

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The City of Erie, Pennsylvania is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG). The City of Erie prepared its Five Year Consolidated Plan (CP) in FY 2020. This document is for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The Consolidated Plan is a strategic plan to implement federal programs for housing and community development activities within the City of Erie and outlines how the proposed activities will principally benefit low-and moderate-income individuals. The Consolidated Plan is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program that must be completed by the entitlement community every five (5) years in conjunction with an update to the City's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). The City of Erie has participated in the Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice prepared by Destination Erie: A Regional Vision (HUD Sustainable Communities), a consortium of regional stakeholders envisioning the County's future and creating a strategy to meet the region's economic, social, and environmental challenges of the 21st century. The City of Erie will take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through the Analysis. The City of Erie approved and adopted the Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for the City of Erie, Pennsylvania on December 16, 2015. The City intends to complete a new Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing citizen participation process once it receives HUD guidance.

The Five Year Consolidated Plan establishes goals the City of Erie proposes for the next five (5) year period and outlines specific initiatives the City will undertake to address these goals by encouraging the development of decent housing, promoting a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities. The Five Year Consolidated Plan is a collaborative planning process between the City, the community at large, social service agencies, housing providers, community development groups, and economic development agencies. The process was implemented through a series of public meetings, stakeholder surveys, statistical data, and reviews of previous community development plans.

As of the date of the Draft FY 2024 Annual Plan being put on public display, the City of Erie had not yet received notification from HUD of its annual allocation amounts for the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. Therefore, the City of Erie prepared the Draft FY 2024 Annual Plan using estimates based on the FY 2023 HUD allocations. The Total amount of CDBG, HOME and ESG funding estimated to be available to the City for the Fifth Annual Plan for FY 2024 is \$4,252,162, including entitlement and program income dollars. HOME funds will be distributed to eligible HOME activities that address affordable housing and improve the quality of life for residents. Programs include housing rehabilitation, homebuyer programs, and rental housing for qualified residents. ESG funds will be distributed to eligible activities that address the needs of Erie's homeless population. Projects include both emergency and transitional shelters, along with essential services. The purpose of the Homeless Assistance Program is to reduce the incidence of homelessness in Continuum of Care (CoC) communities by assisting homeless individuals and families in quickly transitioning to self-sufficiency and permanent

housing as authorized under Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. CDBG funding will address a variety of needs, including affordable housing and non-housing needs. CDBG funding will be distributed to public infrastructure improvements, clearance, public services, economic development, technical assistance and rehabilitation.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The following six (6) priorities and subsequent goals/strategies have been identified for the City of Erie for the period of FY 2020 through FY 2024 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG). Full descriptions of the goals and strategies associated with this Annual Action Plan are included in the AP20 Annual Goals section.

Housing Priority – (High Priority) There is a need to improve the quality of the housing stock in the community by increasing the amount of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing for homeowners, renters, and homebuyers that is affordable to low and moderate income persons and families. Goals/Strategies: HS1 Housing Rehabilitation; HS2 Rental Rehabilitation; HS3 Housing Construction; HS4 Fair Housing; HS5 Home Ownership; HS6 Public Housing.

Homeless Priority – (Low Priority) There is a need for housing and support services for homeless persons, and persons who are at risk of becoming homeless. Goals/Strategies: HO1 Continuum of Care; HO2 Operation/Support; HO3 Prevention and Housing; HO4 Housing; HO5 Permanent Housing.

Other Special Needs Priority – (Low Priority) There is a continuing need for affordable housing, services, and facilities for persons with special needs and the disabled. Goals/Strategies: SN1 Housing; SN2 Social Services; SN3 Accessibility.

Community Development Priority – (High Priority) There is a need to improve the public and community facilities, infrastructure, public services, and the quality of life for all residents in the community. Goals/Strategies: CD1 Community Facilities; CD2 Infrastructure; CD3 Public Services; CD4 Accessibility; CD5 Public Safety; CD6 Code Enforcement; CD7 Clearance; CD8 Revitalization; CD9 Historic Preservation.

Economic Development Priority– (Low Priority) There is a need to increase employment, self-sufficiency, education, job training, technical assistance, and economic empowerment of low and moderate income residents in the community. Goals/Strategies: ED1 Employment; ED2 Financial Assistance; ED3 Redevelopment Program; ED4 Financial Incentives.

Administration, Planning, and Management Priority – (High Priority) There is a need for planning, administration, management and oversight of Federal, state, and local funded programs. Goal/Strategy: AM1 Overall Coordination.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Erie strives to equitably allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to income eligible areas and persons throughout the City and has funded activities during the past year to meet the City's FY 2020 to FY 2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and Fourth Annual Action Plan goals and objectives. Erie's CDBG Program regularly meets the performance standards established by HUD. Each year the City prepares its Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) which summarizes the objectives it has addressed in achieving the Con Plan goals and objectives. The City submits its CAPER

within ninety (90) days of the completion of each new program year. Copies of the CAPER are available for review at the City of Erie's Department of Economic and Community Development and online at <http://www.erie.pa.us/Departments/EconomicandCommunityDevelopment>.

In the FY 2022 CAPER, the City of Erie expended 100.00% of its CDBG funds to benefit low and moderate income persons. The City expended 16.99% of its funds during the FY 2022 CAPER period on public service, which is above the statutory maximum of 15%, but within the City's allowable cap of 20.96% granted the City of Erie per an August 3, 2018 memorandum issued by HUD Headquarters, allowing the City to obligate funds for public service activities not to exceed the higher of \$778,960 or 20.96% the annual CDBG grant amount, plus 15 percent of the amount of program income it received during the previous program year. The City expended 17.01% of its funds during the 2022 CAPER period on Planning and Administration, which is below the statutory maximum of 20%. The City did not meet the required 1.5 maximum drawdown ratio. The City's ratio was 1.64 as of April 28, 2023.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The City of Erie, in compliance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, advertised and held two (2) public hearings on March 4, 2024 at 10am and 6pm and will hold two (2) public hearings on April 15, 2024 at 10am and 6pm on the needs of the City of Erie and collect input on the proposed activities to be funded. Residents were given the opportunity to discuss the City's CDBG Program and to offer their suggestions on future CDBG program priorities on March 4, 2024. The public hearings were advertised in the *Erie Times News* on February 16, 2024, and the second public hearings were advertised on March 27, 2024. The City maintains a stakeholder contact list for the Economic and Community Development program. All stakeholders received applications and emails notifying the listees of all public hearings and meetings. A copy of the list can be found in the attached Citizen Participation materials.

The City of Erie advertised on March 27, 2024 that a "Draft Plan" was placed on display on the City's website at www.cityof.erie.pa.us and hard copies of the plan were available for review at the following locations: Erie City Hall, Economic and Community Development, Room 404, 626 State Street, Erie, PA 16501; Blasco Memorial Library; Booker T. Washington Center; JFK Center; and MLK Center. The "Draft Plan" will be available from March 27, 2024 until April 26, 2024 for review and comment. The draft plan review period was advertised in the *Erie Times News* on March 27, 2024. The City developed the Fifth Year Annual Plan based on the input received from residents and stakeholders through applications, public hearings, and draft plan review comments.

5. Summary of public comments

The City of Erie held its First Public Hearings on March 4, 2024 at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM at City Hall as well as livestreamed on the City's Facebook page, at the "live" tab on the City's YouTube channel and online through the City's government channel at www.camerie.org/vod.

The City of Erie will hold its Second Public Hearings on April 15 2024 at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM at City Hall as well as livestreamed on the City's Facebook page, at the "live" tab on the City's YouTube channel and online through the City's government channel at www.camerie.org/vod

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments and views were accepted.

