



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR HUD FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR THE 2020 PROGRAM YEAR, AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCIES.

CITY PROPOSAL:

WHEREAS, city council resolution no. 20-0073R, adopted January 27, 2020, approved the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan which included the FY 2020 annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the secretary of HUD is authorized to make grants to cities and/or counties to finance local community development programs, approved in accordance with the provisions of Title I of said Act, as well as grants under the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, (the HOME program) and the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended (the Emergency Solutions Grant - ESG - program);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to make and submit appropriate documentation to HUD for those projects and corresponding funding levels as set forth below:

2020 CITY OF DULUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM-FUND 262, AGENCY 020, OBJECT 5434 PROJECT CD20CD

<u>SUB PROJECT</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PROJECTS</u>
<u>HOUSING PROJECTS</u>			
HOUS	1734	\$ 450,000	Duluth Property Rehab Prog. - HRA
HOUS	6915	\$ 275,000	Decker Dwellings-One Roof
HOUS	8825	\$ 60,000	Superior View & Pine Grove- Accessible Space, Inc
HOUS	6787	\$ 100,000	Duluth Energy Efficiency Program - Ecolibrium3
HOUS	6787A	\$ 39,763	Specialized Improvement Program - Blight Reduction- Ecolibrium3
HOUS	6915	\$ 75,000	Duluth Lending Rehab- One Roof Community Housing
HOUS	6915A	\$120,000	Community Land Trust Acq-Rehab/ Resale - One Roof Community Housing

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

ECDV	2412	\$ 272,000	Duluth at Work Collaborative - SOAR Career Solutions
ECDV	2264	\$ 78,000	Growing Neighborhood Businesses - Entrepreneur Fund

PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

PFAC	PF01	\$ 75,000	Chester Bowl Chalet Renovation- Chester Bowl Improvement Club
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PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS

PSVC	2511	\$ 20,000	Landlord Incentives Program- Salvation Army
PSVC	2805	\$ 39,000	JET Food Program- NYS
PSVC	1974	\$ 30,000	Basic Needs Youth Drop-In - Life House
PSVC	1291	\$ 20,000	Free Tax Site- Community Action Duluth
PSVC	6915	\$ 25,000	Tenant Landlord Connection - One Roof
PSVC	1291A	\$ 7,000	Seeds of Success Farmers Market- Community Action Duluth
PSVC	1244	\$ 80,000	Duluth Hunger Project- CHUM
PSVC	1244A	\$ 20,000	Children Services- Steve O'Neil Apt- CHUM
PSVC	2509	\$ 15,000	Safe Haven DV Shelter- Safe Haven
PSVC	1226	\$ 30,000	Family Supportive Housing - Center City
PSVC	2511	\$ 8,250	Family Transitional Housing- Salvation Army
PSVC	2109	\$ 9,150	Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing MACV

PSVC	1244B	\$ 40,000	Emergency Shelter- CHUM
PSVC	1734	\$ 12,000	Coordinated Entry and Assessment

PLANNING/PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

ADMC	AD01	\$ 475,041	CDBG Program Administration
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following are hereby designated as the financial resources for the above program:

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Year 2020	CDBG Grant - city	<u>\$2,375,204</u>
	Total	<u>\$2,375,204</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth and its officials are authorized and directed to assume full responsibility for assuring that its community development program is carried out in full compliance with the provisions of the acts implementing the programs and all regulations of HUD issued pursuant thereto. This authorization shall also apply to existing programs with the city and HUD under the HUD CDBG, HOME and ESG programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate city officials are authorized to execute the appropriate agreements with these agencies upon receipt of HUD funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a contingency plan is hereby approved based on the recommendation of the community development committee on December 3, 2020, as follows: should there be a higher level of CDBG funding allocated to the city for FY 2020 than estimated, such funding shall be distributed proportionally to projects that were not recommended to receive full funding, up to 1% of the final allocation, and if less funding is allocated, all projects shall be reduced proportionally up to 1% of the final allocation. If the final allocated amount varies by more than 1% of the estimated amount then the community development committee shall reconvene and revise the funding recommendation and submit it to the city council.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution reflects the recommendations of the community development committee (CD committee) with concurrence of the planning and development manager. The CD committee solicited comments from organizations and citizens as related to the proposed FY 2020 funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The recommendations contained in this resolution were developed based on consideration of citizen comments, the public hearing held on November 19th and on December 3rd, 2019, and the deliberations of the CD committee. There was a 30-day public comment period from October 26, 2019, to November 25, 2019 on the 2020 annual action plan portion of the 2020-2024 consolidated plan, which also includes recommended funding for the 2020 CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. The CD committee held a public hearing on December 3, 2019, to hear comments on the funding recommendations and approved a contingency plan if the allocated funding was altered by more than 1%. The CD committee's recommendations were adopted on December 3, 2019, with the concurrence of the Planning and Development manager.

