

**Notice of Public Hearing & Public Comment Period
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) & HOME Programs
2021 Action Plan & Budget Proposal**

The City of Fargo has prepared a draft version of the 2021 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs. The priorities established within the draft plan result from community meetings and citizen participation in the development of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The City's 5-Year priorities include affordable housing, ending and preventing homelessness, neighborhood improvements and initiatives, and assistance for vulnerable populations.

Estimated Resources - During the 2021 program year, the City of Fargo estimates the following resources to be available:

CDBG:

•	\$773,298	2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation from HUD
•	\$ 3,750	2021 CDBG Program Income (estimated)
•	\$ 0	Available for Reallocation at Prior Year-End
	\$777,048	Total CDBG

HOME:

•	\$468,708	2021 HOME PJ allocation from HUD
•	\$ 61,910	2020 HOME PJ Program Income (actual)
•	\$ 28,782	2020 HOME State Program Income (actual)
•	\$ 0	Available for Reallocation at Prior Year-End
	\$559,400	Total HOME

TOTAL RESOURCES \$1,336,448

• PLANNING, ADMINISTRATION & FAIR HOUSING

- **High Plains Fair Housing Center** - \$5,000 in CDBG funds. Support comprehensive outreach, fair housing education.
 - Part of requirement to affirmatively further fair housing under the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-20). *Eligibility & Regulation Citation: 21D Fair Housing Activities (subject to 20% Admin. Cap), 24 CFR Part 570.206(c)*
- **Planning and Administration** - \$12,000 in CDBG funds and \$7,000 in HOME funds. Planning, implementation, reporting, and monitoring of CDBG and HOME resources.
 - *Eligibility & Regulation Citation: 21A General Program Administration, 24 CFR Part 570.206*

• FACILITIES/CAPITAL, NEIGHBORHOODS

- **Downtown Homeless & Housing Services Facility** - \$607,048 in CDBG funds. Homeless and housing-related service facility located in downtown Fargo. Activities may include property or land acquisition, building rehabilitation, and feasibility analysis. Facility will serve/shelter/house people who are at risk of homelessness, recently homeless, or who are currently homeless.
 - *National Objectives, Eligibility, & Regulation Citations: Low-Mod Clientele Benefit [24 CFR Part 570.208(a)(2)], 01 Acquisition of Real Property, 24 CFR Part 570.201(a); 03E Neighborhood Facilities or 03C Homeless Facilities (not operating costs), 24 CFR Part 570.201(c).*

• PUBLIC SERVICE

- **Emergency Subsistence Payments/Homeless Prevention & Diversion Efforts** – COVID-19 Prevention, Preparation, & Response - \$125,000 in CDBG funds. Temporary emergency housing assistance, housing navigation and operational support for homeless prevention and diversion efforts. Temporary emergency housing assistance includes rent, mortgage, non-City-owned utilities, and other homeless or eviction prevention-type assistance as approved by the City of Fargo. Providers will make emergency assistance payments directly to the payees (i.e., rental office, utility company, etc.) on behalf of an individual or household. \$62,500 each to project partners: SouthEastern North Dakota Community Action Agency (SENDCAA) and Presentation Partners in Housing
 - Several people have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly those who have low income. Many jobs were lost and in some cases, housing was lost. Keeping people housed, rapidly re-housing, or housing people who are currently homeless instantly provides a safe place for quarantine, isolation, and social distancing. Ultimately, this response reduces the spread of COVID-19 and keeps the community's hospitals from being inundated.
 - *National Objective, Eligibility & Regulation Citation: Low-Mod Clientele Benefit [24 CFR Part 570.208(a)(2)], 03T Operating Costs of Homeless/Aids Patient Programs, 24 CFR Part 570.201(e) or 05Q Subsistence Payments, 24 CFR 570.207(b)(4)*

- **Eviction Prevention Efforts** – COVID-19 Prevention, Preparation, & Response - \$10,000 in CDBG funds. Eviction prevention efforts. This response reduces the spread of COVID-19 and keeps the community’s hospitals from being inundated by keeping individuals housed. Project partner: High Plains Fair Housing Center.
 - *National Objective, Eligibility, & Regulation Citation: Low-Mod Clientele Benefit [24 CFR Part 570.208(a)(2)], 05K Tenant/Landlord Counseling, 24 CFR Part 570.201(e), 24 CFR Part 570.482(c)(2).*
- **HOUSING**
 - **Community Development Housing Organization (CHDO) Project** - \$100,000 in ‘set-aside’ HOME funds. New construction of affordable housing.
 - *National Objective: Low-Mod Housing Benefit, HOME Eligible Activity under 92.205(a)(1)*
 - **Multi-Family Rental** - \$447,400 in HOME funds. New construction of an affordable multi-family rental housing complex.
 - *HOME Eligible Activity under 92.205(a)(1)*
- **CONTINGENCY FUNDS**
 - Funds held in contingency for issues that may arise during the program year. \$18,000 in CDBG funds, \$5,000 in HOME funds.

Contingency Provisions/Potential Adjustments to 2021 Activities & Budget

- Budget adjustments transferring amounts greater than 10% of the amount allocated to the City’s entitlement grant programs for program year 2021 are considered substantial amendments and will be implemented in accordance with Fargo’s Citizen Participation Plan
- Unanticipated program income may result in a substantial amendment to amend activities and budgets in accordance with Fargo’s Citizen Participation Plan
- All funding levels indicated above are estimated amounts

Comments & Suggestions

Comments and suggestions from the public are encouraged through a public comment period and/or at the public hearing (schedule below) (virtual or live). The 2021 draft plan is available online at www.fargond.gov/planninganddevelopment/plansandstudies or by request through the Planning and Development Department. See contact information below.

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- 30-Day Public Comment period:** May 27 through June 25, 2021
- Send written comments or phone:** City of Fargo
 Planning and Development Department
 Attn: Community Development Planning Coordinator
 225 4th Street North, Fargo ND 58102
 701.476.4144
- Electronic Comments:** Planning@FargoND.gov
- Public Hearing:** Monday, June 14, 2021 - 5:15 pm
 Fargo City Commission Chambers
 225 4th Street North, Fargo, ND 58102
- Final City Commission Consideration:** Monday, June 28, 2021 – 5:15 pm