



## Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>July 24, 2023</b>	<b>Staff/Council Member(s):</b>
<b>Agenda Item #</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Leslie Tate, Director of</b>
<b>Resolution#</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Community Development</b>
<b>Department:</b>	<b>Community Development Department</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Federal FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Communities Program Draft Annual Action Plan</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. Entitlement Communities receive annual funding allocated according to a HUD formula which uses objective measures of community needs, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding and age of the housing stock.

HUD awards grants to Entitlement Communities to carry out a wide range of activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved public facilities and services. While entitlement communities develop their own program and funding priorities, expenditures must be consistent with HUD's national objectives:

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.
- 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.

Each year the Council must adopt an Annual Action Plan (AAP) of specific program goals and expenditures. Waynesboro will receive approximately \$172,162 in FY 2023 (Federal Fiscal Year). In addition, amendments from FY 2018, 2020 and 2021 will reallocate \$158,759.26 to the FY 2023 allocation's proposed project. Proposed activities in the FY2023 Plan include the following:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CDBG FY 2023 Budget
Rosenwald Community Center accessibility projects: installation of an elevator inside the building and interior and exterior ramps. An ADA-accessible street crossing, including curb cuts, high visibility crosswalk markings, will be installed to ensure safe and accessible access to the center.	\$ 305,097.26
WARM Contribution	\$ 12,912
The LIFEworks Project – The Bread Basket	\$ 12,912
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 330,921.26</b>

**City Manager's Recommendation:** The FY 2023 CDBG Entitlement Communities Program Draft Annual Action Plan was put on display for public comment on June 22, 2023. At this time, City Council will need hold a public hearing to hear comments on the Draft FY 2023 AAP. City Council will vote to approve the plan at the July 24, 2023 meeting.

**Suggested Motion(s):** Consider adopting a resolution adopting the FY2023 CDBG Entitlement Communities Program Annual Action Plan.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. Draft FY2023 Annual Action Plan
3. LMI Map