Source of Funds:

\$2,375,204 in new 2020 HUD CDBG Funds

The resolution, in addition to authorizing application for grant funds and administration of same when received, also takes the following actions:

(a) Allocates funds by project for 2020 CDBG Program.

(b) Authorizes contracts for the activities upon receipt of the funding contract and completion of the environmental review process. Housing contracts will include addendums that require affordability restrictions in accordance with HUD regulations.

HOUSING

20-HS-01

Project Name: Decker Dwellings- One Roof Community Housing

Project Summary: One Roof will build a 42-unit apartment building for LMI households.

Goal: 42 units of rental housing.

Amount Recommended: \$275,000

20-HS-02

Project Name: Superior View and Pine Grove Apartment Rehab

Project Summary: ASI will improve 49 units of accessible and affordable housing units by making improvements to the facility. All units are occupied by low income households.

Goal: 49 units of rental housing.

Amount Recommended: \$60,000

20-HS-03

Project Name: Duluth Property Rehabilitation Program - Housing & Redevelopment Authority of Duluth (HRA)

Project Summary: The HRA's Property Rehab Program will provide low interest and deferred loans for rehabilitation assistance to rental property owners within the city of Duluth. Homeowners can apply for up to \$25,000 in loans to address code deficiencies and lead paint hazards. Rental owners can apply for a 2% interest loan to renovate their properties, which then must serve low to moderate income tenants.

Goal: 50 units of rental housing. 100% LMI.

Amount Recommended: \$450,000

20-HS-04

Project Name: Duluth Energy Efficiency Program - Ecolibrium3

Project Summary: Ecolibrium3's Duluth Energy Efficiency Program reduces energy poverty of residents and improves the health of Duluth's housing stock by assisting LMI families with energy efficiency improvements, developing effective coordination between multiple programs, directing contractors, and training volunteers and do-it-yourselfers.

Goal: 50 Households

Amount Recommended: \$100,000

20-HS-05

Project Name: Community Land Trust Acq-Rehab Resale- One Roof Community Housing

Project Summary: One Roof Community Housing will acquire three blight residential structures, rehab the unit and then sale them to LMI households.

Goal: 3 units of owner-occupied housing.

Amount Recommended: \$70,000

20-HS-06

Project Name: Duluth Lending Rehab- One Roof Community Housing

Project Summary: One Roof will provide low interest loans, forgivable loans, and deferred loans for rehabilitation of single-family owner occupied and multi-family rental units within Duluth to low to moderate income individuals, focusing on healthy homes and energy conservation.

Goal: 30 housing units

Amount Recommended: \$75,000

20-HS-07

Project Name: Specialized Improvement Program/Blight Reduction - Ecolibrium3

Project Summary: Condemned, burned, and/or blighted properties impact safety of residents, revitalization of neighborhoods, and other property investment. This project will target demolition activities to the worst properties in Duluth's Specialized Improvement Areas while developing "highest use" plans for property redevelopment.

Goal: 5 housing units

Amount Recommended: \$39,763

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

20-ED-01

Project Name: Growing Neighborhood Businesses - Entrepreneur Fund

Project Summary: The Northeast Entrepreneur Fund's Growing Neighborhood Businesses program will provide technical assistance and peer support for 8 existing small businesses in CDBG target neighborhoods to help grow their business revenue to help their revenue increase by 25%. In addition, the Northeast Entrepreneur Fund will assist 8 LMI and Minority individuals in starting a business.

Goal: 16 LMI neighborhood small business owners grow their business revenue.

Amount Recommended: \$78,000

20-ED-02

Project Name: Duluth At Work Collaborative- SOAR Career Solutions

Project Summary: SOAR Career Solutions, a community based development organization, will work with the Duluth At Work Collaborative to provide job skills training, case management, job placement and job retention support to assist 41 Duluth residents at or below 50% of Area Median Income to complete training and reach employment benchmarks.

