

**CITY OF DEARBORN HEIGHTS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 ACTION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING #2
JULY 5, 2022**

The Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 Action Plan opened at 4:00 p.m. by Community and Economic Development Director Jamal.

Present: Community and Economic Development Director Hassane Jamal, Rehabilitation Program Specialist Hassan Bazzi, Program Specialist Patty Mahon, Chief of Staff Mariana Hernandez, Mayor Bill Bazzi, City Engineer Ali Dib, Parks and Recreation Director Kim Laurencelle.

Community and Economic Development Director Jamal began the City of Dearborn Heights Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year (PY) 2022-2023 Action Plan Public Hearing #2 with opening remarks and welcomed everyone in attendance. He then introduced his team at the Community and Economic Development Department.

Notice of CDBG Public Hearing #2

**City of Dearborn Heights
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fiscal Year-2022-23 Action Plan**

The City of Dearborn Heights is developing its CDBG Action Plan for program year (PY) 2022-23 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The amount of funds allocated for PY 2022-23 are **\$1,732,756.90**. This amount includes the PY 2022-23 CDBG allocation of **\$922,177.00** and PY 2021-22 program income of **\$111,450.90** in addition to an estimated reprogrammed CDBG funding from prior PY's in the amount of **\$699,129.00**.

The Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD) encourages all parties to participate on **Tuesday, July 05, 2022, at 4:00 P.M., at the Eton Senior Center located at 4900 Pardee Ave, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125. Members of the public have the option of attending in person or virtually.** For additional information please click on the link below.

https://www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us/government/agendas_and_minutes.php

Topic: CDBG Public Hearing

Time: Jul 5, 2022 04:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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Otherwise, all communications should be addressed in writing to: Director of the CEDD - 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights, Michigan, 48127.

The city will provide technical assistance to citizens and groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing funding request proposals and in the review of program activities and program performance. In addition, the City will make adequate provisions to assist non-English speaking residents in interpreting program opportunities and provisions on a case-by-case basis, as well as provide auxiliary aides and services for individuals with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations must be e-mailed to hjamal@ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us or in writing to the CEDD Director - 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights, Michigan, 48127 **ATTN: FY 2022-23 Action Plan Public Hearing #1**. The Request for special accommodations must be made with reasonable advance notice.



إشعار بجلسة استماع عامة رقم (2) منحة بلوك للتنمية المجتمعية CDBG

تواصل بلدية ديربورن هايتس العمل على تطوير خطة عمل لـ «منحة بلوك للتنمية المجتمعية» ضمن برنامج السنة المالية 2022-2023، الممتدة من 1 تموز (يوليو) 2022 حتى 30 حزيران (يونيو) 2023.

إجمالي الأموال المخصصة لبرنامج السنة المالية 2022-2023 يبلغ 1,732,756.90 دولاراً، وهو عبارة عن مخصصات «منحة بلوك» للسنة 2022-2023 البالغة 922,177 دولاراً، إضافة إلى دخل البرنامج في السنة 2021-2022 البالغ 111,450.90 دولاراً، والتمويل المعاد برمجته من السنوات السابقة لـ «منحة بلوك»، والبالغ 699,129 دولاراً.

وتشجع دائرة التنمية الاقتصادية والمجتمعية CEDD جميع الأطراف على المشاركة في جلسة الاستماع التي ستعقد يوم الثلاثاء 5 تموز (يوليو)، عند الساعة الرابعة مساءً، بمركز «إيتون» للمسنين الكائن على العنوان: 4900 Pardee Ave. Dearborn Heights MI 48125

البلدية ستقدم المساعدات التقنية للمواطنين والمجموعات الممثلة للأشخاص ذوي الدخل المنخفض والمتوسط. إضافة لذلك، ستضع البلدية قواعد مناسبة لمساعدة المقيمين غير الناطقين بالإنكليزية على فهم فرص ومزايا البرنامج لكل حالة على حدة، فضلاً عن توفير المساعدات والخدمات للأفراد ذوي الاحتياجات الخاصة.

