



PROPOSED FY 21 ANNUAL PLAN

FOR USE OF PROGRAM YEAR 2020

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

(CDBG) FUNDS

**For Inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2021 City Budget.
This document is subject to revision.**

Exhibit A

PREPARED BY THE CITY OF DUBUQUE HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT

CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA
FY 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FOR THE USE OF PROGRAM YEAR 2019
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

The City of Dubuque distinguishes between four different but complementary areas of program development in its overall CDBG program: Housing Development, Economic Development, Neighborhood and Community Development and Planning & Administration. The following description of activities summarizes the projects to be completed in the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan with the use of CDBG funds; the adopted City Budget and recommended amended City Budget are shown in Exhibit A.:

RESOURCES

CDBG Entitlement 2021	\$1,080,989
Program Income	\$254,192
Program income projects are based on forecast for loan repayments based on the loan portfolio and program income generated from CDBG funded programs.	
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$1,335,181
PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION	\$242,504

CDBG regulations limit expenditure on planning and administrative funds to 20% of the current year program income plus the current entitlement. The proposed resources for administration support the plan's current requirements.

Housing & Community Development Administration **\$70,143**
On-going staff support for general management, oversight, and coordination of the Community Development Block Grant housing programs.

Neighborhood Development Administration **\$63,818**
The Neighborhood Development Specialist coordinates the City's neighborhood Development programs and provides technical assistance to organizations and residents to improve Dubuque's neighborhoods.
Priority: High
Objective/Outcome: Suitable Living Environment/Accessibility (SL1)

Planning, Monitoring, & Budgeting **\$108,543**
Staff support for general management. Oversight and coordination of the Community Development Block Grant program; assures compliance with federal regulations and reporting requirements.
Priority: High
Objective/Outcome: Suitable Living Environment/ Sustainability (SL3)

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS **\$659,135** -

First Time Home Buyer Program	\$50,000
Provides for loans to assist low and moderate-income families to purchase their first homes. These funds are used to cover the "entry costs" of homeownership – down payments and closing costs.	
National Objective:	Low and Moderate-Income Housing
Location:	Citywide
Proposed Accomplishments:	10 Households
Priority:	High
Objective/Outcome:	Decent Housing/Affordability (DH2)
Homeowner Rehabilitation	\$125,000
1) Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program	
An on-going program to provide low-interest loans to qualified low and moderate-income homeowners for the rehabilitation of substandard housing units.	
2) Home Repair Program	
Zero % loans to improve conditions of property for income-eligible homeowners	
3) Accessibility	
Zero % and forgivable loans to remove architectural barriers and increase access for people with physical disabilities.	
National Objective:	Low and Moderate-Income Housing
Location:	Citywide
Proposed Accomplishments:	10 Housing Units
Priority:	High
Objective/Outcome:	Decent Housing/Affordability (DH2)
Lead Hazard Reduction (Lead & Healthy Homes Grant Match)	\$104,166
Provides activities in support of efforts to reduce lead paint hazards in housing, including assessment and lead paint reduction or abatement, with forgivable loans to low/Moderate-Income residents.	
National Objective:	Low and Moderate-Income Housing
Location:	Citywide
Proposed Accomplishments:	10 Housing units
Priority:	High
Objective/Outcome:	Decent Housing/Sustainability (DH3)
Purchase/Rehab/Resale	\$45,000
Provides funding to address the redevelopment of sub-standard and vacant/abandoned city-owned properties. Properties acquired, rehabbed, and sold to low and Moderate-Income homebuyers or to property owners maintaining affordable rents.	
National Objective:	Low and Moderate-Income Housing
Location:	Citywide
Proposed Accomplishments:	1 Housing Unit
Priority:	High
Objective/Outcome:	Decent Housing/Affordability (DH2)
Housing Rehabilitation Services and Staff	\$284,969
On-going staff support, including program management, technical assistance, loan packaging and inspection, for the City's rehabilitation loan program.	
Priority:	High
Objective/Outcome:	Decent Housing/Accessibility (DH1)
Rental Dwelling Rehabilitation Programs	\$50,000
1) Rental Rehabilitation Loan Program	
An on-going program to provide loans to qualified housing providers serving low and moderate-income residents for the rehabilitation of substandard housing units.	
2) Emergency Code Enforcement Loan Program	

- Provides loans to correct code deficiencies and emergency or health and safety corrections for rental properties. The program prevents the displacement of economically disadvantaged tenants resulting from code enforcement actions.
- 3) Accessibility Rehab
Provides forgivable loans to disabled tenants to make rental units accessible to the physically disabled
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| National Objective: | Low and Moderate-Income Housing |
| Location: | Citywide |
| Proposed Accomplishments: | 6 Housing Units |
| Priority: | High |
| Objective/Outcome: | Decent Housing/Affordability (DH2) |

