

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the approval and submission of the Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan calls for the anticipated expenditure of \$1,968,144.20 in funding for the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024; 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 \$1,968,144.20 in funding for the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 which includes a total of \$710,000 in CDBG, \$1,083,450.20 in HOME, \$174,694 in ESG for a Total of \$1,968,144.20 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.

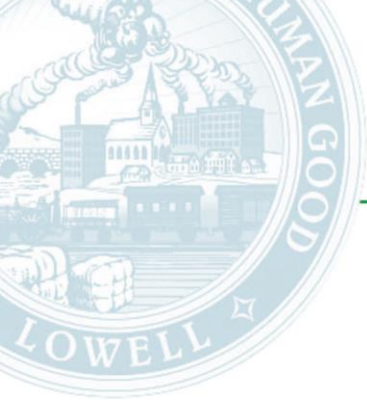
BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

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 2023-2024 City of Lowell Annual Action Plan, to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its approval.

**2023-2024 Draft Annual
Action Plan**

The following activities have been tentatively selected to receive support using Consolidated Plan program funds during the 2023-2024 program year

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT NAME	Award Amount
CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING		
Merrimack Valley Food Bank	Mobile Food Pantry	\$30,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell	Club Love Meals	\$30,000.00
YWCA	Youth Enrichment Program	\$40,000.00
Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership	Expanding Affordable Homeownership	\$40,000.00
St. Paul's Soup Kitchen	Evening Meal Program	\$30,000.00
Dwelling House of Hope	Driver's Expense	\$30,000.00
Lowell Association for the Blind	Adult Program	\$30,000.00
RARA	Programs/Services	\$30,000.00
Whistler House Museum of Art	Summer Youth Art Program	\$30,000.00
Angkor Dance Troupe	Angkor Creative Works	\$30,000.00
CDBG NON-PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING		
	Economic Development	
City of Lowell-DPD	Assistance	\$160,000.00
City of Lowell-DPD	McPherson Traffic Garden	\$150,000.00
Acre Family Day Care	Family Childcare Training Program	\$50,000.00
Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust	Urban Forestry Program	\$30,000.00
ESG FUNDING		
Eliot Presbyterian Church	Eliot Day Program	\$50,000.00
Alternative House	DV Shelter	\$63,314.00
SMOC	Diversion	\$61,380.00
HOME		
	Community Development Housing	
CHDO Reservation	Org.	\$142,450.20
City of Lowell-DPD	Housing Rehab	\$455,000.00
City of Lowell-DPD	First Time Home Buyer	\$236,000.00
Boston Capital	Broadway Street Affordable Housing Project	\$250,000.00



Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

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Assistant City Manager

July 11, 2023

To: Mayor Sokhary Chau
and
Members of the Lowell City Council

Reference: FY 2023- 2024 Action Plan

Dear Mayor Chau and Members of the City Council:

The City of Lowell Department of Planning and Development (DPD) is pleased to present the annual Action Plan for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. 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, ESG, and HOME 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 2023 – 2024 Program Year. The projects proposed were solicited through a competitive RFP process, and reviewed by a volunteer Citizens Advisory Committee and the Administration. Everyone involved 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 Assistant City Manager/DPD Director, Yovani Baez-Rose at 978-674-1401.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Golden Jr.
City Manager

Attachment