للترتيبات الخاصة بحضور المعوقين، يجب الاتصال على الرقم 313.791.3500 أو إرسال رسالة بريدية عبر الإيميل: hjamal@ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us
أو التواصل خطياً مع مدير دائرة التنمية الاقتصادية والمجتمعية في ديربورن هايتس على العنوان:
26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights MI 48127
Attn: Action Plan Public Hearing #2

مع منحنا مهلة معقولة لإعداد الترتيبات اللازمة

حسان جمال
مدير دائرة التنمية الاقتصادية والمجتمعية

Hassane Jamal
Director
Community and Economic
Development Department

Publish: June 22, 2022
June 26, 2022
June 29, 2022
July 3, 2022

PY 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan

The City's CDBG Program Action Plan is an annual one-year plan that describes specifically how federal funds will be spent over the course of the upcoming program year.

Projects are geared to accomplish the goals stated in the PY 2021-25 Five Year Consolidated Plan.

PY 2022 Annual Action Plan Process

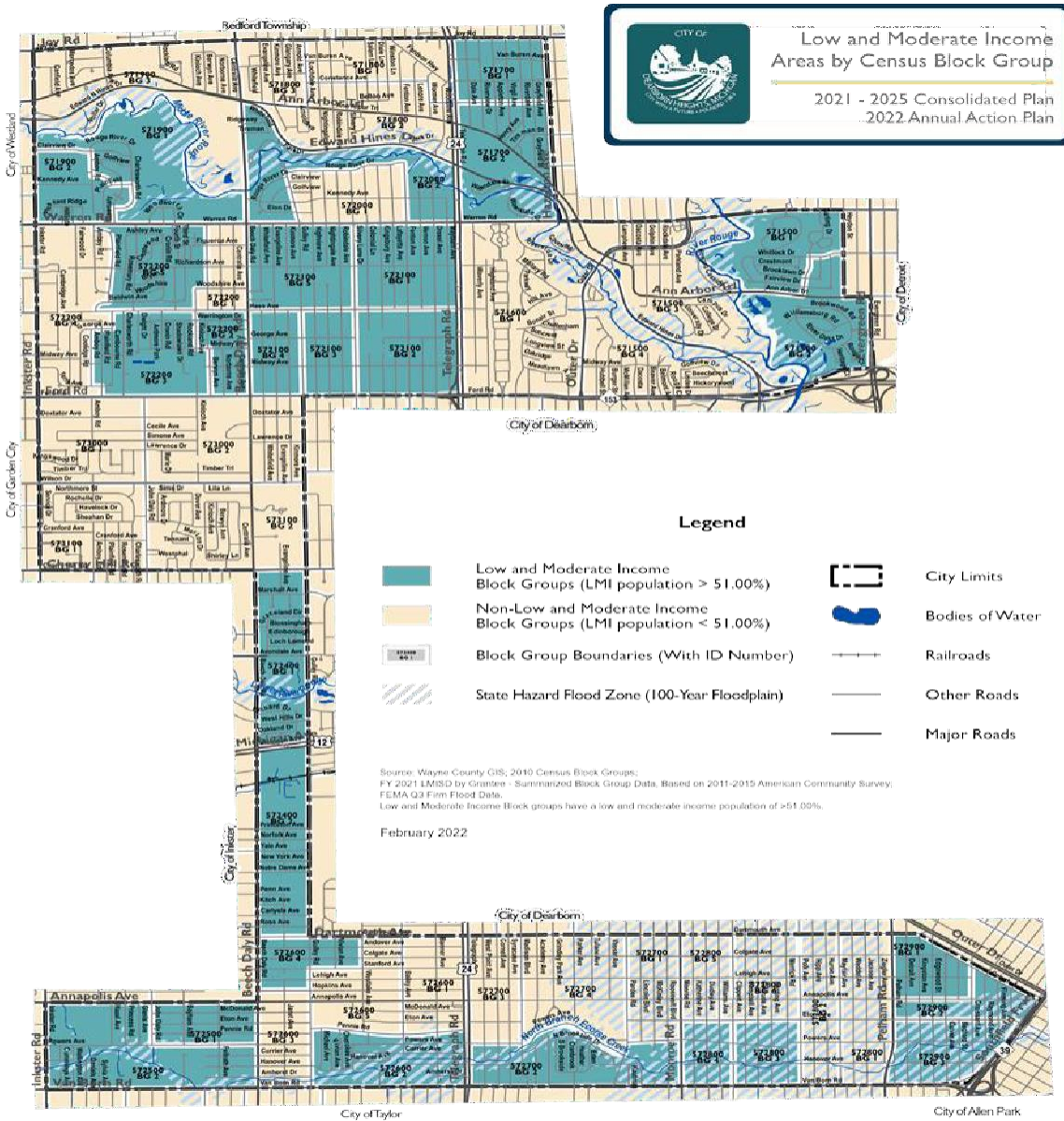
November 2021	NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY (NOFA) PUBLISHED
January 2022	FUNDING PROPOSALS RECEIVED
February 2022	CDBG PUBLIC HEARING #1 (PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING)
March 2022	CDBG PUBLIC HEARING #2 (PROPOSED BUDGET)
April 2022	ACTION PLAN/BUDGET 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
May 2022	FLOODPLAIN PROJECTS PUBLIC HEARING
May 2022	ACTION PLAN/BUDGET ADOPTION BY CITY COUNCIL
June 2022	ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD (ERR) COMPLETED
	NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)/REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (RROF)
	FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) SUBMITTED TO HUD
July 2022	PROGRAM YEAR 2022-23 BEGINS
August 2022	AWARD OF GRANT FUNDS