PUBLIC FACILITIES **\$181,769**

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| Comiskey Park | \$87,700 |
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- New playground equipment at Comiskey Park based on community input.
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| National Objective: | Low and Moderate-Income Benefit |
| Location: | Low/Mod Residential Areas |
| Proposed Accomplishments: | Park Design/Community Input |
| Priority: | High |
| Objective/Outcome: | Suitable Living Environment/Accessibility (SL1) |
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| Avon Park | \$94,069 |
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- Replace play unit and add accessible surfacing at Avon Park.
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| National Objective: | Low and Moderate-Income Benefit |
| Location: | Low/Mod Residential Areas |
| Proposed Accomplishments: | Park Design/Community Input |
| Priority: | High |
| Objective/Outcome: | Suitable Living Environment/Accessibility (SL1) |

NEIGHBORHOOD and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS **\$251,773**

Public Services activities are restricted to 15% of the previous year program income and the current year entitlement. Public Service activities in this plan represent 15% of the proposed expenditures.

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| Neighborhood Recreation Programs | \$131,499 |
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- 1) Recreation Programs: \$81,718
Targeted and enhanced recreation offered in the City's older low-and moderate-income neighborhoods to meet the needs of at-risk youth, promote self-esteem, and build community. Activities include expanded after-school programs, open gym, basketball league, music lessons, playtime for tots, scholarships, swim passes, summer day camp and other recreational programs.
- 2) Neighborhood Recreation Program Grants: \$49,781
Provide funding to organizations delivering recreational and educational services aligned with the neighborhood and recreation development goals of the Leisure Services Department.
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| National Objective: | Low and Moderate-Income Benefit |
| Location: | City wide |
| Proposed Accomplishments: | 5,730 persons |
| Priority: | High |
| Objective/Outcome: | Suitable Living Environment/Accessibility (SL1) |
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| Four Mounds HEART Program | \$10,000 |
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- Youth education program where youth experience hands-on learning while promoting neighborhood revitalization and earning high school diploma.
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| National Objective: | Low and Moderate-Income Benefit |
| Location: | Citywide |

Proposed Accomplishments:	12 People
Priority:	High
Objective/Outcome:	Suitable Living Environment/Accessibility (SL1)

Neighborhood Support Grants **\$14,500**

This grant program provides resources for organized neighborhoods in low/mod income areas to encourage self-initiated revitalization efforts including physical improvements, clean-ups, communication efforts or other special projects.

National Objective:	Low and Moderate-Income Benefit
Location:	Low/Mod Residential Areas
Proposed Accomplishments:	2,000 People
Priority:	High
Objective/Outcome:	Suitable Living Environment/Sustainability (SL3)

Neighborhood Related Infrastructure Improvements **\$45,730**

National Objective:	Low and Moderate-Income Benefit
Priority:	High
Objective/Outcome:	Suitable Living Environment/Sustainability (SL3)

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| 1) Bus Stop Improvements | \$20,730 |
| ADA Accessible bus stop improvements including push lighting, cement pads, and benches. | |
| Location: | Low/Mod Residential Areas |
| Proposed Accomplishments: | 3 Bus Stops |
| 2) Multicultural Family Center Sidewalk Program | \$25,000 |
| Grant program to income eligible homeowners, on a case-by-case basis, to pay a maximum of 75% of the cost to repair public sidewalks in front of their home. Grant amount varies based on percentage of area median income. | |
| Location: | City Wide |
| Proposed Accomplishments: | 1 Sidewalk |

Purchase of Services: Grant Competition **\$37,961**

Competitive grant program providing funding for organizations providing human service needs in the community. Services must be consistent with needs identified in the Consolidated Plan and the City's adopted goals and priorities.

National Objective:	Low and Moderate-Income Benefit
Location:	City Wide
Proposed Accomplishments:	1,200 People
Priority:	High
Objective/Outcome:	Suitable Living Environment/Accessibility (SL1)

Zoning Inspection/Enforcement **\$7,710**

This project provides funding for inspection/enforcement staff services to low/mod income areas for zoning ordinance infractions and to provide support for neighborhood clean-up efforts.

National Objective:	Low and Moderate-Income Benefit
Location:	Low/Mod Residential Areas
Proposed Accomplishments:	45 Housing Units
Objective/Outcome:	Decent Housing/Sustainability (DH3)

Vacant/Abandoned Building Inspection **\$4,373**

This project provides funding for part-time inspection staff to ensure sustained code compliance in vacant and abandoned buildings in low/mod income areas.

National Objective:	Low and Moderate-Income Benefit
Location:	Low/Mod Residential Areas
Proposed Accomplishments:	25 Units
Objective/Outcome:	Decent Housing/Sustainability (DH3)

Grand Total: CDBG Funding Proposed for FY 2020 **\$1,335,181**