7. Summary

The overall goal of the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan is to improve the living conditions for all residents in the City of Erie, to create a suitable and sustainable living environment, and to address the housing and community development needs of the City. The Five Year Consolidated Planning process requires the City to state in a single document its strategy to pursue goals for all housing, community development, and planning programs. The City uses the Consolidated Plan's goals and objectives to allocate CDBG funds, including this Fourth Year Annual Action Plan, and to provide direction to other partners addressing the housing and community development needs of the low and moderate income population of the City of Erie. HUD will evaluate the City's performance under the Five Year Consolidated Plan against these goals.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	ERIE	Department of Economic and Community Development
HOME Administrator	ERIE	Department of Economic and Community Development
ESG Administrator	ERIE	Department of Economic and Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Erie Department of Economic and Community Development is the administering agency for CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. The Department prepares the Five Year Consolidated Plans, Annual Action Plans, Environmental Review Records (ERRs), the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Reports (CAPERs), monitoring, pay requests, contracting, and oversight of programs on a day-to-day basis. In addition, the City has a private planning consulting firm available to assist the City on an as-needed basis.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

The City of Erie conducted a series of public meetings to solicit input into the preparation of the Fifth Annual Plan. The meetings were advertised in the *Erie Times News* and the City of Erie website <https://cityof.erie.pa.us>. Input from the meetings was used in the development of specific strategies, goals, and priorities for the Fourth Year Annual Action Plan. Each year, as a part of the CDBG, HOME, and ESG application process, local agencies/organizations are invited to submit proposals for grant eligible activities and to participate in the consultation process through attending public hearings and/or responding directly to the correspondence. A complete list of agencies contacted and representatives that participated in meetings can be found in the Citizen Participation attachment.

All CDBG and HOME applicants (except projects operated by City of Erie departments) were invited to provide presentations and additional information on their proposed programs with DECD staff, the Mayor and Mayor’s Office Staff and some members of City Council on February 5 and 9, 2024. Evening public hearings were held again this year. A study session with City Council was held on March 19, 2024 to present proposed activities and funding levels.

The City consults with the Erie Redevelopment Authority (ERA) regarding lead-based paint hazards, including addressing housing units with children. The City regularly conducts outreach for persons living in slum/blight areas, including through the Citizen Participation process and coordination with the Blighted Property Review Task Force (see also AP-75).

A Federal Byrne Criminal Justice grant has been operating in Erie’s East Side in conjunction with Code Enforcement, ERA, and neighborhood groups. The \$955,000 grant will be used to assist with reducing crime in a specific target area with a population of roughly 9,000 individuals. A BCI coordinator has been hired to coordinate efforts with a cross sector team to develop strategies. The Action Plan was approved in August, 2022. Project is currently in the implementation phase. Strategies listed in the Action Plan began in January 2023.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

The City of Erie acts as the single point of contact to coordinate efforts between public and assisted housing providers, as well as private and governmental health, mental health, and social service agencies. The City works with the following agencies to enhance funding and service allocations to address the housing and community development needs of the City:

- *City of Erie Housing Authority:* coordinating on affordable housing (Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and Public Housing improvements) especially for the very low and extremely low income residents of the City.
- *Social Services Agencies:* coordinating on funding allocations to improve the availability and efficacy of social service programs for low and moderate income persons.

- *Housing Providers*: coordinating on rehabilitation, development and affordable housing needs for low and moderate income households. All members of the housing and social service community are encouraged to actively participate on the CoC's activities.

Each year, as part of the CDBG, HOME, and ESG application planning process, local agencies and organizations are invited to submit proposals for project funding for eligible project activities. These groups participate in the planning process by attending the public hearings and informational meetings, as well as commenting on draft plans.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City of Erie is a member of the Home Team Homeless and Housing Coalition / Erie County and City Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC has branded itself as the Home Team. The Home Team, formed in 1997, was created to promote a comprehensive, collaborative and sustained community approach to homelessness. The Home Team consists of local government representatives, service providers, business owners, consumers, and concerned citizens. The following agencies comprise the Home Team: City of Erie School District; Community of Caring; Community Health Net – Health Care for Homeless; Community Shelter Services; Department of Human Services; Department of Veterans Affairs; Erie City Mission; Erie Department of Economic and Community Development; Erie County Assistance Office; Erie County Care Management; Erie County Community Support Program; Erie County Health Department; Erie DAWN; Erie United Methodist Alliance/Project Hope; Family Services of NW PA; Gaudenzia Erie; GECAC; Housing And Neighborhood Development Services; Mental Health Association of Northwestern PA; Mercy Center for Women; Mercyhurst Civic Institute; Northwest Tri County IU # 5; Partnership of Women Religious (POWR); Penn State Erie, CORE; Safe Horizons; SafeNet; St. Martin Center, Inc.; Stairways, Inc.; Tirak & Huber; United Way of Erie County; and Voices for Independence. The Home Team meets bimonthly to work toward eradicating homelessness.

The CoC implemented a coordinated entry system in January 2018, which will benefit homeless outreach and assessment processes, and coordinated entry was awarded extra money in the 2019 CoC grant to expand that system. The agencies regularly communicate on barriers and strategies to prevent homelessness, particularly through the Erie County Home Team Homeless and Housing Coalition, the Executive Committee and its subcommittees. The Erie County Home Team Homeless and Housing Coalition restructured the committees in 2019, with the main committee being the Executive Committee. This committee is the governance board for the Home Team, and they vote on all housing issues for the Erie County Home Team. The committee consists of human service providers, MH providers, formerly homeless, County DHS representative, City housing representative, a health department representative, and a landlord. Sub-committees are Client Services Committee, Data Committee, Coordinated Entry Committee, Homelessness and Healthcare Committee, Marketing Committee, Project Ranking Committee, and the Single Point in Time Committee. The Sub-Committees work on providing improved access and enhancement of services for homeless individuals as well as data collection to better review outcomes and quality of housing services. HMIS reports are provided to Erie County Home Team Homeless and Housing Coalition to review aggregate information on the area's homeless population, which can help identify trends, characteristics, and needs of this population. Erie County Home Team Homeless and Housing Coalition meetings are open to the public. Local nonprofits,

education providers, Veteran representatives, social service agencies, and community members regularly contribute to the Home Team's efforts.

In Erie County, the six emergency shelters have succeeded in providing shelter for those in need. Individuals who are homeless are provided with a safe environment but it has become increasingly difficult for people to easily leave shelter. The Housing First approach is a concept where housing individuals first, regardless of secondary issues, is the goal. Further, the Home Team collects data related to the homeless services system in Erie County. The purpose of data collection is to ensure non-duplication of resources and to identify and address major gaps in the system.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City of Erie actively participates in the CoC and consults with the CoC on the allocation of the ESG funds, which are used for rapid rehousing and operating costs for emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities. It was determined that the rapid rehousing be administered by one agency and that each shelter would be allocated a set amount of funds for their use but not to be so restrictive that the funds would be unexpended. Based on CoC consultation, the City implemented a policies to reduce barriers to individuals and families accessing the Rapid Re-Housing program (see AP-65 for discussion). The CoC is surveyed for the use of ESG funds and are invited to the public hearings for the allocations. The City of Erie also utilizes the CoC for their reports and to ascertain the need in the City. The CoC participates in the statewide discussion on ESG through direct participation at state meetings.

The City regularly collaborates with the HMIS Coordinator for the CAPER and coordinated efforts on data collection/quality. During FY2017, the CoC began strategic planning efforts that include the coordinated assessment/entry system and performance measures. The City will continue to work with the CoC on these initiatives to align ESG activities and programs.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction’s consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Erie Downtown Partnership
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted via stakeholder workshop focused on community and economic development needs in the City.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Voices for Independence
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted via in-person stakeholder workshop focused on affordable and accessible housing needs in the City.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Erie County Department of Human Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted via in-person stakeholder workshops focused on affordable housing and homeless service providers.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Erie Redevelopment Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted via in-person stakeholder workshops focused on affordable housing and community development needs.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH #13/SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH/BEST
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted via in-person stakeholder workshops focused on affordable housing and community development needs.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Our West Bayfront
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted via in-person stakeholder workshops focused on affordable housing and community development needs.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Inner City Neighborhood Art House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted via in-person stakeholder workshops focused on affordable housing and community development needs.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	MERCY CENTER FOR WOMEN
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted via in-person stakeholder workshops focused on neighborhood health and safety.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	ERIE UNITED METHODIST ALLIANCE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted via in-person stakeholder workshop focused on health and human services.

