

Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing on the City of Duluth FY 2023 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development

* Federal Funding Recommendations Included *

The City of Duluth is seeking citizen comments on the Draft FY 2023 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 2023 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	\$ 336,111
Community Land Trust Acq-Rehab-Resale – One Roof Cmty Hsg	\$ 400,000
One Roof Duluth Rehabilitation – One Roof Community Housing	\$ 70,000

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	\$ 99,000
High-demand, Living-wage Job Training – SOAR Career Solutions	\$ 170,000
Starting/Growing Neighborhood Businesses –Entrepreneur Fund	\$ 56,000
Ujamaa-The Culture District -Family Rise Together	\$ 20,000

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 –Duluth YWCA	\$ 40,500
Acquisition Demolition Program- City of Duluth	\$ 200,000

Imaginarium Project –Life House, Inc

\$136,389

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	\$ 80,000
Landlord Incentives Program – Salvation Army	\$ 15,000
Tenant Landlord Connection – One Roof Community Housing	\$ 20,000
Free Tax Site – Community Action Duluth	\$ 15,000
JET Food Program – Family Freedom Center	\$ 45,000
Young Mother’s Program-YWCA	\$ 20,000
Life House Youth Center - Life House	\$ 30,000
Homeless Services and Shelter Center – CHUM	\$ 30,000
Programming for Children– CHUM	\$ 18,000
Homeless Veterans Services- MACV/DULUTH	\$ 9,000
Family Transitional Housing- Salvation Army	\$ 8,000
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	\$ 53,000
ESGP Program Administration – CD Division	\$ 15,250
HOME TBRA Administration – Duluth HRA	\$ 5,000

HOME Investment Partnerships Program - Proposed Year 2023 Funding Recommendations

Homeless Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) – Duluth HRA	\$ 50,000
Windwood Apartments – Center City Community Housing	\$ 300,000
CHDO CLT New Construction-One Roof Community Housing	\$ 172,000

Emergency Solutions Grants Program - Proposed Year 2023 Funding Recommendations

CHUM Emergency Shelter – CHUM	\$ 19,000
Comprehensive Services for Homeless Veterans- MACV	\$ 7,000

Family Transitional Hsg Operations – Salvation Army	\$ 8,300
Supportive Housing Programs – Center City Housing	\$ 22,000
Domestic Violence Shelter- Safe Haven	\$ 17,000
Street Outreach - CHUM	\$ 10,000
The Loft Emergency Shelter for Youth-Life House	\$ 30,900
Annie’s House of Refuge & Restoration	\$ 10,000
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 2023 than estimated, such funding shall be distributed proportionally to previously recommended projects that were not recommended to receive full funding, up to 2% of the final allocation, and if less funding is allocated, all projects shall be reduced proportionally up to 2% of the final allocation. If the final allocated amount varies by more than 2% 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 October 29, 2022 – December 6, 2022. Please send comments to: Adam Fulton, afulton@duluthmn.gov or 411 W. First Street, Room 160, Duluth, MN 55802. All comments will be shared with the CD Committee

The proposed Action Plan, and the project summary for FY 2023, 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

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