public policy, the Village established the Community Relations Commission (CRC). The CRC fosters positive relationships between law enforcement and marginalized communities. Additionally, the Police Complaint Mediation Program offers an

alternative dispute resolution process for residents who have encountered police misconduct. These efforts demonstrate the Village's commitment to creating a more equitable and inclusive community.

## **Discussion**

The Village of Oak Park is deeply committed to breaking down barriers to affordable housing, aiming to make housing more accessible and sustainable while preserving its quality and availability. In collaboration with community partners, the Village has established a comprehensive array of services and programs tailored to meet the diverse needs of individuals striving towards financial independence. These efforts include coordinated support for individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Beyond supporting local organizations in their initiatives to assist low- and moderate-income residents through employment training, case management, and shelter provision, the Village actively administers programs aimed at addressing poverty. By directly targeting factors such as inadequate housing, high housing costs, lack of education, unemployment, low income, and poor health, the Village works to alleviate poverty's root causes. Through resource allocation, enhancement of housing standards, and facilitation of essential social services, employment opportunities, public health initiatives, and education systems, the Village endeavors to create a substantial impact.

The Village's multifaceted approach, coupled with programs administered by its partners, has the potential to significantly reduce the number of households living below the poverty line.

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**

Meeting the needs of underserved communities presents a formidable challenge for the Village of Oak Park, primarily due to constrained financial resources. The existing cap on public service funding provided through CDBG consistently falls short of the amount required to achieve local objectives, resulting in the underfunding of worthy projects. Moreover, municipalities frequently confront revenue reductions, exacerbating resource limitations. The limited available land for constructing affordable housing and supply of existing structures suitable for purchase and rehabilitation further restrict the Village's capacity to expand affordable housing options.

To confront these hurdles, the Village actively collaborates with funding partners to minimize duplication and streamline the grant application process. This collaborative effort aims to optimize the use of resources, ensuring they are allocated most effectively and efficiently to support local organizations. Additionally, the Village is proactively exploring new avenues to augment the affordable housing inventory by fostering coordination with local agencies.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

Oak Park has devised a multifaceted strategy to foster and sustain affordable housing, leveraging CDBG funds to support various housing rehabilitation programs. The Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation Program, for instance, extends federally funded home rehabilitation loans to low- to moderate-income Oak Park residents who own and occupy single-family homes. These loans are instrumental in upgrading housing structures to meet housing and building codes, thereby enhancing the overall housing stock and eliminating health and safety hazards. Additionally, funds from this program can be utilized for weatherization and to enhance accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

Furthermore, the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant program, predominantly funded by CDBG with supplemental support from Cook County's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Grant, addresses the critical issue of lead poisoning by financing the identification and remediation of lead hazards in homes.

To bolster affordable rental housing, Oak Park administers the Small Rental Rehabilitation Housing Program. This initiative assists rental property owners in rehabilitating their rental units, with eligibility criteria encompassing single-family detached rental dwellings or multi-family rental buildings with fewer

than eight units. Through forgivable loan funds, rental property owners can rectify code violations and significant housing quality deficiencies, contingent upon their commitment to renting at least 51% of their units to low- and moderate-income households at affordable rates. These comprehensive programs underscore Oak Park's commitment to fostering and preserving affordable housing options for its residents.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The Village of Oak Park is taking measures to reduce lead-based paint hazards in the community, as all three of its ZIP codes have been identified as high-risk for pediatric blood lead poisoning by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The Village has an agreement with the IDPH to provide case management services for all children living in Oak Park. Public Health is involved in public awareness and education campaigns, providing nursing lead case management and conducting environmental investigations when required. The Village's Single-Family Rehabilitation (SFR) program and other housing projects funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) have adhered to HUD's requirements for lead hazard reduction. The SFR program will continue to incorporate lead hazard reduction in its activities for the rehabilitation of owner-occupied low- to moderate-income properties, using CDBG and Cook County funds. Lead inspections and environmental reviews will be conducted on these activities. In addition to these efforts, the Village's Public Works Department will work to make water lines lead-free in 2023. These initiatives aim to mitigate the risk of lead exposure in Oak Park and promote the health and safety of its residents, particularly children.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The Village is committed to improving housing options, providing vital social services, fostering employment opportunities, delivering public health services, and maintaining a high-quality educational system. Social service programs administered by the Village and its partners play a pivotal role in supporting individuals with incomes below the poverty level. For instance, initiatives like Housing Forward offer homelessness-preventative services that empower economic independence and foster lasting positive change for those experiencing homelessness.

The Village is dedicated to ensuring that all residents have stable housing, good health, and access to living wage employment opportunities. Essential public health services, including comprehensive case management for children residing in Oak Park, are also prioritized. Through a partnership with the Illinois Department of Public Health, these services are made available to residents.

In addition to social services and education, the Village is actively engaged in housing initiatives. The Single-Family Rehabilitation (SFR) program, alongside other housing projects supported by CDBG funding, adheres to HUD's standards. The SFR program specifically integrates lead hazard reduction measures into its rehabilitation activities for owner-occupied low- to moderate-income properties, utilizing both CDBG and Cook County funds. Rigorous lead inspections and environmental reviews are

conducted to ensure compliance and safety.

Furthermore, through the Public Works Department, the Village is undertaking efforts to eliminate lead from water lines by the end of Program Year 2024, further contributing to the overall health and well-being of residents. These concerted efforts underscore the Village's commitment to alleviating poverty and fostering a thriving, equitable community.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The Village of Oak Park is dedicated to enhancing its institutional framework year-round by fostering ongoing communication with partner agencies, facilitating referrals for funding and training opportunities, and actively engaging in collaborative initiatives. Village staff play an integral role in the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition, striving to make homelessness a rare, brief, and one-time occurrence within the community.

Participation in organizations such as the National Community Development Association and coalitions of grantees, enables Village staff to effectively coordinate and pool resources to finance services aligned with community needs, yielding measurable outcomes. Within the Neighborhood Services Department, the Grants Division collaborates with a network of local organizations to execute the Action Plan.

The Village collaborates with nonprofit agencies to deliver community programs and services outlined in the Action Plan, utilizing its annual budget process for coordinated funding allocation. Public input on the allocation of CDBG funds is sought through the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC), which assesses nonprofit CDBG subrecipients based on risk analysis and past performance.

Emphasizing coordination among agencies is paramount in the development and implementation of housing and community development programs, maximizing the efficiency of limited resources. The Village remains committed to closely aligning its programs with those of other agencies at various levels, ensuring cohesive efforts to address community needs effectively.

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.

## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction

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.

The Village of Oak Park CDBG entitlement grant for PY 2024 is \$1,581,724 and will include prior year funds in the amount of \$644,558.58; this is broken out by PY2021, \$10,000; PY2022, \$629,349.27; and PY2023, \$5,209.31, for a total of \$2,226,282.88 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.	0.00%

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

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

**Discussion**