10	Agency/Group/Organization	Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted via in person stakeholder workshop.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	GECAC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted via in person stakeholder workshop.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR INDEPENDENCE, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted via in-person stakeholder workshop focused on accessible housing.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Erie City Mission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted via in-person stakeholder workshop focused on homeless needs.

Table 3 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

All agencies were consulted.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Home Team Homeless and Housing Coalition	The CoC plan to end homelessness is incorporated into this document. To the extent feasible, the City uses the CoC System Performance Measures to allocate ESG dollars.
2022 PHA Annual and Five Year Plan	Housing Authority of the City of Erie (HACE)	The Housing Authority of the City of Erie is the lead agency providing public housing assistance and Section 8 vouchers in the City of Erie. The goals of the City and HACE are complementary.

Table 4 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))

The City of Erie notifies adjacent municipalities of the Plan's availability for comment. In addition, County agencies were consulted in developing the homeless strategy as the City and County participate jointly in the Continuum of Care. ESG providers in the City of Erie were also given the opportunity to provide comment.

Narrative (optional)

The City of Erie Department of Economic and Community Development is the lead planning and administrating agency for the City's CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. Close coordination is maintained between the Department and other City departments to ensure the needs for affordable housing and community development are being met. Cooperation extends beyond the City limits to the county and state level. Communication between the City's program and the County's program exist to ensure activities are coordinated and efficiently utilize CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. The Vision of the City of Erie's Five Year Consolidated Plan and Fourth Annual Action Plan seeks to develop a viable community by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons. The primary means towards this end is the development of partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and nonprofit organizations. The Fourth Annual Action Plan is an application for FY 2023 CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds under HUD's formula grant program. The combined Plans act as a strategic plan to be followed by the City in carrying out federal programs.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The preparation process for the Fifth Annual Action Plan incorporated a number of actions that encouraged citizen participation. The City contacted local agencies and organizations to respond to the City's request for proposals (RFPs) for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding. Notification of the public hearing was also published in the Erie Times News and application materials were available to the public by mail and online at the City's website. The City provided technical assistance to applicants upon request and met with all CDBG Public Service, Public Facilities and HOME applicants to learn more about agency programs benefiting low-to-moderate income people. At the public hearings many agencies gave positive feedback on the increased opportunities for engagement this year. In alignment with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, the City held public needs hearings on March 4, 2024 during the development phase of the Annual Plan, and will hold a second series of public hearings on April 15, 2024 to discuss proposed FY 2024 projects during the thirty (30) day draft review and comment period. The City will accept comments on needs that citizens may feel were not addressed from the list of proposed projects.

A "Draft Plan" was placed on the City's website (www.erie.pa.us) and hard copies of the plan were available for review at the following locations:

Erie City Hall, Economic and Community Development, Room 404, 626 State Street, Erie, PA 16501

Blasco Memorial Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie, PA 16501

John F. Kennedy Center, 2021 East 20th Street, Erie, PA 16510

Martin Luther King Center, 312 Chestnut Street, Erie, PA 16507

The Booker T. Washington Center, 1720 Holland Street, Erie, PA 16503

The City developed the Fifth Annual Action Plan based on the input received from residents and stakeholders through application proposals, public hearings, meetings, and draft plan review comments. All stakeholders on the City's CDBG contact list received application proposals, hand-outs, and emails notifying them of the public hearing. A copy of the list can be found in the Citizen Participation attachment.

Residents were encouraged to provide comments on the Fifth Annual Action Plan at the Public Hearings held on March 4, 2024. This is the eighth year the City expanded Public Hearing times to include evening sessions to provide additional options to citizens who may be unable to attend morning hearings. Public comments and input were invited to be submitted to the City of Erie's Department of Economic and Community Development. See Citizen Participation appendix for a details.

Citizen Participation Outreach

	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Solicitation of Proposals	Non-targeted/ broad community	Proposals were opened for project submissions for the CDBG and HOME programs from December 1, 2024 to January 26, 2024. DECD staff provided technical assistance with applications by request for several agencies.	No comments received on applications	All applications and comments were accepted	www.erie.pa.us
2	Meetings	Non-targeted/ broad community	CDBG applicants verbally presented information on proposed projects with DECD staff, Mayor, Mayor's Office staff and Council members at meetings on Feb. 5 and 9, 2024	17 agencies presented 21 CDBG proposals; 2 organizations presented on 2 HOME proposals	All CDBG and HOME presentations and comments were accepted	
3	City Council Study Session	City Council	City Council Study Session on March 19, 2024 to present proposed activities and funding levels	See Citizen Participation attachment	All comments were accepted	
4	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community	Notice for the first public meeting was published in the <i>Erie Times News</i> on February 16, 2024	See Citizen Participation advertisement attachment	All comments were accepted	
5	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	First Public Hearings were held on March 4, 2024 at 10am and 6pm	See Citizen Participation attachment	All comments were accepted	

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6	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community	March 27, 2024 newspaper notification published for the Second Public Hearings. Copies of the Fifth Annual Action Plan draft were made available to the public at several accessible locations across the City and at the City's Department of Economic and Community Development.			
7	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/ broad community	The Draft Annual Action Plan was made available electronically for the public on the City of Erie's website on March 27, 2024 so residents could access the draft materials online during the comment period.			www.erie.pa.us
8	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	Second public hearings will be held on April 15, 2024 at 10am and 6pm.			
9	Council meeting	City Council	City Council meeting in May 2024 to request authorization to submit the Second Annual Action Plan for HUD review			

Table 5 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The City of Erie expects to receive the following amounts in FY2024 (one-year projections).

- CDBG: \$3,040,237 (\$3,040,237)
- HOME: \$933,497 (\$933,497)
- ESG: \$273,428 (\$273,428)

In addition, the City of Erie expects \$5,000 CDBG Program Income in FY 2024.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 5				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Public-federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$3,040,237	\$5,000	\$0	\$3,045,237	\$3,045,237	Funds for housing and non-housing community development needs. Remainder available is approximately two times annual allocation.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	\$933,497	\$0	\$0	\$933,497	\$933,497	Funds for housing development. Remainder available is approximately two times annual allocation.

ESG	Public-federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	\$273,428	\$0	\$0	\$273,428	\$273,428	Funds for homeless and at risk of homelessness activities. Remainder available is approximately two times annual allocation
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Table 6 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City will continue to partner with other public agencies and non-profit organizations, when feasible, to leverage resources and maximize outcomes in housing and community development. Leveraged resources include, but are not limited to, Continuum of Care dollars, Erie County Homeless Assistance Program dollars, Erie County Department of Human Services dollars, Housing Authority resources, Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol services, and LIHTC. The City of Erie received a 100% HOME match reduction due to fiscal distress. ESG match will be provided by the subrecipients of ESG funds, totaling 100% of the City of Erie’s ESG grant.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Not applicable.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Provide Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	City-Wide CD Impact Area	Increase Access To/Quality of Affordable Housing Provide Special Needs Housing and Services	CDBG: \$174,977.39 HOME: \$277,061	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 24 housing units
2	Provide Rental Rehabilitation Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	City-Wide CD Impact Area	Increase Access To/Quality of Affordable Housing Provide Special Needs Housing and Services		
3	Create New Affordable Rental Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	City-Wide CD Impact Area	Increase Access To/Quality of Affordable Housing	HOME: \$286,026	Rental Units Constructed: 5 housing units
4	Increase Homeownership	2020	2020	Affordable Housing	City-Wide CD Impact Area	Increase Access To/Quality of Affordable Housing	HOME: \$277,061	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 12 housing units

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Provide Homeless Housing and Services	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Homeless	City-Wide	Provide Homeless Housing and Services	ESG: \$252,921	Tenant-based rental assistance/Rapid Rehousing: 63 households Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 1,635 persons Other: 0
6	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	CD Impact Area	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$818,931.61	Public Facility or Infrastructure other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 106,549 persons; 30 other
7	Provide Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City-Wide CD Impact Area	Provide Public Services	CDBG: \$728,900	Public Service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3,144 persons
8	Code Enforcement	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	CD Impact Area	Eliminate Slum/Blighting Influences	CDBG:	
9	Demolish Dilapidated Structures	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	CD Impact Area	Eliminate Slum/Blighting Influences	CDBG:	
10	Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	CD Impact Area	Economic Development	CDBG: \$714,381	Jobs created/retained: 26 jobs

