

Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing on the City of Duluth FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and FY 2020 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development

* Federal Funding Recommendations Included *

The City of Duluth is seeking citizen comment on the Draft FY 2020 - 2024 Consolidated Plan and FY 2020 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development. Current community issues, especially those affecting persons with low and moderate incomes, persons of color, and persons with disabilities, and the City’s progress toward five-year community development goals are outlined in the Plan. **This Plan includes the recommendations for approximately \$3 million in funds to the City of Duluth from three programs of 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 Recommendations for 2020 Funding:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

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

Housing

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

Decker Dwellings – One Roof Community Housing	\$ 275,000
Superior View & Pine Grove Apt Rehab – Accessible Space, Inc	\$ 60,000
Duluth Energy Efficiency Program - Ecolibrium3	\$ 100,000
Duluth Property Rehabilitation Program – HRA	\$ 450,000
Community Land Trust Acq-Rehab-Resale – One Roof Cmty Hsg	\$ 120,000
Duluth Lending Rehabilitation – One Roof Community Housing	\$ 75,000
SIA Blight Reduction and Coordination - Ecolibrium 3	\$ 39,763

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)

SOAR Duluth At Work – SOAR Career Solutions	\$ 272,000
Growing Neighborhood Businesses – Northeast Entrepreneur Fund	\$ 78,000

Public Facility Improvements

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

Chester Bowl Chalet Renovation – Chester Bowl Improvement Club \$ 75,000

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	\$ 80,000
Seeds of Success Farmers Market – Community Action Duluth	\$ 7,000
Landlord Incentives Program – Salvation Army	\$ 20,000
Tenant Landlord Connection – One Roof Community Housing	\$ 25,000
Free Tax Site – Community Action Duluth	\$ 20,000
JET Food Program – Neighborhood Youth Services	\$ 39,000
Life House Youth Center - Life House	\$ 30,000
Emergency Shelter and Drop-In Center – CHUM	\$ 40,000
Children Services/Steve O’Neil Apartments – CHUM	\$ 20,000
Homeless Veterans Services- MACV/DULUTH	\$ 9,150
Family Transitional Housing- Salvation Army	\$ 8,250
Family Supportive Housing- Center City Housing Corp	\$ 30,000
Safe Haven Shelter Program- Safe Haven	\$ 15,000
Coordinated Entry & Assessment	\$ 12,000

Planning

Program Administration – CD Division	\$ 475,041
HOME Program Administration – CD Division	\$ 54,111
ESGP Program Administration – CD Division	\$ 15,048
HOME TBRA Administration – Duluth HRA	\$ 7,500

HOME Investment Partnerships Program - Proposed Year 2020 Funding Recommendations

Homeless Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) – Duluth HRA	\$ 79,495
Birchwood Apartments – Center City Housing Corporation	\$ 200,000
CHDO CLT Acquisition/Rehabilitation – One Roof Community Housing	\$ 200,000

Emergency Solutions Grants Program - Proposed Year 2020 Funding Recommendations

CHUM Emergency Shelter – CHUM	\$ 20,000
The Loft – Teen Emergency Shelter	\$ 30,000
Prevention and Rapid Rehousing for Veterans- MACV	\$ 3,000
Family Transitional Hsg Operations – Salvation Army	\$ 8,000
Supportive Housing Programs – Center City Housing	\$ 22,000
Domestic Violence Shelter- Safe Haven	\$ 14,000
Street Outreach - CHUM	\$ 15,000
Prevention and Rapid rehousing	\$ 69,596
HMIS Data Entry	\$ 4,000

There is a 30-day public review period on this Draft Plan and the funding recommendations which runs from October 26 – November 25, 2019. Copies of the Plan are available at the City of Duluth Planning and Development Division (Room 160 City Hall), Duluth City Clerk’s Office (Room 330 City Hall), the Duluth Public Library and all branches of the library. Also included with the Consolidated Plan is the City’s planned actions to affirmatively further fair housing for the next five years.

A public hearing will be held by the CD Committee at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2019, 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 comment on the 2020 Action Plan and the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

For more information or to forward comments on this Draft Plan, contact:

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A brief summary of the funding recommendations is available on the City’s website: <https://duluthmn.gov/planning-development/>.

Alternative formats of the information and reasonable accommodations are available upon request by contacting the Planning and Development Division at the duluthcommdev@duluthmn.gov or 218-730-5580, or the City’s TTY/Information Assistance at 218-730-5000, or the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.