PROJECT STATUS: New/Ongoing	National Objective	ACTIVITY	PROPOSED ALLOCATION	Public Services (Capped @ 15%)**	General Administration (Capped @ 20%)*
NEW	LMA	Van Houten Park Improvements, including but not limited to Play Structure replacement and Paking Lot re-sufecing	\$ 420,986.90		
NEW	LMA	Heather lane Park Improvemets, including but not limited to expanding the Play existing Structure, new Bathrooms and Storage building, Pickleball Courts and Basketball Courts, Walking Path and Parking Lot.	625000		
Ongoing	LMH	Berwyn Senior Center Imprvemets, including but not limited to HAVC intallations and Energy Efficiency Window Replacement	\$ 300,000.00		
Ongoing	N/A	General Administration and planning*	\$206,726.00		\$206,726.00
Ongoing	LMA	Code Enforcement	\$ 25,000.00		
Ongoing	LMA/LMC	Community Crime Prevention and Safety Awareness	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 74,000.00	
Ongoing	LMH	Fair Housing Center of Metro Detroit**	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
Ongoing	LMC	Senior Citizen Services** including Eaton and Berwyn Senior Centers acti	\$ 75,044.00	\$ 75,044.00	
TOTAL			\$ 1,732,756.90	\$ 155,044.00	\$206,726.00

* ACTIVITIES ARE ADMINISTRATION - SUBJECT TO 20% CAP - NOT TO EXCEED \$206,726.00

**ACTIVITIES ARE PUBLIC SERVICES - SUBJECT TO 15% CAP - NOT TO EXCEED \$155,044.00

PY 2022 Action Plan



HUD CDBG ELIGIBLE LOW/MOD AREAS

CEDD Director Jamal welcomed Mayor Bazzi and invited him to speak.

Mayor Bazzi spoke about the procedure they follow to formulate the Action Plan with Director Jamal, as well as the importance of allocating enough money for the seniors and improvements for the senior programs and centers in the City.

CEDD Director Jamal explained that the draft of the plan was developed as an administrative executive proposal for the legislative body (City Council) to approve. The plan will go before the City Council for approval after being published for 30 days in various locations in the City. He explained in more detail how the funds are allocated and that they can only allocate 15% of the total amount of funding for public services, including safety programs and crime prevention. 20% of the funds can be allocated towards program administration including director and other related employee's salaries, media, document preparation, consulting fees (Wade Trim), etc. He spoke on the importance of verifying they are serving low & moderate income people/areas using CDBG money. Seniors by nature are considered to be low/moderate income. Fund allocation is limited to \$206,726.00 (they don't usually exceed this, usually have leftovers and can supplement other areas with this money). Director Jamal found \$699,129.00 not being used and will not be used due to various factors (cannot be used or was not allocated correctly according to HUD) need to recalculate and hopefully spend the funds next year. It is important to spend money to keep the City's senior centers updated and safe for the senior citizens of Dearborn Heights to use. He is currently working with Parks and Recreation Director Kim Laurencelle to improve the Eton Senior Center. Code enforcement is another important part of the program which includes making sure ordinances are being enforced in low and moderate income areas and is well funded.

