

PUBLIC NOTICE

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2024-25 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2017-18 AND 2022-23 PLANS

CITY OF ROCHESTER

Monday May 13, 2024

2024-25 Annual Action Plan

In accordance with the federal regulations at 24 CFR § 91.320, and the City of Rochester's Citizen Participation Plan, the City is in the process of preparing an Annual Action Plan to guide its use of funds for the 2024-2025 program year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development and Planning Program.

The Consolidated Planning process is a requirement for direct financial assistance under certain HUD formula grant programs including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs, the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program.

The City is preparing the 2024-25 Annual Action Plan for the program year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, which identifies the activities that will be undertaken to address the priority needs and goals identified in the 2020-24 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The City of Rochester anticipates receiving the following allocations from HUD for the period beginning July 1, 2024:

CDBG	\$8,201,087
HOME	\$2,340,323
ESG	\$714,761
HOPWA	\$1,132,150

In addition, the City anticipates programming \$250,000 in CDBG Program Income and \$225,000 in HOME Program Income in its 2024-25 Annual Action Plan.

Solicitation of Public Input:

The City is encouraging members of the public to provide input to inform the development of the 2024-25 Annual Action Plan budget. In particular, the City is interested in receiving input from low and moderate income individuals, as they are meant to be the primary beneficiaries of HUD's formula grant programs. The City is providing the opportunity to provide feedback in writing as well as at a series of three public hearings.

Written comments can be submitted via:

- Digital survey + hearing pre-registration form found at: <https://forms.office.com/r/H9FTRhERdR>
www.CityofRochester.gov/ConsolidatedPlan2020
- Email: HUDFunding@CityofRochester.gov
- US Mail: HUD Program Management, City Hall Room 224B, 30 Church Street, Rochester, NY 14614

1st Public Hearing: An in-person public hearing was held March 18, 2024 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at City

Hall in City Council Chambers. City staff will reviewed housing and community development priority needs and goals as identified in the overarching 5-year Consolidated Plan, the amount of assistance the City expects to receive, the range of activities that may be undertaken, development of proposed projects, and measures of past program performance. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and provide input on community needs and priorities. Please click the link below for more information or to view the slide presentation from the event: www.CityofRochester.gov/ConsolidatedPlan2020

30-Day Public Display and Comment Period:

Copies of the draft 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan will be available for download or printing by request at the following locations on or by May 13, for the required 30-day public display and comment period:

- City Hall: 30 Church St. (Rm. 224-B);
- Northeast Neighborhood Service Center: 500 Norton Street;
- Northwest Neighborhood Service Center: 400 Dewey Ave;
- Southwest Neighborhood Service Center: 923 Genesee Street;
- Southeast Neighborhood Service Center: 320 N Goodman Street; and,
- City of Rochester website: www.CityofRochester.gov/ConsolidatedPlan2020

Written comments will be accepted by the City during the public display and comment period. The City will consider comments received during the public display and comment period in preparing the final 2024-25 Annual Action Plan. A summary of these comments, and a summary of comments not accepted and the reasons why, will be attached to the final plan for formal action by City Council and submission to HUD. Written comments must be received no later than 7pm on Thursday, June 13 to be included in the finalized documents for final City Council approval.

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2nd Public Hearing: An in-person public hearing will be held May 22, 2024, from 6:30 to 8:00pm at City Hall in City Council Chambers. City staff will review the draft 2024-25 Annual Action Plan, including the proposed budgets for specific programs and anticipated community impact. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide official comments in response to the draft Annual Action Plan.

Please click the link below for more information and to comment and/or pre-register for this event: www.CityofRochester.gov/ConsolidatedPlan2020

3rd Public Hearing: The final public hearing, which will be overseen by City Council, will take place at 6pm on Thursday, June 13, 2024, prior to formal action by City Council on June 18, 2024. Information on how to participate can be found here: <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/publicmeetings/>
The Public Hearing can be viewed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RochesterCityCouncil>.

City Council Action and Submission to HUD: The City anticipates bringing the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan to City Council for formal Action on Tuesday June 18, 2024. The final 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan must be submitted to HUD no later than June 30, 2024.

Substantial Amendments to the 2017-18 and 2022-23 Annual Action Plans

In accordance with the federal regulations at 24 CFR § 91.320, and the City of Rochester's Citizen Participation Plan, the City is in the process of substantially amending two prior Annual Action Plan

documents that guide its use of funds for the 2017-18 and 2022-23 program years from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development and Planning Program.

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The City is proposing to amend the two prior plans as follows:

Plan Year	Project Number and Name	Funding Type	Current Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
2017-18	32. Homeownership Assistance Program for Vacant Houses	CDBG	\$125,000	\$0	-\$125,000
2017-18	7. Demolition-Commercial/Industrial	CDBG	\$700,000	\$825,000	+\$125,000
2022-23	15. Project Phoenix	CDBG	\$48,813	\$0	-\$48,813
2022-23	13. Housing Rehabilitation Program	CDBG	\$561,870.00	\$610,683	+\$48,813

The amendments are being proposed to facilitate timely spending of the grant funds before they expire. The Homeownership Assistance Program for Vacant Houses project encountered significant challenges identifying properties that fit the program scope. The Project Phoenix program could not meet federal eligibility requirements associated with CDBG funding. No other changes the Annual Action Plan documents are proposed.

Solicitation of Public Input:

The City is encouraging members of the public to provide input to in response to the proposed substantial amendments. In particular, the City is interested in receiving input from low and moderate income individuals, as they are meant to be the primary beneficiaries of HUD’s formula grant programs. The City is providing the opportunity to provide feedback in writing as well as at a series of public hearings.

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