



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR HUD FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR THE 2019 PROGRAM YEAR, AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE AGENCIES.

CITY PROPOSAL:

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No. 19-0062R, adopted January 28, 2019, approved FY 2019 annual Action Plan portion of the 2015-2019 Consolidated 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:

2019 CITY OF DULUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM-FUND 262, AGENCY 020, OBJECT 5434 PROJECT CD19CD

<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	tbd	\$ 70,000	Redruth Rehab Project- ASI Redruth
HOUS	tbd	\$ 80,000	Burke Rehab Project- ASI Burke Supportive Housing
HOUS	6787	\$ 125,000	Duluth Energy Efficiency Program - Ecolibrium3
HOUS	6787	\$ 100,000	Specialized Improvement Program/Blight

Reduction- Ecolibrium3

HOUS	6915	\$ 80,000	Duluth Lending Rehab- One Roof Community Housing
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

ECDV	2412	\$ 272,000	Duluth at Work Collaborative - SOAR Career Solutions
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ECDV	2264	\$ 64,000	Growing Neighborhood Businesses - Entrepreneur Fund
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PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

PFAC	1929	\$ 30,000	Replacement of Medical Exam Tables - Lake Superior Community Health Center
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PFAC	1974	\$ 91,900	Life House Annex - Life House
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PFAC	PF03	\$ 100,000	Acquisition Demolition Preparation Program- City of Duluth
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PFAC	PF04	\$ 5,000	Bike Duluth- Transportation Options for All- City of Duluth
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PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS

PSVC	2511	\$ 20,000	Landlord Incentives Program- Salvation Army
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PSVC	2805	\$ 35,000	JET Food Program- NYS
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PSVC	1974	\$ 30,000	Basic Needs Youth Drop-In - Life House
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PSVC	tbd	\$ 17,000	Free Tax Site- Community Action Duluth
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PSVC	6915	\$ 25,000	Tenant Landlord Connection - One Roof
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PSVC	124A	\$ 78,000	Duluth Hunger Project- CHUM
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PSVC	124B	\$ 20,000	Housing Stabilization- Steve O'Neil Apt- CHUM
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PSVC	2509	\$ 12,000	Safe Haven DV Shelter- Safe Haven
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PSVC	1226	\$ 30,000	Family Supportive Housing - Center City
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PSVC	2511	\$ 8,250	Family Transitional Housing- Salvation Army
PSVC	2109	\$ 9,150	Homeless Prevention/Rapid Rehousing MACV
PSVC	1244	\$ 40,000	Emergency Shelter- CHUM
PSVC	1734	\$ 12,000	Coordinated Entry and Assessment

PLANNING/PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

ADMC	AD01	\$ 449,279	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 2019	CDBG Grant - city	\$	<u>2,246,397</u>
	Total	\$	<u>2,246,397</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.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution reflects the recommendations of the Community Development Committee (CD committee) with concurrence of the Community Planning manager. The CD committee solicited comments from organizations and citizens as related to the proposed FY 2019 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 December 4th, 2018, and the deliberations of the CD committee. There was a 30-day public comment period from November 3, 2018, to December 3, 2018, on the draft 2019 annual action plan portion of the 2015-2019 consolidated plan, which also includes recommended funding for the 2019 CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. The CD committee held a public hearing on December 4, 2018, to hear comments on the funding recommendations and then modified, if necessary, its initial amounts to reflect those comments. The CD committee's recommendations were adopted on December 4, 2018 with the concurrence of the Community Planning manager.

Source of Funds:

\$2,246,397 in new 2019 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 2019 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

19-HS-01

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: 55 units of rental housing. 100% LMI.

Amount Recommended: \$450,000

19-HS-02

Project Name: Redruth Rehab Project - ASI Redruth

Project Summary: ASI will improve 18 units of accessible and affordable housing units by making improvements to the interior of the building. All units are occupied by low income households.

Goal: 18 units of rental housing.

Amount Recommended: \$70,000

19-HS-03

Project Name: Burke Rehab Project- ASI Burke Supportive Housing

Project Summary: ASI will improve 20 units of accessible and affordable housing units by making improvements to the interior of the building including parking lot and entryway. All units are occupied by low income households.

Goal: 20 units of rental housing.

Amount Recommended: \$80,000

19-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: \$125,000

19-HS-05

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: 40 housing units

Amount Recommended: \$100,000

19-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: 40 housing units

Amount Recommended: \$80,000

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

19-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 business owners in CDBG target neighborhoods to help grow their business revenue by 25%.

Goal: 8 LMI neighborhood small business owners grow their business revenue by 25% within 3 years.

Amount Recommended: \$64,000

19-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

19-PF-01

Project Name: Replacement of Medical Exam Tables - Lake Superior Community Health Center

Project Summary: Replace outdated medical exam tables with "high-low" exam tables to increase access to medical care for all patients, including those with mobility barriers and disabilities. The patient population served is comprised of low and moderate income households.

Goal: 1 facility

Amount Recommended: \$30,000

19-PF-02

Project Name: Life House Annex- Life House

Project Summary: Life House is seeking CDBG support to enhance our downtown campus with a newly renovated, state-of-the-art facility and recreation area for the Futures Education & Employment Program. This funding would allow Life House to complete Phase II of a comprehensive renovation of the Life House Annex and Commons recreation area.

Goal: 1 facility

Amount Recommended: \$91,900

19-PF-03

Project Name: Acquisition Demolition Preparation Program- City of Duluth

Project Summary: The program will result in the elimination of blight conditions on 4 sites through

acquisition, demolition and site preparation for infill housing development.

Goal: 4 demolitions

Amount Recommended: \$100,000

19-PF-04

Project Name: Bike Duluth- Transportation Options for All- City of Duluth

Project Summary: "Bike Duluth - Transportation Options for All" will seek to install bike racks in public places near businesses, housing, and services in CDBG eligible neighborhoods to enhance transportation options for LMI individuals in the City.

Goal: 10 bike rack facilities

Amount Recommended: \$5,000

PUBLIC SERVICES

19-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: 100 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$20,000

19-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 550 youth ages 6-18 while providing nationally-recognized job training skills that prepare teens for employment in the food service industry.

Goal: 550 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$35,000

19-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

19-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 1300 households a year in filing returns to recoup more than \$2.3 million in tax refunds.

Goal: 1,325 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$17,000

19-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: 550 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$20,000

19-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: 2,700 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$5,000

19-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: \$78,000

19-PH-01

Project Name: Housing Stabilization 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: 160 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$20,000

19-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: \$12,000

19-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: 91 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$30,000

19-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

19-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

19-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: 1,000 individuals

Amount Recommended: \$40,000

19-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