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
11	Revitalize Central Business District	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	CD Impact Area	Economic Development	CDBG:	
12	Fair Housing Education and Services	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing	City-Wide	Fair Housing Education and Services	CDBG:	
13	Provide facilities and services in support of the pandemic response and recovery efforts	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City-Wide	Provide facilities and services in support of the pandemic response and recovery efforts	CDBG:	Other:
14	Planning and Administration	2020	2024	Admin	City-Wide	Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$608,047 HOME: \$93,349 ESG: 20,507	Other: 3 Other

Table 7 – Goals Summary

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

29 Families – 0 household @ 30% AMI or below; 0 households @ 50% AMI or below (LIHTC funded); 5 households @ 60% AMI or below; 24 households @ 80% AMI or below

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Provide Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance
	Goal Description	The City of Erie will provide financial assistance and emergency repair assistance to low-and moderate-income homeowners to rehabilitate their existing owner-occupied housing. This includes accessibility improvements for the physically disabled.
2	Goal Name	Provide Rental Rehabilitation Assistance
	Goal Description	The City of Erie will provide financial assistance to rental property owners to rehabilitate housing units to be available for lease to low- and moderate-income households.
3	Goal Name	Create New Affordable Rental Housing
	Goal Description	The City of Erie will provide resources to increase the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and accessible rental housing that is affordable to low- moderate-income households. This could be construction of new units or rehabilitation of existing vacant units/buildings into affordable rental units.
4	Goal Name	Increase Homeownership
	Goal Description	The City of Erie will provide resources to income-qualified first-time homebuyers by providing down payment and closing cost assistance, requiring housing counseling, and in some cases providing resources to rehabilitate the home to be acquired.
5	Goal Name	Provide Homeless Housing and Services
	Goal Description	The City of Erie will use ESG funds to address a number of homeless issues, including emergency shelter operations, shelter and assistance for victims of domestic violence, and rental and financial assistance for households that are literally homeless.

6	Goal Name	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Public facility improvements in the City of Erie are important to supporting the quality of life by providing adequate space for the provision of services, holding of events that bring the community together, and addressing public safety concerns. In addition, ensuring the City of Erie's public facilities are free of architectural barriers continues to be a priority for ensuring access to the City's services and facilities by all residents. The City of Erie will continue to support its various community development needs through public facilities improvements. In addition, the City of Erie will continue to support its various community development needs through upgrades to existing recreation amenities and creation of new opportunities.
7	Goal Name	Provide Public Services
	Goal Description	The City of Erie will provide resources to support community facilities, homeless shelter operations, youth services, public safety and community policing activities in order to promote neighborhood and community development.
8	Goal Name	Code Enforcement
	Goal Description	The City of Erie will provide resources to enforce the local building code and ordinances through targeted code enforcement efforts.
9	Goal Name	Demolish Dilapidated Structures
	Goal Description	The City of Erie will use CDBG funds for code enforcement demolition in areas of the City prone to blighting influences.
10	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	The City of Erie will use CDBG dollars for activities that promote employment, self-sufficiency, education, job training, technical assistance, and economic empowerment of low- and moderate-income residents in the community.
11	Goal Name	Revitalize Central Business District
	Goal Description	The City of Erie will provide resources to revitalize the downtown business district as well as selected sites throughout the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas. Resources include tax incentives and programs such as Tax Incremental Financing (TIF), tax abatement programs, Enterprise Zone/Entitlement Communities, Section 108 Loan Guarantees as well as local economic development funds.

12	Goal Name	Fair Housing Education and Services
	Goal Description	The City of Erie will provide resources for outreach, education and services related to the City's obligation to affirmatively further fair housing choice throughout the City of Erie.
13	Goal Name	Provide facilities and services in support of the pandemic response and recovery efforts
	Goal Description	In light of the increasing severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Erie will make available CDBG funding for eligible projects and activities. To assist in providing public facilities (new, expanded, retrofitted, etc.), special economic development assistance to businesses, public services and/or planning (in some limited cases) that could enhance our community's response to the impact of the pandemic, our community will place a high priority on providing facilities and services in support of a coordinated pandemic response.
14	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	Provide effective and efficient implementation of CDBG, HOME and ESG funding in accordance with federal regulations.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

The City of Erie is proposing the following projects for its FY 2024 Annual Action Plan.

#	Project Name
1	General Administration
2	Summer Recreation
3	BTW Center - Summer Recreation
4	MLK Center - Summer Recreation
5	JFK Center – Summer Recreation
6	Trinity Center - Summer Recreation
7	UECDC – Summer Recreation
8	Boys and Girls Club Center - Human Resources
9	BTW Human Resources
10	MLK Human Resources
11	JFK Human Resources
12	Trinity Center Human Resources
13	UECDC – Human Resources
14	Erie City Mission - Human Resources
15	GECAC In-Home Services
16	St. Martin Center – Human Resources
17	Erie Refocused Citizen Response Center
18	Erie Police Athletic League
19	YMCA – Erie Co. ECRSSA
20	YMCA Downtown Teen Center - Human Resources
21	USCRI/Erie International Institute – Human Resources
22	SSJNN – Human Resources
23	Handicap Curb Cuts
24	Tree Removal/Planting
25	Street Reconstruction
26	Parks/Playgrounds Improvements
27	City Housing Rehabilitation (CDBG)
28	Gannon University SBDC
29	Community Cornerstone Project
30	1001 State Street OZ Operator, LLC
31	HANDS – 1319 Parade St. – Rental Rehabilitation (HOME)
32	Our West Bayfront – Rental Rehabilitation (HOME)
33	City Housing Rehabilitation (HOME)
34	City Homebuyer – Rehab (HOME)

#	Project Name	
35	HOME Administration (HOME)	
36	ESG24 City of Erie	Community Shelter Services St. Patrick's Haven SafeNet – Hospitality House City Mission The Refuge Community of Caring Mercy Center for Women SafeNet-Bridge House SafeNet-TLC St. Martin Center Rapid Rehousing Administration

Table 8 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

CDBG funds are intended to provide lower and moderate income households with viable communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Eligible activities include community facilities and improvements, housing rehabilitation and preservation, affordable housing development activities, public services, economic development, planning, and administration.

The system for establishing the priority for the selection of these projects is predicated upon the following criteria:

- Meeting the statutory requirements of the CDBG program;
- Meeting the needs of very-low, low-, and moderate-income residents;
- Focus on low- and moderate-income areas or neighborhoods;
- Coordination and leveraging of resources;
- Response to expressed needs;
- Sustainability and/or long term impact; and
- The ability to measure or demonstrate progress and success.

2024 Annual Plan Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	CD24-51	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	AM-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$608,047
	Description	Funds will be used for CDBG program administration, planning, and management costs.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Citywide
	Location Description	626 State Street, Erie PA 16501
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 21A General Program Administration 570.206

2	CD24-55	SUMMER RECREATION
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Funds will be used for recreational activities and operating costs at the Roger Young City Pool.
	Target Date	10/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Citywide
	Location Description	Buffalo Road and Downing Street, Erie, PA
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

3	CD24-14s	BTW CENTER – SUMMER
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$24,850
	Description	Funds will be used for the BTW Center's summer youth recreation program.
	Target Date	10/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 youth
	Location Description	1720 Holland Street, Erie, PA 16503
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

4	CD24-15s	MLK CENTER – SUMMER
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Funds will be used for the MLK Center summer youth recreation program.
	Target Date	10/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 youth
	Location Description	312 Chestnut Street, Erie, PA 16507
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2).

5	CD24-16s	JFK CENTER – SUMMER
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$16,161
	Description	Funds will be used for the JFK Center's summer recreation youth program.
	Target Date	10/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 youth
	Location Description	2021 East 20th Street, Erie, PA 16510
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2).

