

# Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing on the City of Duluth FY 2021 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development

## \* Federal Funding Recommendations Included \*

The City of Duluth is seeking citizen comments on the Draft FY 2021 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, and 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 2021 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)

Eco3 Energy - Ecolibrium3	\$ 120,000
Duluth Property Rehabilitation Program – HRA	\$ 446,000
Community Land Trust Acq-Rehab-Resale – One Roof Cmty Hsg	\$ 240,000
One Roof Duluth Rehabilitation – One Roof Community Housing	\$ 75,000

**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	\$ 50,000
High-demand, Living-wage Job Training – SOAR Career Solutions	\$ 190,000
Starting/Growing Neighborhood Businesses –Entrepreneur Fund	\$ 64,000
Cultural Specific Entrepreneurship Workshop-Family Rise Together	\$ 75,000

**Public Facility Improvements**

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

Spirit Valley Updates and Efficiencies –Duluth YWCA	\$ 50,000
Acquisition Demolition Program- City of Duluth	\$ 88,900
Equipment Upgrades -Lake Superior Community Health Center	\$ 43,000
Niiwin Indigenous Foods Market Construction-AICHO	\$135,000

**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	\$ 81,250
Landlord Incentives Program – Salvation Army	\$ 20,000
Tenant Landlord Connection – One Roof Community Housing	\$ 25,000
Free Tax Site – Community Action Duluth	\$ 22,000
JET Food Program – Neighborhood Youth Services	\$ 39,000
Life House Youth Center - Life House	\$ 31,000
Emergency Shelter and Drop-In Center – CHUM	\$ 42,000
Early Childhood Education– CHUM	\$ 23,000
Homeless Veterans Services- MACV/DULUTH	\$ 9,150
Family Transitional Housing- Salvation Army	\$ 8,500
Family Supportive Housing- Center City Housing Corp	\$ 31,000
Safe Haven Shelter Program- Safe Haven	\$ 20,000
Coordinated Entry & Assessment	\$ 12,000

**Planning**

Program Administration – CD Division	\$ 485,200
HOME Program Administration – CD Division	\$ 47,400
ESGP Program Administration – CD Division	\$ 15,600
HOME TBRA Administration – Duluth HRA	\$ 7,500

**HOME Investment Partnerships Program - Proposed Year 2021 Funding Recommendations**

Homeless Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) – Duluth HRA	\$ 90,624
CHDO CLT Acquisition/Rehabilitation – One Roof Community Housing	\$ 303,476
CHDO CLT New Construction-One Roof Community Housing	\$ 100,000

## Emergency Solutions Grants Program - Proposed Year 2021 Funding Recommendations

CHUM Emergency Shelter – CHUM	\$ 22,000
The Loft – Teen Emergency Shelter	\$ 32,000
Comprehensive Services for Homeless Veterans- MACV	\$ 3,150
Family Transitional Hsg Operations – Salvation Army	\$ 8,500
Supportive Housing Programs – Center City Housing	\$ 25,000
Domestic Violence Shelter- Safe Haven	\$ 19,000
Street Outreach - CHUM	\$ 15,000
Prevention and Rapid rehousing	\$ 63,750
HMIS Data Entry	\$ 4,000

There is a 30-day public comment period for the draft Annual Action Plan and funding recommendations from December 19, 2020 – January 18, 2021. Please send comments to: Ben VanTassel, [bvantassel@duluthmn.gov](mailto:bvantassel@duluthmn.gov) or 411 W. First Street, Room 160, Duluth, MN 55802. All comments will be shared with the CD Committee

A virtual public hearing via WebEx will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2020 at 5:30 PM by the Community Development Committee.

The plan can be found on the City's website at <https://duluthmn.gov/planning-development/community-development-funding/annual-funding-process/>

The Community Development Committee will be holding its Meeting by other electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021 in response to the COVID-19 emergency. Some members of the Committee will be participating through video conference. Due to the COVID-19 emergency and the closure of City facilities, public comment will not be taken in person. However, members of the public can monitor the meeting and provide public comment on agenda items through WebEx Events. Visit <https://duluthmn.gov/live-meeting> to access the meeting. The public is also encouraged to submit written comment to Ben VanTassel prior to the meeting. Please include "January 5th Agenda" in the subject line, and include your name and address and the agenda item you are speaking to. Please note that all public comment is considered Public Data.

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.