

# Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing on the City of Duluth FY 2024 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development

## \* Federal Funding Recommendations Included \*

The City of Duluth is seeking citizen comments on the Draft FY 2024 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development. All input is welcome including identification of current community issues, especially those affecting people of color, people with low and moderate incomes, and people with disabilities. Comments about the City's progress toward five-year community development goals are outlined in the Plan. **This plan includes funding recommendations for approximately \$3 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Community Development Committee (CD Committee) plans and advises on the use of these funds to the Duluth City Council.**

### CD Committee Preliminary Recommendations for 2024 Funding:

#### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

(at least 70% of CDBG funds must benefit persons with low or moderate incomes)

**Housing** (all applications are for housing improvements that will benefit people with low or moderate incomes)

Duluth Property Rehabilitation Program – HRA	\$ 315,000
Energy, Efficiency, Electrification & Renewable Navigators-ECO3	\$ 19,000
Community Land Trust Acq-Rehab-Resale – One Roof Cmty Hsg	\$ 50,000
Community Land Trust New Construction-One Roof Cmty Hsg	\$ 200,000
One Roof Duluth Rehabilitation – One Roof Community Housing	\$ 30,000
New San Marco Redevelopment-Center City	\$ 200,000
Annie's House of Refuge and Restoration- Divine Konnections	\$ 10,000

**Economic Development** (all applications will create full-time jobs or assist businesses to create jobs to be filled by persons having low or moderate incomes at the time of employment)

Futures Program- Life House, Inc	\$ 82,000
High-demand, Living-wage Job Training – SOAR Career Solutions	\$ 112,000
Starting/Growing Neighborhood Businesses –Entrepreneur Fund	\$ 48,000
Connect Many (CM) Solutions -Family Rise Together	\$ 50,000
Start-Skilled Trades, Art, Robotics & Tech-Family Freedom Center	\$ 60,000

**Public Facility Improvements**

(all applications will provide improvements to neighborhoods having a majority of persons with low and moderate incomes)

Equipment Upgrades to Improve Dental Care –LSHC	\$ 15,000
Downtown Campus Reboot –Life House, Inc	\$ 40,000
Spirit Valley Facility Repairs-YWCA	\$ 25,000
Safer 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave Enhancing Safety & Multimodal-Zeitgeist Center	\$ 87,000
Multi-Modal Transportation Access- City of Duluth Planning	\$ 5,000
Hillside Sport Court Park Revitalization- City of Duluth Parks	\$ 30,000
Stepping on Up Homeless Triage Shelter-CHUM	\$ 150,000

**Public Service**

(all applications will provide programs or services to persons with low or moderate incomes) Federal regulations stipulate a maximum of 15% of grant funds to public service applications.)

Duluth Hunger Project CHUM	\$ 104,000
Tenant Landlord Connection – One Roof Community Housing	\$ 15,000
Free Tax Site – Community Action Duluth	\$ 20,000
Young Mother’s Program-YWCA	\$ 20,000
Life House Basic Needs Youth Center - Life House	\$ 39,000
Homeless Services and Shelter Center – CHUM	\$ 35,000
Programming for Children at Steve O’Neil– CHUM	\$ 20,000
Homeless Veterans Services- MACV/DULUTH	\$ 30,000
Family Transitional Housing- Salvation Army	\$ 7,000
Family Supportive Housing- Center City Housing Corp	\$ 30,000
Safe Haven Shelter Program- Safe Haven	\$ 20,000
Coordinated Entry & Assessment	\$ 12,000

**Planning**

Program Administration – CD Division	\$ 470,000
HOME Program Administration – CD Division	\$ 51,000
ESGP Program Administration – CD Division	\$ 15,250
HOME TBRA Administration – Duluth HRA	\$ 7,000

**HOME Investment Partnerships Program - Proposed Year 2024 Funding Recommendations**

Homeless Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) – Duluth HRA	\$ 70,000
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Welch Place Apartments – Center City Community Housing	\$ 300,000
CHDO CLT Acquisition-Rehab One Roof Community Housing	\$ 152,000

**Emergency Solutions Grants Program - Proposed Year 2024 Funding Recommendations**

CHUM Emergency Shelter – CHUM	\$ 15,000
Family Transitional Hsg Operations – Salvation Army	\$ 7,200
Supportive Housing Programs – Center City Housing	\$ 20,000
Domestic Violence Shelter- Safe Haven	\$ 20,000
Street Outreach - CHUM	\$ 20,000
The Loft Emergency Shelter for Youth-Life House	\$ 27,000
Annie’s House of Refuge & Restoration	\$ 15,000
Prevention and Rapid rehousing	\$ 63,075
HMIS Data Entry	\$ 4,200

**Contingency Plan:** If there should be a higher level of funding allocated to the city for FY 2024 than estimated, such funding shall be distributed proportionally to previously recommended projects that were not recommended to receive full funding, up to 3% of the final allocation, and if less funding is allocated, all projects shall be reduced proportionally up to 3% of the final allocation. If the final allocated amount varies by more than 3% of the estimated amount then the Community Development Committee shall reconvene and revise the funding recommendation and submit it to the City Council.

There is a 30-day public comment period for the draft Annual Action Plan and funding recommendations from November 25, 2023 – January 9, 2024.

**A public hearing on the recommendations will be held by the CD Committee during this time period at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, in the Council Chambers - 3rd Floor - City Hall. The purpose of the public hearing is for citizens to comment on the Draft Plan and the funding recommendations. Members of the public, especially persons having low and moderate incomes, persons of color, and persons with disabilities, are encouraged to attend and provide comments. The CD Committee will be making their final funding decision on January 9, 2024 in St. Louis County Building, Lake Superior Room located at 320 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Duluth 55802.**

**Written/Email comments are highly encouraged during this Public Comment Period. To submit comments or questions about this draft Action Plan and recommendations, contact:**

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The proposed Action Plan, and the project summary for FY 2024, is available for comment at: <https://duluthmn.gov/planning-development/community-development-funding/annual-funding-process/>

Copies of the Plan are available at the City of Duluth Community Development Division (Room 160 City Hall), Duluth City Clerk's Office (City Hall), the Duluth Public Library and library branches.

If you have special needs, such as an interpreter, please contact the Planning and Development Division at 730-5580 so that your needs can be accommodated. For hearing impaired persons please call the City's TTY/Information Assistance at 730-5000 or the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.