2021 PROPOSED ACTION PLAN ALLOCATION & PROGRAMMING SUMMARY

The County’s 2021 Action Plan identifies how the County will expend the 2021 funds allocated to it by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). By regulation those expenditures must be consistent with the community needs, priorities and strategies stated in the County’s pending 2021-2024 Consolidated Plan.

The three Consolidated Plan programs the County receives grant allocations under are:

* the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program which primarily benefits low-income individuals,
* the HOME Partnership (HOME) program which funds affordable housing opportunities
* and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program which provides homelessness assistance.

On March 23, 2021 the County received notice of its 2021 entitlement award amounts for those programs. The allocations are as follows:

* $2,097,449 for CDBG
* $ 36,819 CDBG Unallocated
* $ 871,420 for HOME
* $ 223,795 HOME Unallocated
* $ 115,799 HOME program income
* $ 174,083 for ESG

**Total $3,519,365**

#### In comparison to the County’s 2020 allocations, CDBG was increased by 2.7% or $56,519 (from $2,040,930); HOME was decreased by 2.6% or $23,110 (from $894,530) and ESG was increased by 0.8% or $1,362 (from $172,721.)

Listed below are the recommendations to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (recommendations which are based on citizen comments, scored applications and the monitoring results of standing programs) to allocate the County’s 2021 HUD proceeds.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS Grant Amount Grant Source**

**Urgent Need Rehabilitation Grants** $925,000 CDBG

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission – the urgent repair program provides grants to low-income families to address a major failing household system that threatens the occupant’s immediate health and safety. The program anticipates rehabilitating seventy (70) homes.

**Grant Amount Grant Source**

**Down Payment Assistance Program** $100,000 CDBG

Homeport – the allocations fund a First-time Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance program for income-eligible Franklin County residents. The program anticipates providing down payment assistance to fifteen (15) households.

**CHDO Development** $130,713 HOME

Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus - HUD requires that recipient jurisdictions set aside a minimum of 15% of its HOME allocation to support the development of local Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) and the implementation of their projects.

**CHDO Operating**  $43,571 HOME

Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus - HUD requires that recipient jurisdictions set aside a minimum of 5% of its HOME allocation to support the operating expenses of local CHDOs.

**HOME HOUSING PROJECTS:**

* **Tax Credit Projects** $650,000 HOME

The County will allocate funding to Ohio Housing Finance Agency tax credit awarded projects. The projects will be selected based on Commissioner identified housing priorities.

* **Rebuilding Lives Project** $250,000 HOME

This allocation is annually made to the Continuum of Care, Community Shelter Board’s designated Rebuilding Lives Project (which addresses homelessness and assists individuals suffering from de-habilitating circumstances and/or illnesses.)

**CDBG Total: $1,025,000.00**

**HOME Total: $1,074,284.00**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING Total: $2,099,284.00**

**PUBLIC SERVICES PROJECTS Grant Amount Grant Source**

**Housing Retention Services** $60,000 CDBG

Community Housing Network - this program provides housing retention services to low income tenant households that have a history of mental illness, addiction and/or homelessness. The program anticipates assisting one-hundred and fifty (150) households.

**Meals Distribution & Nutrition Prog.** $40,000 CDBG

LifeCare Alliance – the allocation supports a nutritional program including the distribution of meals to low-income residents. LifeCare will distribute an estimated two-thousand (2,000) meals and seven-hundred (700) food pantry packets to an estimated 65 households.

**Tool Loan Library** $80,460 CDBG

Rebuilding Together Central Ohio - this program provides a tool loan program to low- income Franklin County residents and nonprofit partners. The program anticipates making nine-hundred (900) tool loans to County residents.

**Housing Counseling** $15,000 CDBG

Homes on the Hill - the program provides housing counseling services to eligible homeowners and potential homeowners advising those clients in regards to purchasing a home, renting, defaults, foreclosures and credit issues. It is anticipated that fifty (50) households will receive housing counseling services.

**Hearing Enhancement Services** $25,000 CDBG

The Mid-Ohio Board for Independent Living (MOBILE) - provides adaptive equipment for the hearing impaired. The program anticipates serving thirty (30) clients.

**Stepping Off to College** $25,000 CDBG

Greater Columbus Community Helping Hands - pprovides college entry readiness skills to high school students preparing to enter college including the provision of a lap top computer upon successful completion of the program.

Summer Meal Program $25,000 CDBG

Children’s Hunger Alliance – administers a summer youth meal program.

**CDBG Total: $270.460.00**

**PUBLIC SERVICES Total: $270,460.00**

**Economic Development Grant Amount Grant Source**

**Microenterprise Loan Program** $175,000 CDBG

Economic & Community Development Institute - this allocation provides microenterpise revolving loans to low and moderate income business owners (new and expanding) who employ 1-5 employees. To qualify for assistance, the owner applicant’s household earnings must not exceed 80% of the area median income. It is anticipated that ECDI will aid a minimum of twenty (20) businesses and create or retain a minimum of six (6) jobs.

**Employ. Svcs. for the Dev. Disabled** $50,000 CDBG

Food for Thought - provides employment services including job coaching to autistic Franklin County residents.

**Minority Contractor Initiative Prog.** $80,000 CDBG

Program will provide technical assistance to minority contractors and potential loans to assist in the expansion of their busineeses.

**CDBG Total: $305,000.00**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Total: $305,000.00**

**HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION Grant Amount Grant Source**

**Homelessness Prevention Services** $174,083 ESG

Community Shelter Board - This allocation provides essential services to the homeless. The Community Shelter Board awards the grant dollars on behalf of the County to community agencies based on community needs and priorities.