6	CD24-36s	TRINITY CENTER – SUMMER
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Funds will be used for Bethesda Trinity Center's summer youth recreational program.
	Target Date	10/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 youth
	Location Description	462 West 18th Street, Erie, PA 16502
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

7	CD24-119s	UECDC – SUMMER REC
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$52,305
	Description	Funds will be used for a summer work and training program for youth aged 14-18.
	Target Date	10/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	28 youth
	Location Description	2046 East 19 th Street, Erie, PA 16510
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

8	CD24-25k	BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB – HUMAN RESOURCES
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Funds will be used for Boys and Girls Club youth programs and includes the Police Athletic League.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	85 youth
	Location Description	1515 East Lake Road, Erie, PA 16511
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

9	CD24-14k	BTW CENTER HUMAN RESOURCES
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$72,345
	Description	Funds will be used for Booker T. Washington Center social services, education, recreation, and Youth Athletic programs.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 LMI Individuals
	Location Description	1720 Holland Street, Erie, PA 16503
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services 570.201(e); 05 Public Services 570.201(e); National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2).

10	CD24-15k	MLK CENTER HUMAN RESOURCES
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Funds will be used for the MLK Center to provide case management services to youth participating in after-school and recreation Programs and social services for families.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	400 LMI Individuals
	Location Description	312 Chestnut Street, Erie, PA 16507
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services 570.201(e); 05A Senior Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2).

11	CD24-16k	JFK CENTER HUMAN RESOURCES
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Funds will be used for the JFK Center to provide structured youth development activities and services.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 Youth
	Location Description	2021 East 20 th Street, Erie, PA 16510
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2).

12	CD24-36k	TRINITY CENTER HUMAN RESOURCES
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
	Description	Funds will be used for the Bethesda Trinity Center to provide social services, education, recreation, and Youth Athletic programs.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 Youth
	Location Description	462 W. 18 th Street, Erie, PA 16502
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2).

13	CD24-119k	UECDC – HUMAN RESOURCES
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,000
	Description	Funds will be used for year-round academic and leadership development (Impact Youth program) for students in grades K-12.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 youth
	Location Description	2046 East 19 th Street, Erie, PA 16510
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

14	CD24-130k	ERIE CITY MISSION – HUMAN RESOURCES
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Funds will be used to provide a long-term recovery program to clients with addictions to drugs and alcohol.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 Individuals
	Location Description	1017 French Street, Erie, PA 16501
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05F Substance Abuse Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

15	CD24-17i	GECAC IN-HOME SERVICES
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	SN-2 Social Services
	Needs Addressed	Other Special Needs Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,250
	Description	Funds will be used for basic support services and meal delivery for disabled and elderly persons in the City.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	85 LMI persons
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05A Senior Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit; activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

16	CD24-138	ST. MARTIN CENTER – HUMAN RESOURCES
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Funds will be used to fund partial salaries of 3 Caseworkers to provide low-income clients with who are currently homeless or at risk of homelessness with rent, mortgage and utility assistance.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	250 LMI Households
	Location Description	1701 Parade Street, Erie, PA 16503
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05 Public Services 570.201(e); 05Q Subsistence Payments 570.201(e) National objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit; activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

17	CD24-82	ERIE REFOCUSED CITIZEN RESPONSE CENTER
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Funds will be used to support the City's Citizen's Response Center with responding to calls from City residents concerning complaints, requests for service and questions related to the Erie Refocused target area.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	LMI CTs and BGs
	Location Description	626 State Street, Erie, PA 16501
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05Z Other Public Services National Objective: LMA Low/mod area benefit: the service area identified for activities is primarily low/mod income. 570.208(a)(1)

18	CD24-83aa	ERIE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,109
	Description	Funds will be used to support the Erie Police Athletic League programming for at-risk youth.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	800 youth
	Location Description	Citywide (10 schools, 3 community centers, B&G Club, Gannon-summer)
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

19	CD24-168ab	YMCA – ERIE CO. RE-ENTRY SERVICES AND SUPPORT ALLIANCE (ECRSSA)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$43,880
	Description	Funds will be used to support YMCA’s Erie Co. Reentry Services and Support Alliance (ECRSSA) to provide salary for a Youth Case Manager, consumable supplies and equipment to support individuals transitioning from incarceration or from criminal network involvement.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	285 LMI Individuals
	Location Description	31 West 10th Street, Erie, PA 16501
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05Z Other Public Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

20	CD24-168k	YMCA DOWNTOWN TEEN CENTER – HUMAN RESOURCES
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,000
	Description	Funds will be used for staffing to support the YMCA Downtown Teen Center programs.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	185 youth
	Location Description	31 West 10th Street, Erie, PA 16501
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

21	CD24-??	USCRI/ERIE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE – HUMAN RESOURCES
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000.00
	Description	Funds will be used to assist with funding for a Refugee Housing Advocate position to address the culturally specific housing needs of refugees and respond to at-risk or crisis situations, including case management.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Citywide LMI CTs and BGs 75 LMI households
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: Matrix Code: 05 Public Services 570.201(e); OR 05Z Other Public Services 570.201(e) National objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit; activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

22	CD24-7s	SSJNN – HUMAN RESOURCES
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Funds will be used for the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network's summer youth work program.
	Target Date	10/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 youth
	Location Description	425 W. 18th Street, Erie, PA 16502
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05D Youth Services 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2).

23	CD24-2d	HANDICAP CURB CUTS
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-4 Accessibility
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$500,000
	Description	Funds will be used for wheelchair accessibility (curb cuts) at street intersections.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8,541 ambulatory disabled persons (same as FY2019 Curb Cuts)
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03L Sidewalks 570.201(c) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, presumed benefit. 570.208(a)(1)

24	CD24-5a	TREE REMOVAL/PLANTING
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-1 Community Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Funds will be used for an estimated 20 trees to be planted and 10 trees to be removed.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	LMI CTs and BGs
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03N Tree Planting 570.201(c) National Objective: LMA Low/mod area benefit: the service area identified for activities is primarily low/mod income. 570.208(a)(1)

25	CD24-2	STREET RECONSTRUCTION
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-2 Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$273,931.61
	Description	Funds will be used for street reconstruction and curb cuts.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	LMI CTs and BGs – 2,000 persons (per FY19)
	Location Description	LMI CTs and BGs
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03K Street Improvements 570.201(c) National Objective: LMA Low/mod area benefit: the service area identified for activities is primarily low/mod income. 570.208(a)(1)

26	CD24-13	PARK/PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-1 Community Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Funds will be used for park/playground improvements in LMI service areas of the City
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Citywide LMI CTs and BGs – 2,000 persons (FY19)
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03F Parks, Recreation Facilities 570.201 (c) National Objective: LMA Low/mod area benefit: the service area identified for activities is primarily low/mod income. 570.208(a)(1)

27	CD24-??	CITY HOUSING REHABILITATION
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$174,977.39
	Description	Funds will be used for housing rehabilitation assistance and delivery costs. Eligible single units may receive up to \$24,999 for housing rehabilitation costs. The \$24,999 may include funds to facilitate the adaptability of single units for occupancy by disabled persons and lead based paint remediation costs.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimated twelve (12) households
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential. 14B Rehab: Multi-Unit Residential 570.202 National Objective: LMH Low/mod housing benefit: activities that are carried out for the purpose of providing or improving permanent residential structures that will be occupied by low/mod income households. 570.208(a)(3)

28	CD24-170L	GANNON UNIVERSITY SBDC
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	ED-1 Employment
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$54,381
	Description	Funds will be provided to support Gannon University SBDC to provide confidential professional business management consulting services to new and existing small businesses to enable the creation of new jobs principally benefitting low and moderate income individuals.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	6 LMI Jobs
	Location Description	109 University Square, Erie, PA 16541
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 18B Economic Development: Technical Assistance 570.203 (c) National Objective: LMJ Low/mod job creation or retention: activities designed to create or retain permanent jobs where at least 51% of the jobs involve the employment of low- to moderate-income persons. 570.208(a)(4)