Allocations – Van Houten Park improvements (including but not limited to play structure replacement, parking lot resurfacing) - \$420,986.90.

-Heather Lane Park improvements (including but not limited to expanding existing play structure, new bathroom & storage building, walking path, parking lots, pickle ball courts) based on recommendation of Parks and Recreation Director Kim Laurencelle and City Engineer Ali Dib. The goal is to help reduce the aftermath of the COVID pandemic as residents want to get out and explore the local parks, hold parties and gatherings, etc. Heather Lane Park currently does not have these amenities.

-Crime Prevention & Safety Awareness - \$74,000 – provide training, crime prevention services for the city.

At this time, CEDD Director Jamal welcomed comments, questions or requests from the public on Zoom.

Mariann Bolton, Director of the Lennon Pregnancy Center on Ann Arbor Trail in Dearborn Heights stated that on June 20, 2022 building was vandalized because they are a pro-life organization offering free services for women and children since 1994, she asked how she could apply some of the money Mr. Jamal had mentioned to make her building safer, replace smashed windows and wants to apply for grant.

CEDD Director Jamal responded by stating their clientele may be eligible based on certain criteria – for this particular fiscal year, they are too late to be included in this budget plan but encouraged her to reach out to the office to discuss future assistance.

CEDD Director Jamal recognized Mr. Jason Smith of Wade Trim who is a certified planner and consultant for the department from Wade Trim as well as Mr. Ali Dib, City Engineer, for overseeing all engineering and construction projects done by the department. He also recognized Ms. Kim Laurencelle, Parks and Recreation Director was also recognized for controlling much of this fiscal year's budget.

CEDD Director Jamal welcomed Samantha Ferguson via Zoom, who is a new team member in the CEDD office, working as a part-time Grant Coordinator, she also works for Oakland County as a Compliance Officer for CDBG, and she joined CEDD team a couple days a week to help administer the program.

A member of the audience asked if it is possible with some of the grant money for Berwyn and Eton to provide a new electronic sign out front due to the current signs being not able to be seen and also asked about hiring a new Senior Coordinator.

CEDD Director Jamal stated that this was a good suggestion and that it is eligible for funding from CDBG and that the Mayor has final approval of where the funds are used once allocated and determined eligible.

Director Laurencelle spoke and stated that the marquee signs are already on her list to be replaced, and that there will be a part time Senior Coordinator hired as soon as possible.

A member of the audience asked about the money allocation for each senior centers and why they are not listed on the handout.

CEDD Director Jamal explained that they are not on the handout because it is already programmed from previous years. The department does have money to accommodate the improvements. No need to put money down on the sheet if he still has money available from previous years. Assured her that the Eton Senior Center is on their minds and this center will be focused on.

Director Laurencelle explained further about the funding allocations for the Phase II for the rest of the restrooms, boiler, waiting to hear back on the asbestos and lead reports for the boiler room, decided to put it all into one large project to get it all done at once. Kitchen floors, remediation needs to take place due to asbestos being found.

City Engineer Ali Dib spoke on how when he joined the City, he looked at the assessment done for the Eton Center and agreed with Laurencelle that there is asbestos in the boiler room but decided to have a needs assessment first due to boilers being older technology and may not be the most economical way to go. Still have to address the hazardous material, and then will look at the options and go with the most economical way. He's considering getting rid of boiler and going to a more effective method of heating and cooling.

Director Laurencelle reiterated that she is aware of what needs to be done at the center for improvements.

A member of the audience spoke on a program the Senior Committee who have been in existence for 10 years did the other day at the Eton Center called "Welcome Back" and stated she thought the program went very well and asked for recognition and encouragement on their efforts.

CEDD Director Jamal asked her to reach out to him to further discuss what they need particularly to help their efforts and what programs and funding might be available to them. He also discussed additional programs available such as meal programs.

CEDD Director Jamal asked for any other comments and decided to close the hearing.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Shockey

The CDBG FY 2022-2023 Action Plan Public Hearing #2 recording can be viewed on YouTube using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5R5P2E1gMCE>