Homelessness Outreach $75,000 CDBG

Community Shelter Board – provides homelessness outreach services to individuals and families at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness.

Comm. Shelter Board Comm. Part $50,100 CDBG

Funds will be used to support County homelessness prevention services.

**ESG Total: $174,083.00**

**CDBG Total: $125,100.00**

**HOMELESS PREVENTION Total: $299,183.00**

**Administration & Planning Grant Amount**  **Grant Source**

**Grant Administration** $385,328 CDBG/HOME

This allocation provides funds for the overall administration, management, monitoring, budgeting, and evaluation of the CDBG, ESG and HOME programs, $298,186 in CDBG funds and $87,142 in HOME funds.

**Fair Housing Services** $100,000 CDBG

Columbus Urban League – this allocation provides fair housing services to the community including education, advocacy, testing and enforcement of fair housing laws and implementation of the community Fair Housing Plan. The program is anticipated to provide services to approximately four-thousand (4,000) County residents.

**Housing Advisory Board** $10,000 CDBG

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission - the Housing Advisory Board (HAB) was established to help expand and preserve the supply of affordable housing throughout Franklin County. HAB serves that end by reviewing and making recommendations on bond projects to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and monitoring those subsequently, successfully funded projects.

**CHDO Technical Assistance** $5,000 HOME

Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus – this allocation is for the monitoring and auditing of CHDO affordable housing projects, fulfilling a HOME program set-aside requirement.

**Affordable Housing Inspections** $10,000 HOME

Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority - HUD regulations require the County to periodically inspect the rental units in its loan portfolio (units that have been rehabilitated or constructed with County HOME dollars.) CMHA conducts the inspections on behalf of the County.

**CDBG Total: $408,186.00**

**HOME Total: $102,142.00**

**ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING: $510,328.00**

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2021 ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

I. **CDBG 2021 Proposed Program Cost Summary**

Housing Stabilization and Improvement Program $1,025,000

HS21a Home Rehabilitation – Urgent Repair Grants 925,000

HS21b First-time Homebuyers downpayment-assistance 100,000

## Economic Development Program $305,000

ED21a Microenterprise Loan Program 175,000

ED21b Food for Thought 50,000

ED21c Minority Contractor Initiative Program 80,000

## Public and Social Service Support Program $395,560

PS21a Housing Retention Specialist 60,000

PS21b Lifecare Alliance – Nutritional Program 40,000

PS21c Rebuilding Together 80,460

PS21d Housing Counseling – Homes on the Hill 15,000

PS21e M.O.B.I.L.E 25,000

PS21f Stepping off to College/Helping hands 25,000

PS21g Children’s Hunger Alliance 25,000

PS21h Homelessness Outreach 75,000

PS21i Comm. Shelter Board – Comm. Part. Program 50,100

## Grant Program Administration and Compliance $408,186

GA21a Program Administration 298,186

GA21b Fair Housing Services 100,000

GA21c Housing Advisory Board 10,000

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| Sub-Total Planned 2021 CDBG Funds Allocated |  | $2,133,746 |
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1. **HOME 2021 Proposed Program Cost Summary**

### Administration Programs $ 276,444

H20A01 CHDO Development (15% of 2021 grant) 130,713

CHDO Operating (5% of 2021 grant) 43,571

CHDO Technical Assistance – Community Dev. Collaborative 5,000

H2002 County Administrative Support 87,142

H20A03 HQS Inspections – Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority 10,000

County Rental Rehabilitation & New Construction $900,000

H20R02 Rental New Construction

Rental Housing 650,000

Community Designated Rebuilding Lives Project 250,000

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| Sub-Total Planned 2021 HOME Funds Allocated |  | $1,176,444 |
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1. Emergency Solutions Grant Proposed 2021 Program Cost Summary

Emergency Solutions Support $174,083

E0201 Community Shelter Board/YWCA Family Center 174,083

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| Sub-Total Planned 2021 ESG Funds Allocated | $174,083 |  |

Grand Total 2021 CPD Program Allocations $ 3,484,273

**PROPOSED ALLOCATION SUMMARY**

# Programs CDBG ESG HOME TOTAL

# Affordable Housing 1,025,000 0 900,000 1,925,000

# Public Services 270,460 0 0 270,460

# Economic Dev. 305,000 0 0 305,000

# Homelessness Prev. 125,100 174,083 0 299,183

# Administration 408,186 0 276,444 684,630

**Total: $2,133,746 $174,083 $1,176,444 $3,484,273**

2021 HUD Allocation $2,097,449 $174,083 $871,420 $3,142,952

Unallocated 36,819 $0 $339,594 $376,413

**Total: $2,134,268 $174,083 $1,211,014 $3,519,365**

**Contingency: $ 522 $0 $34,570 $35,092**

Public hearings will be held to obtain citizen views on the proposed 2021 Action Plan and changes to the County’s 2019 Action Plan. Anyone wishing to forward a comment will be recognized. A copy of the Action Plan amendments for the proposed amended activities can be obtained by contacting Mark Paxson at (614) 525-5578. You may also forward any comments or request an electronic copy of the amendment by e-mailing Mr. Paxson at [mspaxson@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:mspaxson@franklincountyohio.gov). Owing to the coronavirus pandemic the County is utilizing the HUD waiver that doesn’t require the conducting of an actual public hearing. In its place beyond the acceptance of transmittals, Mr. Paxson will be accepting direct phone calls regarding this matter on Thursday, April 1st and Friday, April 2nd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The comment period for the County’s 2021 Action Plan is April 1, 2021 through May 2, 2021.