



## Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>June 13, 2022</b>	<b>Staff/Council Member(s):</b> <b>Luke Juday, Director</b> <b>Community Development</b> <b>Alisande Tombarge, Associate</b> <b>Planner</b>
<b>Agenda Item #</b>	8	
<b>Resolution#</b>		
<b>Department:</b>	<b>City Manager's Office/Planning Department</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>FY 2022 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development</b>	

**Background:** In 2013, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determined that the City of Waynesboro was eligible to receive annual funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Communities Program. In August 2014, the City Council adopted a five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans have since been adopted for CDBG Program funds. In 2019, the City adopted its second five-year Consolidated Plan.

Entitlement communities receive annual funding allocated according to a HUD formula which uses several objective measures of community needs, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding and age of housing. HUD awards grants to entitlement community grantees to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services. Waynesboro will receive \$187,537 in FY2022.

Entitlement communities develop their own programs and funding priorities. However, grantees must give priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A grantee may also carry out activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. Additionally, grantees may fund activities when the grantee certifies that the activities meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. CDBG funds may not be used for activities which do not meet these broad national objectives.

CDBG funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- neighborhood revitalization measures of varied types
- construction of public facilities and improvements serving low-to-moderate income areas, such as water and sewer facilities, storm water projects, park improvements,
- public services, within certain limits;
- revitalization activities in targeted business districts, such as streetscape measures and facade improvements.

In order to receive FY2022 funds, the City must develop a FY22 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for specific housing, non-housing and community development activities. The City is working to draft these documents, which will be available for public comment from June 22-July 22, 2022, and advertised on the City's website. In accordance with Federal guidelines, the City's Consolidated Plan is guided by three overarching goals:

- 1) To provide a suitable living environment through safer more livable neighborhoods, greater integration of low- and moderate- income residents throughout the City, increased housing opportunities and reinvestment in deteriorating neighborhoods.
- 2) To provide decent housing by preserving the affordable housing stock, increasing the availability of affordable housing, reducing discriminatory barriers, increasing the supply of supportive housing for those with special needs, and transitioning homeless families into housing.
- 3) To expand economic opportunities through more jobs paying self-sufficient wages, homeownership opportunities, development activities that promote long-term community viability, and the empowerment of low-and moderate-income persons to achieve self-sufficiency.

The purpose of tonight's hearing is to solicit public input on the development of the AAP.

**City Manager's Recommendation:** No action is required tonight. A second public hearing will be held at City Council's July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to receive public comment on the draft FY2022 AAP. At its July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, City Council will be asked to adopt the FY2022 AAP. Further, Council will authorize the City Manager to submit both documents to HUD for their review and approval.

**Suggested Motion(s):** N/A

**Attachments:** LMI Map, Summary of Program Activities