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City of Long Beach

FY 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan and

FY 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan

Substantial Amendments



INTRODUCTION

The City of Long Beach receives federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) entitlement programs. CDBG is designated to assist in the development of viable communities by supporting projects that provide decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities primarily for low- and moderate-income persons. HOME is designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households and ESG is used to address homelessness. For each year of the five-year Consolidated Plan, the City is required to adopt an Annual Action Plan for the use of the CDBG, HOME and ESG funds. The City of Long Beach 2023 - 2027 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Action Plan were approved by City Council for submittal to HUD on July 19, 2022 (22-0832) and subsequently approved by HUD. The FY 2024-2025 Action Plan was approved by City Council on June 18, 2024 (24-53732).

Federal regulation 24 CFR 91.505 and the City's Citizen Participation Plan require a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan if there is a change in the use of CDBG, HOME or ESG funds from one activity to another activity in excess of 25% of the total CDBG, HOME or ESG grant allocations for the program year, a change in allocation priorities or a change in the purpose, scope, location or beneficiaries of an activity.

On June 9, 2016, HUD published a notice at 81 Federal Register 38730 to revise requirements and the treatment of program income for all three rounds of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) by allowing NSP program income received by a CDBG recipient to be transferred by the recipient from the NSP program to the CDBG program. After the transfer is carried out, any transferred program income will be subject to the CDBG program income regulations.

The City of Long Beach is proposing a Substantial Amendment to its FY 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan because of the transfer of program income for all three rounds of NSP to CDBG in the amount of \$2,866,438.75. This Substantial Amendment is required to reallocate the NSP Program Income funds to a CDBG eligible program to address needs, strategies and goals identified in the City's Consolidated Plan. The City is also proposing a Substantial Amendment to its FY 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan because of the unspent funds previously allocated to the CDBG Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program. The City's current ADU Program is funded through other funding sources and is ineligible for CDBG reimbursement as designed. A total combined amount of \$3,166,438.75 will be used to increase funding for the Home Improvement Roof Grant Program (HIRGP).

FUNDING REALLOCATION

The Home Improvement Roof Grant Program, which meets a high-priority community need to replace roofs and improve housing conditions for low-income households, currently has a waitlist where potential program participants have been pre-screened and are eligible for the CDBG program. To date, the program has served 38 households with new roofs with 56 new roofs underway. Additional program funding is needed to continue to meet the needs of low-income households in CDBG-areas.

PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The proposed activity to be added is within priority needs sections of the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan (Pages 98-105) under Improved Quality of Aging Housing Stock. The proposed changes will not impact prior allocations to programs and projects. Program details for the allocation of \$2,866,438.75 in program income funds and reallocation of \$300,000 of CDBG funds to the Home Improvement Roof Grant Program is as follows:

Project Name	Home Improvement Roof Program
Target Area	RECAP Target Areas/ TCAC Low Opportunity Target Areas
Goals Supported	Eliminate Blight and Strengthen Neighborhoods
Needs Addressed	Improved Quality of Aging Housing Stock
Funding	Program Income: \$2,866,438.75 FY 2022-2023 CDBG Reallocation: \$300,000
Description	Improve existing aging housing stock by providing grants to less than 50% AMI households for the replacement of deteriorating roofs.
Target Date	9/30/2024
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	CDBG Substantial Amendments: 70 households
Location Description	This program is available primarily to income-eligible households in R/ECAP areas.
Planned Activities	Provide grants with a focus in RECAP/TCAC Low Opportunity Target Areas for 50% AMI households to replace roofs.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The draft Substantial Amendment was available for public review for 30 days. A multilingual notice of the proposed amendment was published in a newspapers of general circulation (*Long Beach Press Telegram* and *La Opinion*).

The City of Long Beach Community Investment Company and the City of Long Beach Housing Operations Officer will consider any comments or views of citizens received in

writing, via e-mail or orally at public hearings. The comments will be included as an attachment to the final substantial amendment.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

On Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., The Long Beach Community Investment Company (LBCIC) will conduct a public hearing in the City Council Chambers located at Long Beach City Hall, 411 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comments on the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2024-2025 Action Plan and Substantial Amendment for the FY 2022-2023 Action Plan. The Substantial Amendments will allocate Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Program Income to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Home Improvement Roof Grant Program and will reallocate CDBG FY 2022-2023 funds to the Home Improvement Roof Grant Program to meet the needs prioritized in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Beginning December 13, 2024, draft copies of the Substantial Amendments to the FY 2024-2025 and FY 2022-2023 Action Plans will be available for public review and comment. The Draft Amendment can be downloaded from the “Stay Informed: Latest News” section of the Long Beach Community Development Department website homepage at longbeach.gov/lbcd, in-person at 411 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802 or by contacting Elizabeth Weithers by email at Elizabeth.Weithers@longbeach.gov or by phone at (562) 570-6912.

The City of Long Beach intends to provide reasonable accommodation for the public hearing in accordance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) of 1990. If special accommodation is required, or to request translated materials, please call Elizabeth Weithers at (562) 570-6912 at least 48 hours prior to the January 15, 2025, public hearing. For persons with hearing or speech disabilities, please call 711 to be connected with a Telecommunications Relay Service. Citizens wishing to provide written comments must do so by January 13, 2025, for the January 15, 2025 public hearing. Written comments may also be addressed to Elizabeth Weithers, Community Development Department, 411 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802 or submitted via email to Elizabeth.Weithers@longbeach.gov.