

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the approval and submission of the Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City of Lowell Annual Action Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

The City of Lowell is submitting a Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which plan will address the community development and housing needs and priorities identified by the community; and

The Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan calls for the anticipated expenditure of \$3,293,293 in funding for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; and

The Lowell City Council determines that the proposed use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding is necessary and desirable in order to improve the economic and living conditions of the residents of the City; and

The Annual Action Plan includes the anticipated expenditure of \$3,293,293 in funding for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 which includes a total of \$2,246,689 in CDBG, \$857,321 in HOME, \$189,283 in ESG for a Total of \$3,293,293 in Federal grant funds.

The Lowell City Council determines that the proposed use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG Program funding for the City of Lowell, is necessary and desirable in order to improve the economic and living conditions of the residents of the City.

BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

That the proposed plan for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, Emergency Solutions Grant, is hereby endorsed, approved and included in the Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City of Lowell Annual Action Plan, to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its approval.

2021-2022 Draft Annual Action Plan

The following activities have been tentatively selected to receive support using Consolidated Plan program funds during the 2021-2022 program year

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT NAME	
CDBG Public Service		
Angkor Dance Troupe	Creative Works Program	\$15,000.00
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence	Lowell Asian Initiative Against Domestic Violence	\$ 20,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell	Youth Farm to Table	\$ 15,000.00
Community Teamwork, Inc.	Fuel Assistance	\$ 15,000.00
Dwelling House of Hope	Food Pantry	\$ 15,000.00
Eliot Presbyterian Church	Eliot Day Center	\$ 20,000.00
Girls, Inc.	Enrichment Program	\$ 15,000.00
House of Hope, Inc.	Learn to Work Program	\$ 15,000.00
Lowell Association for the Blind	Advocacy/Services for the Blind	\$ 15,000.00
Lowell Council on Aging	Senior Programming	\$ 15,000.00
Mass Alliance of Portuguese Speakers	Lowell Immigrant & Elder Services	\$ 15,000.00
MassHire Greater Lowell Workforce Board	Year Round Work Experience	\$ 15,000.00
Merrimack Valley Food Bank	Food Distribution	\$ 15,000.00
Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership	First Time Home Buyer Training	\$ 15,000.00
Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities	Lowell Food Bank Collaborative	\$ 45,000.00
Mill City Grows, Inc.	Food is Medicine	\$ 15,000.00
RARA	Programs/Services	\$ 15,000.00
St. Paul's Soup Kitchen	Admin/Salary/Supplies	\$ 15,000.00
Whistler House Museum of Art	Multi- Cultural Summer Art	\$ 15,000.00
YWCA of Lowell	Youth Enrichment Training Institute	\$ 15,000.00
THRIVE	Wrap Around Re Entry Services	\$ 15,000.00
CDBG Non-Public Service		
Acre Family Child Care	Child Care Development & Support	\$ 35,000.00
Boys & Girls Club	Architectural Services	\$200,000.00
City of Lowell	Senior Center Lease	\$ 375,000.00
City of Lowell	Code Enforcement	\$ 100,000.00
DPD	Chambers St	\$ 50,000.00
DPD	Open Park Plan	\$500,000.00
DPD	Olga Nieves Park	\$ 61,847.00
Economic Development	ED Assistance Fund	\$200,000.00
Economic Development	Sign & Facade	\$100,000.00
Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust	Urban Forestry Program	\$ 25,000.00
LDFC	Downtown Venture Fund	\$ 150,000.00
YWCA	Renovation Project	\$ 42,000.00
ESG		

Alternative House	Emergency Housing Stabilization	\$ 20,000.00
Alternative House	HMIS	\$ 6,500.00
Community Teamwork	Individual Homelessness	\$47,147.00
Eliot Presbyterian Church	Eliot Day Program	\$ 19,800.00
House of Hope	Shelter Operations	\$ 35,000.00
SMOC/LTLC	Homeless Diversion	\$ 46,640.00
HOME		
City of Lowell , DPD	First Time Home Buyer	\$ 300,000.00
City of Lowell , DPD	Home Housing Rehab	\$ 511,000.00
CHDO Reserve	Community Development Housing Organization	\$ 128,598.00
555 Merrimack St.	Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 50,000.00



Eileen Donoghue
City Manager

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Assistant City Manager

May 20, 2021

To: Mayor John Leahy
and
Members of the Lowell City Council

Reference: FY 2021- 2022 Action Plan

Dear Mayor Leahy Members of the City Council:

The City of Lowell Department of Planning and Development is pleased to present the annual Action Plan for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This document provides a strategy for the use of federal entitlement funds granted to the City by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. Programs and activities described in the plan are intended to primarily benefit low and moderate-income residents of the City, neighborhoods with high concentrations of low- and moderate-income residents, and the City as a whole.

The Action Plan includes tentative funding awards for the 2021 – 2022 Program Year. The projects proposed were solicited through a competitive RFP process as a volunteer Citizens Advisory Committee and the Administration worked hard to ensure that the goals of the Action Plan are met. A list of funding recommendations is attached to this communication.

The Lowell City Council must approve this document before it is submitted to HUD. The Law Department has prepared the necessary vote for your consideration.

If you have any questions about these documents or this process, please feel free to contact me or DPD Director Christine McCall at 978-674-4252.

Sincerely,

Eileen Donoghue
City Manager

Attachment

cc: Christine McCall, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director
Craig Thomas, DPD Deputy Director
Christine O'Connor, City Solicitor
Christopher Samaras, Community Development Director