29	CD24-51L	COMMUNITY CORNERSTONE PROJECT
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	ED-1 Employment
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	Funds will be provided to support partial salaries for three (3) positions in a small business incubator program for low-income individuals, who will be assisted through educational courses and technical assistance.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 LMI jobs
	Location Description	930 Liberty Street, Erie PA 16502
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 18B Economic Development: Technical Assistance 570.203 (c) National Objective: LMJ Low/mod job creation or retention: activities designed to create or retain permanent jobs where at least 51% of the jobs involve the employment of low- to moderate-income persons. 570.208(a)(4)

30	CD24-??	1001 STATE STREET OZ OPERATOR, LLC
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	ED-1 Financial Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$600,000.00
	Description	Funds will be used to assist the redevelopment of an historic anchor building in the CBD that will result in mixed used commercial property.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Creation/retention of 18 LMI jobs.
	Location Description	1001 State Street Erie PA 16501
Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 17c Commercial/Industrial: Building Acquisition, Construction, Rehabilitation 570.203(a) National Objective: Low/mod Jobs Benefit. 570.208 (a) (4)	

31	H24.5o	HANDS 1319 PARADE ST. – RENTAL REHABILITATION (HOME)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HS-2 Rental Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority
	Funding	HOME: \$143,324
	Description	HANDS will use HOME funds to substantially renovate an existing building to create 4 one-bedroom residential rental housing units to be made available for income-eligible households. Project will also use \$250,000 of FY21 HOME funds (Goodrich) and \$400,000 of FY23 HOME funds.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4 households
	Location Description	1319 Parade Street, Erie PA 16503
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 14B Rehab; Multi-Unit Residential 570.202 National Objective: LMH Low/mod housing benefit: activities that are carried out for the purpose of providing or improving permanent residential structures that will be occupied by low/mod income households. 570.208(a)(3)

32	H24.23r	OUR WEST BAYFRONT – RENTAL REHABILITATION (HOME)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HS-2 Rental Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority
	Funding	HOME: \$142,702
	Description	Our West Bayfront will use HOME funds to create affordable rental housing opportunities for two (2) low to moderate income households.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 HOME-assisted rental unit
	Location Description	649 Downing Court, Erie PA 16502
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 14B Rehab; Multi-Unit Residential 570.202 National Objective: LMH Low/mod housing benefit: activities that are carried out for the purpose of providing or improving permanent residential structures that will be occupied by low/mod income households. 570.208(a)(3)

33	H24.51y	CITY HOUSING REHABILITATION (HOME)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority
	Funding	HOME: \$277,061
	Description	Funds will provide deferred loans to qualified individuals for the purpose of rehabilitating their homes. Eligible owners may receive up to \$24,999 for eligible housing rehabilitation costs. Additional funding of approximately \$8,000 for lead improvements may be applied. The \$24,999 may include funds to facilitate the adaptability of single units for occupancy by disabled persons. Properties must be brought up to code.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12 LMI households
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202 National Objective: LMH Low/mod housing benefit: activities that are carried out for the purpose of providing or improving permanent residential structures that will be occupied by low/mod income households. 570.208(a)(3)

34	H24.51t	CITY HOMEBUYER REHAB (HOME)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HS-5 Home Ownership
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority
	Funding	HOME: \$277,061
	Description	Funding to provide direct assistance to credit-worthy, income qualified families to assist them in achieving home-ownership, through acquisition and/or rehabilitation of existing housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12 LMI households
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 13 Direct Homeownership Assistance 570.201(n) National Objective: LMH Low/mod housing benefit: activities that are carried out for the purpose of providing or improving residential structures that will be occupied by low/mod income households. 570.208(a)(3)

35	H24.51	HOME ADMINISTRATION (HOME)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	AM-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Priority
	Funding	HOME: \$93,349.00
	Description	Funds will be used for HOME program administration, planning, and management costs.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Citywide
	Location Description	626 State Street, Erie PA 16501
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 19A HOME Admin/Planning Costs of PJ (not part of 5% Admin Cap)

36	ESG2024	ESG24 CITY OF ERIE
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HO-2 Operation/Support HO-3 Prevention and Housing AM-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority
	Funding	ESG: \$273,428
	Description	Emergency Shelter Community Shelter Services \$41,588. Emergency Shelter St. Patrick Haven \$12,091. Emergency Shelter SafeNet (Hospitality House) \$18,145. Emergency Shelter City Mission \$33,271. Emergency Shelter The Refuge \$20,408. Emergency Shelter Community of Caring \$15,881. Transitional Living Mercy Center for Women \$17,390. Transitional Living SafeNet (Bridge House) \$4,528. Transitional Living SafeNet (TLC) \$755. St. Martin Center Rapid Re-Housing \$88,864 Administration \$20,507.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	St. Martin Center Rapid Rehousing: 63; Emergency and Transitional Shelters: 1,635
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03C Homeless Facilities (not operating costs) 570.201(c), 03T Operating Cost for Homeless / AIDS Patients Programs, and 05Q Subsistence Payments 570.201(e) National Objective: LMC Low/mod clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income 570.208(a)(2)

ESG24 – Emergency Shelter	COMMUNITY SHELTER SERVICES
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	HO-2 Operation / Support
Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority
Funding	ESG: \$41,588
Description	Funds will be used for operating costs for the emergency shelter.
Target Date	6/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	375 homeless families and individuals
Location Description	652 West 17 Street, Erie, PA 16502 (Emergency Shelter location)
Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03T Operating Costs for Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

ESG24 – Emergency Shelter	ST. PATRICK’S HAVEN
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	H0-2 Operation / Support
Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority
Funding	ESG: \$12,091
Description	Funds will be used for operating costs for the emergency shelter.
Target Date	6/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 homeless men
Location Description	147 East 12 Street, Erie, PA 16501
Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03T Operating Costs for Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

ESG24 – Emergency Shelter	SAFENET - HOSPITALITY HOUSE
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	H0-2 Operation / Support
Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority
Funding	ESG: \$18,145
Description	Funds will be used for operating costs for the emergency shelter.
Target Date	6/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	250 women and children needing emergency shelter related to domestic violence situations
Location Description	Citywide (unpublished address)
Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03T Operating Cost for Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

ESG24 – Emergency Shelter	CITY MISSION
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	H0-2 Operation / Support
Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority
Funding	ESG: \$33,271
Description	Funds will be used for operating costs for the emergency shelter.
Target Date	6/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 homeless adult men
Location Description	1017 French Street, Erie, PA 16501
Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03T Operating Costs for Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

ESG24 – Emergency Shelter	THE REFUGE
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	H0-2 Operation / Support
Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority
Funding	ESG: \$20,408
Description	Funds will be used for operating costs for the emergency shelter.
Target Date	6/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 homeless adults and children
Location Description	1027 East 26 Street, Erie, PA 16504 (Shelter location)
Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03T Operating Costs for Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

ESG24 – Emergency Shelter	COMMUNITY OF CARING
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	H0-2 Operation / Support
Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority
Funding	ESG: \$15,881
Description	Funds will be used for operating costs for the emergency shelter.
Target Date	6/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 individual men and women who are mentally ill or homeless
Location Description	245 East 8th Street, Erie, PA 16503
Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03T Operating Costs for Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

ESG24 – Transitional Living	MERCY CENTER FOR WOMEN
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	H0-2 Operation / Support
Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority
Funding	ESG: \$17,390
Description	Funds will be used for operations (utilities, such as gas, water, and electric).
Target Date	6/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	45 women and their children
Location Description	1039 East 27 Street, Erie, PA 16504
Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03T Operating Cost for Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

ESG24 – Transitional Living	SAFENET - BRIDGE HOUSE
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	H0-2 Operation / Support
Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority
Funding	ESG: \$4,528
Description	Funds will be used for utilities (security, fuel, electric, etc.) needed for operations
Target Date	6/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 women and 15 children
Location Description	Citywide (unpublished address)
Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03T Operating Costs for Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

ESG24 – Transitional Living	SAFENET - TLC
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	H0-2 Operation / Support
Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority
Funding	ESG: \$755
Description	Funds will be used for utilities (security, electric, fuel, etc.) needed for operations
Target Date	6/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 mothers under 25 years old and their children
Location Description	Citywide (unpublished address)
Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 03T Operating Costs for Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

