

PUBLIC NOTICE
F.Y. 2020-F.Y. 2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN & F.Y. 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The F.Y. 2020-F.Y. 2024 Consolidated Plan is intended to develop a unified and strategic vision for providing decent housing, providing a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for extremely low, very low, low and moderate income households; and includes a comprehensive strategy to allocate funds to implement the following formula grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The Consolidated Plan is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding eligibility under the above four programs, and will be used by federal and state agencies in order to determine need for other programs. The City of Steubenville is only eligible for CDBG program funds.

The five year Consolidated Plan covers fiscal years 2020 through 2024. This is the first year of the consolidated planning period. The overall goals of the Consolidated Plan are:

1. Affordable Housing: Providing decent housing for extremely low, very low, low and moderate income (LMI) households.
2. Healthy Neighborhoods: Creating a suitable living environment through balanced diverse development of public facilities, infrastructure, housing, commercial, recreational and safety activities.
3. Economic Development: Creating economic opportunities for City residents.

The affordable housing activities described in the Consolidated Plan include rehabilitation of single and multi-family residential units, energy efficiency improvements, fair housing services, rental housing subsidies, assistance with security deposits and program administration.

The community development activities described in the Consolidated Plan include infrastructure/facility improvements, the delivery of needed public services, code enforcement and clearance/demolition to improve neighborhoods.

The economic development activities described in the Consolidated Plan include rehabilitation of commercial/industrial buildings, technical assistance to for-profit entities, and coordinated employment training and placement.

The strategies, goals and objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan, which are based on data analysis, interviews and consolidated planning committee recommendations, are reflected in the proposed use of funds contained within the F.Y. 2020 Annual Plan and noted below.

PROPOSED USE OF F.Y. 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

<u>HUD CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
03 <u>PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS</u>	
03F PARKS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (L/M) Installation of new outdoor fitness structure at North End Park located at 930 N. 7 th Street (570.201(c)).	\$42,500.00
03F PARKS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (L/M) Installation of new outdoor fitness structures at Murphy Park located at 1715 State Street (570.201(c)).	\$42,500.00
03J WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (L/M) Replacement of obsolete fire hydrants in low and moderate income neighborhoods. (570.201(c)).	\$49,500.00

03K	STREET IMPROVEMENTS (L/M) Rehabilitation of streets and related infrastructure improvements in low and moderate income neighborhoods. (570.201(c)).	\$361,977.00
05J	FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES (L/M) Fair housing services including program operation, counseling, public education and complaint processing (570.201(e)).	\$30,000.00
15	<u>CODE ENFORCEMENT</u> (L/M) Enforcement of property maintenance codes in low and moderate neighborhoods (570.202(c)).	\$55,095.00
16B	NON-RESIDENTIAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION (S/B) Historic façade rehabilitation in CBD core area (570.202(d)).	\$40,000.00
TOTAL		\$621,572.00

In addition to the FY 2020 CDBG allocation, an additional \$5,000.00 in funds from the revolving loan program will be reallocated to Program Administration-General management, oversight and coordination. In the event funds become available as a result of an activity being completed or cancelled, such funding will be reallocated to Program Administration-General Management, oversight and coordination.

Past performance regarding consolidated planning activities is reported annually in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Of the four formula grant programs described previously, the City of Steubenville receives only CDBG funds directly from HUD. The city does periodically apply on a competitive basis for State HOME program funds under the CHIP program, and other non-city agencies are recipients of federal funds either directly or through the State of Ohio. Past performance regarding consolidated plan programs and activities has been good with the above funded activities being continuations of successful previously funded programs.

A copy of the F.Y. 2020 - F.Y. 2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan will be available for public review beginning on June 17, 2020, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Community Development Office located at the address listed below and ending on July 17, 2020; and at the Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County, Schiappa Branch, 4141 Mall Drive, Steubenville, Ohio. A copy may also be viewed on the City's website: cityofsteubenville.us. Citizens, representatives of community groups and non-profit organizations and public service providers are encouraged to become informed about the consolidated planning process and to express their views and comments regarding the city's needs, program activities to meet these needs and proposed use of funds. Non-English speaking persons or persons with Limited English Proficiency or special needs should contact the Community Development Division at (740) 283-6000, ext. 1700 or cdp@cityofsteubenville.us for further assistance. Written comments concerning the above activities and proposed use of funds should be directed to: Christopher J. Petrossi, Urban Projects Director, Community Development Office, City Hall, 115 South Third Street, Suite 108 Steubenville, Ohio 43952. Comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on July 17, 2020.

Para asistencia en Español, se puede contactar a División de Desarrollo Comunitario en (740) 283-6000, ext. 1700 o cdp@cityofsteubenville.us

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