Goal: 41 Jobs

Amount Recommended: \$272,000

PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

20-PF-01

Project Name: Chester Bowl Chalet Renovation-Chester Bowl Improvement Club

Project Summary: Renovate and expand the Chalet to allow for equitable access and ADA compliance, expansion of use and opportunities, and increased energy efficiency.

Goal: 1 facility

Amount Recommended: \$75,000

PUBLIC SERVICES

20-PS-01

Project Name: Landlord Incentives Program- Salvation Army

Project Summary: Salvation Army will engage landlords to provide housing opportunities for singles, families, and youth who may otherwise be prevented from renting due to criminal history.

Goal: 80 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$20,000

20-PS-02

Project Name: JET Food Project- Neighborhood Youth Services (NYS)

Project Summary: The JET Food Project at Neighborhood Youth Services will provide access to daily meals and snacks for 815 youth ages 6-18 while providing nationally-recognized job training skills that prepare teens for employment in the food service industry.

Goal: 815 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$39,000

20-PS-03

Project Name: Basic Needs Drop-In Center for Homeless Youth - Life House

Project Summary: Life House's Basic Needs Center for Homeless Youth provides basic human necessities, referrals to internal and external services, site-based outreach, assistance obtaining and maintaining stable housing, and independent living skills classes for homeless, at-risk and street youth ages 14-24.

Goal: 650 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$30,000

20-PS-04

Project Name: Free Tax Site- Community Action Duluth

Project Summary: Community Action Duluth (CAD) requests \$40,000 in CDBG funding to support the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program ("Free Tax Site"). Staff and volunteers assist over 1200 households a year in filing returns to recoup more than \$2.3 million in tax refunds.

Goal: 1,225 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$20,000

20-PS-05

Project Name: Tenant Landlord Connection - One Roof Community Housing

Project Summary: The TLC will help ensure stable rental housing exists by educating existing and potential landlords and tenants regarding rights and responsibilities as well as mediating disputes between landlords and tenants to reduce the number of evictions in our community.

Goal: 560 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$25,000

20-PS-06

Project Name: Seeds of Success Farmer's Market- Community Action Duluth

Project Summary: Community Action Duluth will provide food access to healthy and affordable foods to all residents in the SIA neighborhoods via farmers markets.

Goal: 1,300 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$7,000

20-PS-07

Project Name: Duluth Hunger Project - Churches United in Ministry (CHUM)

Project Summary: The Duluth Hunger Project is a coalition of three agencies (CHUM, The Salvation Army, and The Damiano Center) working together to prevent and alleviate chronic hunger and malnutrition among the lowest income of Duluth's residents, through congregate meal sites and emergency food shelf programs.

Goal: 15,000 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$80,000

20-PH-01

Project Name: Children Services- Steve O'Neil Apartments- CHUM

Project Summary: CHUM will provide supportive services to families at the Steve O'Neil Apartments, including case management, licensed childcare, and parenting classes and coordination with other partner agencies.

Goal: 100 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$20,000

20-PH-02

Project Name: Domestic Violence Shelter - Safe Haven

Project Summary: Safe Haven Shelter is a 39-bed emergency shelter for women and their children who are fleeing domestic violence. Safe Haven provides shelter stabilization services, advocacy, and support to those in the shelter.

Goal: 500 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$15,000

20-PH-03

Project Name: Family Supportive Housing- Center City Housing Corporation

Project Summary: CCHC will operate and provide supportive services for transitional and permanent housing

units.

Goal: 131 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$30,000

20-PH-04

Project Name: Family Transitional Housing Program - Salvation Army

Project Summary: Salvation Army will provide transitional housing and support services to assist homeless families (100 persons) move toward greater housing stability.

Goal: 100 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$8,250

20-PH-05

Project Name: Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing of Veterans - MACV-Duluth

Project Summary: MACV will work to provide shelter, outreach, referral, prevention, and rapid-rehousing services to veterans living on the streets and other places not meant for human habitation.

Goal: 80 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$9,150

20-PH-06

Project Name: Emergency Shelter Program - CHUM

Project Summary: CHUM will work to provide shelter, outreach, referral, prevention and rapid rehousing services to homeless living on the streets and other places not meant for human habitation.

Goal: 1,100 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$40,000

20-PH-07

Project Name: Coordinated Assessment- Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth (HRA)

Project Summary: The Duluth HRA will work with homeless providers to implement the coordinated entry system to ensure homeless persons have access to services.

Amount Recommended: \$12,000