ESG24 – Rapid Rehousing	ST. MARTIN CENTER – RAPID REHOUSING
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	H0-3 Prevention and Housing
Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority
Funding	ESG: \$88,864
Description	Funds will be used for rapid rehousing services, such as security deposits, rent, or other costs of housing homeless individuals/families along with delivery
Target Date	6/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	63 homeless families/individuals
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 05Q Subsistence Payments 570.207(b)(4) National Objective: LMC Low/mod limited clientele benefit: activities that benefit a limited clientele, at least 51% of which are low/mod income. 570.208(a)(2)

ESG24	ESG Administration
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	H0-2 Operation / Support
Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority
Funding	ESG: \$20,507
Description	Funds will be used for the administration of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program.
Target Date	6/30/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Citywide
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Matrix Code: 21A General Program Administration

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The City of Erie will distribute CDBG, HOME, and ESG on a citywide basis to all eligible beneficiaries. An eligible beneficiary may be a LMI individual person or family, an activity that primarily benefits a LMI household, or an activity located in a LMI Census Tract (CT) or Block Group (BG). Since the City’s low mod income population exceeds 51%, certain activities that have a citywide benefit may be considered.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
CD Impact Area	
CD Impact Area LMI	
Citywide	100%

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The system for establishing the priority for the selection of these projects is predicated upon the following criteria:

- Meeting the statutory requirements of the CDBG program;
- Meeting the needs of very-low, low-, and moderate-income residents;
- Focus on low- and moderate-income areas or neighborhoods;
- Coordination and leveraging of resources;
- Response to expressed needs;
- Sustainability and/or long term impact;
- The ability to measure or demonstrate progress and success

Discussion

Under the FY 2024 Community Development Program, the City of Erie will be receiving \$3,040,237 in CDBG funds and will use \$5,000.00 in program income (\$3,045,237 total). The City will budget \$608,047 in CDBG funds for CDBG general administration. The balance of CDBG funds totals \$2,437,190, all of which will be allocated to activities which principally benefit low and moderate income persons (100%).

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	48
Special-Needs	
Total	48

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	29
Acquisition of Existing Units	12
Total	41

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City estimates the one-year goals above to be completed within the FY24 program year based on the following projects:

Rehab of existing units

City Housing Rehabilitation – 12 housing units rehabbed (CDBG)

City Housing Rehabilitation – 12 housing units rehabbed (HOME)

HANDS 1319 Parade St. – 4 housing units rehabbed (HOME)

Our West Bayfront – 1 housing unit rehabbed (HOME)

Acquisition of existing units

City Homebuyer, 12 properties (HOME)

The projects for affordable housing *funded* by the City from FY 2024 CDBG and HOME funds are as follows:

allocations are as follows:

CD24-51y, City Housing Rehabilitation (12 households)

H24.51y, City Housing Rehabilitation (12 households)

H24.51t, City Homebuyer/Rehabilitation (12 households)

H24.5o, HANDS 1319 Parade St. Rental Rehabilitation (4 households)

H24.23r, Our West Bayfront Rental Rehabilitation (1 household)

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Housing Authority of the City of Erie (HACE) exists to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing for lower-income families, elderly and persons with disabilities; and to foster among the residents we serve economic self-sufficiency, and a sense of community and pride in the neighborhoods where they reside.

2024 Narrative

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs of public housing

The Housing Authority of the City of Erie (HACE) plans to allocate the following FY 2023 capital funds (Total \$6,543,486) for its public housing units:

Operations \$1,635,871

Administration \$654,348

Fees and Costs \$201,383

Site Acquisition \$-0-

Site Improvements \$427,000

Dwelling Structures \$3,624,884

2024 Narrative

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs of public housing

The Housing Authority of the City of Erie (HACE) contracted with the Nelrod group to undertake an Energy Audit. The field work for this project is complete and HACE expects to see the completed Energy Audit by the end of April, 2024. 2024 capital fund construction projects include: replacing the roof at Friendship Apartments, Replacing the roofs and siding at five building in the Lake City Development, replace 36 scattered site roofs, replace stoops and handrails at Lake City Development, renovate the management office at the John Horan Garden Apartments, renovate 100 bathrooms at Harbor Homes and undertake façade improvements at Better Housing to include replacing the siding and stucco with cement board siding and replacing the entry steps.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The Housing Authority of the City of Erie (HACE) encourages resident participation in its Tenant Councils and Resident Advisory Boards. Educating residents on the purpose of the tenant councils and resident advisory boards, and how their feedback will be used to inform planning efforts, can help encourage increased participation. HACE also conducts a bi-annual resident satisfaction survey to gauge the perceptions of safety and problems in the neighborhoods and determine actions for improving living conditions. A survey was conducted in 2022 and the results show that HACE residents have a high level of satisfaction with their housing and services as was the case in previous surveys. The next Resident Satisfaction Survey will be scheduled for 2024.

HACE will also continue to encourage participation in its Section 8 and public housing homeownership programs. The Family Self Sufficiency program helps renters escrow dollars to put toward purchase of a home or vehicle to aid in employment. The Housing Authority indicated that over 50% of the participants are New American households. Between Public Housing and the Housing Choice Voucher program 102 households participate in the program.

The Housing Authority continued to see an increase in households with earned income. In 2023, 1,298 households had employment as a source of income. There were 971 (+228) public housing households and 327 (-22) Section 8 households employed as of December 31, 2023. This is a total net increase of 206 from 2023. Of the families newly housed in public housing in 2023, 109 (46%) of 253 families had employment as a source of income. In 2023, 169 working families enjoyed the benefits of the Authority's flat rent or ceiling rent, which caps the household rent, regardless of income.

Twelve (12) families graduated from the Section 8/Public Housing Family Self Sufficiency Program in 2023. There were two (2) graduates that purchased homes in 2023.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

The PHA is not designated troubled.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The Home Team was created to promote a comprehensive, collaborative and sustained community approach to homelessness in Erie County. The Home Team meets bimonthly to work toward eradicating homelessness. In addition, the Home Team collects data related to the homeless services system in Erie County. The purpose of data collection is to ensure non-duplication of resources and to identify and address major gaps in the system. Ultimately, the Home Team's goal is to enable the person or family experiencing homelessness to become self-sufficient and to move into permanent housing.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The Erie City-County Continuum of Care adopted Coordinated Entry System (CES) in January 2018. The CES provides a strategy to quickly move people from homelessness to permanent housing by establishing a streamlined and uniform method of serving clients in need of housing crisis services, using a single point of entry model; reducing burden on both client and provider by having a unified systemic approach to quickly identify, assess, and refer clients to the best intervention to meet clients' specific needs at first contact; increasing collaboration between agencies in serving client needs more effectively and efficiently; and collecting data on community trends of housing needs to better target limited resources. When households or individuals present to the Continuum, the household is assessed using a vulnerability index to determine the type of housing intervention that will most adequately address their need.

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

As discussed above, all persons presenting to the continuum are assessed using a vulnerability index (to determine the type of housing intervention that will most adequately address their need. In addition, a Master List meeting with Coordinated Entry, Housing providers and Erie County DHS is used to further prioritize individuals/households for openings. Potential interventions include transitional housing, rapid rehousing or permanent supportive housing. There are currently emergency shelters available for homeless individuals and families, including victims of domestic violence. The CoC has adopted housing first, which seeks to place persons in permanent housing as quickly as possible, then provide supportive services to promote stability in housing.

The City of Erie will support six emergency shelters and three transitional housing facilities using CDBG and ESG dollars in FY2024.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families

with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

Ending chronic homelessness is a priority for the CoC, and as such, has prioritized serving persons experiencing chronic homelessness in all of its permanent supportive housing beds. As discussed above, all persons presenting to the continuum of care are assessed using a vulnerability index to determine the type of housing intervention that will most adequately address their need. The CoC has adopted housing first, which seeks to place persons in permanent housing as quickly as possible, then provide supportive services to promote stability in housing.

The City of Erie will utilize ESG dollars to support rapid rehousing assistance efforts for literally homeless individuals and households (administered by GECAC).

Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs

While the City of Erie and County follow Pennsylvania state mandated procedures for discharge from mental health institutions, stakeholders reported a widespread need for medical respite care to ensure folks discharging from substance treatment centers, hospitals and mental health institutions receive interim care prior to placement in supportive housing. The stakeholder outreach process consistently identified a need for increased supportive services for folks exiting institutions that extend into housing placement, and don't end upon placement in permanent housing. GECAC and St. Martin Center receive County Homeless Assistance Program dollars for homeless prevention activities; assistance includes rental and utility assistance. In addition, GECAC also administers weatherization and energy education programs to help households reduce utility bills and avoid evictions and shutoffs. CDBG and ESG dollars will not be used for prevention activities in 2024.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

In 2015, the City of Erie of Erie adopted a Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The analysis identified ten impediments, and proposed action steps to eliminate those impediments.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The City of Erie has identified fair housing education and services as a goal in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

Actions it will take during the program year to continue to address the impediments is below:

- **Impediment 1: The poor condition of much of the housing stock in Erie County affordable to lower-income households limits the array of neighborhoods from which they can choose to live.** The City continues to provide incentives to build new apartment buildings or substantially rehabilitate existing buildings for occupancy by lower-income families. Since 2015, 89 new units have been constructed or rehabilitated for occupancy by low income households. The City continues to enforce the Rental Registration program, to ensure rental units are code-compliant. The Housing Authority of the City of Erie (HACE) continues marketing efforts to recruit new landlords for the Section 8 Program.
- **Impediment 2: On the whole, household incomes during the last decade did not grow at a pace commensurate with housing costs, and members of the protected classes were more likely to be affected by the worsening mismatch.** The City continues to financially support efforts of local fair housing organizations and certified housing counselors to advertise housing counseling. GECAC (HUD Certified Counseling Agency) offers service directed at all citizens including those New American and LMI households providing rent, utility, and mortgage assistance; credit, pre-purchase counseling and referral services. St. Martin Center (HUD Certified Counseling Agency) offers services directed at New American households and assists LMI households with rental, mortgage & utility assistance, food pantry, referrals, case mgmt., PA Workwear and crisis services; credit, pre-purchase counseling and referral services. Advantage Counseling (HUD Certified Counseling Agency) offers credit, bankruptcy, pre-purchase and post purchase counseling.
- **Impediment 3: While County land use and planning principles appear to be consistent with fair housing principles and best practices, the real power is exercised by municipalities, whose leaders and staff members may not unequivocally understand why or how to affirmatively further fair housing.** Council members, elected officials, department heads and persons will be appointed to Planning/Zoning Commissions on fair housing rights and responsibilities.
- **Impediment 4: The growing Hispanic population in the City of Erie, along with other refugee and migrant groups, may face language barriers in becoming aware of, accessing and**

participating in local housing programs and services. The City continues to provide language and translation services on an as-needed basis for LEP populations.

- **Impediment 5: Some of the policies and procedures of agencies administering federal housing and community development funds could be improved from a fair housing perspective.** The City continues to reduce reliance on the CD Impact Area as a geographic basis for CPD program investment; instead evaluating neighborhoods city-wide to determine where investments would be most effective. The City reviews proposed locations of affordable housing developments during the Application Review Process to ensure developments are not perpetuating segregation.
- **Impediment 6: The boundaries of program jurisdictions present obstacles to desegregation that must be addressed collaboratively.** A more formal, regionalized effort among CDBG grantees and stakeholders could provide the basis seek funding to address impediments such as testing, education and outreach.
- **Impediment 7: Limited public transit options and rising costs of transportation in general limit location options for many lower-income households.** The City continues to participate in EMTA’s long-range planning efforts to promote the expansion of public transit service for this population. During its underwriting and market analysis of HOME projects, DECD includes an assessment of access to transit, employment and economic opportunities.
- **Impediment 8: Fair housing advocacy agencies in the County require more effective coordination to maximize the extent to which their services collaboratively meet the needs of Erie County residents.** St. Martin Center, GECAC & Advantage Counseling Services counsel credit, homebuyer and homeowner clients on their rights and provide information on Fair Housing one on one and in group settings.
- **Impediment 9: Housing discrimination persists in the private market, according to complaints data received at the federal, state and local levels.** The City continues education and outreach efforts in relation to fair housing including publication of such material online, in print and other means.
- **Impediment 10: Patterns of disparity continue to exist in private mortgage lending.** The City continues to work with St. Martin Center, Inc. GECAC, & Advantage Counseling Services to mitigate impacts of foreclosure by supporting increased buyer education and counseling as well as supporting legislative protections.

The full Strategy is included in the Unique Appendix to the Plan.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Erie has developed the following actions to address the following city needs: obstacles to meeting underserved needs; fostering affordable housing; reducing lead-based hazards; reducing the number of families living in poverty; developing institutional structures; and enhancing coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Erie will continue to address the obstacles to meeting underserved needs through ongoing programs, including updating infrastructure and community facilities, community development, and housing needs throughout the City of Erie.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Erie will fund activities that increase affordable rental units in the City, including providing incentives to developers to create new units and preserve existing units. The City of Erie will continue the owner and rental rehabilitation programs to make sure that the City of Erie's existing housing stock is up to code. Finally, the City of Erie will provide down payment and closing cost assistance to first-time homebuyers in the City.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Erie Redevelopment Authority will continue implementation of its lead hazard grant, and the City of Erie through the implementation of its rehabilitation programs will ensure interim controls are implemented to reduce the lead-based paint hazards in the City's housing stock.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Erie, through its various departments, will continue to provide incentives for businesses to locate in low income areas, to support organizations that provide job training and placement services through the Training Assistance Program Fund, to support rapid rehousing activities, and to preserve and improve affordable housing options, as part of its strategy to prevent and alleviate poverty in the City of Erie.

In addition, the Housing Authority of the City of Erie will continue to offer the Section 8 and public housing homeownership programs, which offer assistance for current residents to convert their rental assistance to mortgage assistance. In addition, the Housing Authority will continue the Family Self Sufficiency program to assist residents with improving wealth and provide budgeting and other services to promote self-sufficiency.

GECAC will continue providing adult education and employment services designed to lift households out of poverty.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The main gaps in the current institutional structure and service delivery system are related to limited funding and staffing for the various agencies and other stakeholders that the City of Erie relies on to implement its five-year strategy and to address the specific needs identified in the plan.

The City of Erie will continue to support the work of these agencies and stakeholders, including their efforts to identify, increase and obtain the amount of funding that is available to address the needs of their clients.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City of Erie is a member of the Continuum of Care and participates in all planning processes associated with the Continuum. The County lead continues to reach out to church groups and other providers that do not currently participate in the Coordinated Entry System. These efforts will continue over the five-year period to ensure that all persons experiencing homelessness or are at-risk will be properly evaluated and directed to the appropriate services.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	5,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
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HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows: There are no other forms of investment.
2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows: The City of Erie's Recapture Policy is included in the Unique Appendix.
3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows: The City of Erie's Recapture Policy is included in the Unique Appendix.
4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that

will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The City of Erie has no plans to use HOME dollars to refinance existing multifamily debt.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. **Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)**
Included in the Unique Appendix
2. **If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.**

The Erie City-County Continuum of Care adopted Coordinated Entry System (CES) in January 2018. The CES provides a strategy to quickly move people from homelessness to permanent housing by establishing a streamlined and uniform method of serving clients in need of housing crisis services, using a single point of entry model; reducing burden on both client and provider by having a unified systemic approach to quickly identify, assess, and refer clients to the best intervention to meet clients' specific needs at first contact; increasing collaboration between agencies in serving client needs more effectively and efficiently; and collecting data on community trends of housing needs to better target limited resources. When households or individuals present to the Continuum, the household is assessed using a vulnerability index to determine the type of housing intervention that will most adequately address their need.

3. **Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).**

Organizations wishing to receive an allocation of ESG dollars must submit an application to the City of Erie for assistance. To the extent feasible applications are evaluated based on CoC Systems Performance Measures.

4. **If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.** The CoC contains in its by-laws provisions for including homeless participation on its Board and during planning efforts.
5. **Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.** Written Standards for the ESG Program are included in the Unique Appendix.