

**City of Urbana
and
Urbana HOME Consortium**



**Proposed
CDBG Amendment
Annual Action Plan
FY 2014-2015**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CITY OF URBANA & URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM
FY 2014-2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

The City of Urbana proposes to amend the City of Urbana’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program budget in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan. A reduction in CDBG funds for various uses and transfer of carryover funds from various programs from the City of Urbana’s allocation of CDBG funds is proposed to allow for additional funds to be dedicated to infrastructure improvements at the site of Highland Green, the former Kerr Avenue Sustainable Development. These funds will be provided to the development team and will be supplemented by HOME funds to total \$500,000 in assistance.

CITY OF URBANA PROPOSED CDBG AMENDMENT:

<u>CDBG Budget Item</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed Amended</u>
Program Delivery	\$109,867.00	\$61,297.00
Emergency/Access	\$60,000.00	\$35,000.00
Senior Repair Service	\$15,000.00	\$14,000.00
Acquisition/Demolition/New Construction (c.o.)	\$59,512.00	-0-
City Infrastructure (c.o.)	\$17,000.00	-0-
Neighborhood Streetlights (c.o.)	\$10,000.00	-0-
Lanore/Adams/Fairlawn Multi-Use Path (c.o.)	\$16,021.00	-0-
TOTAL CHANGE (DECREASE)		\$177,103.00
 Capital Improvement Projects		
– Kerr Avenue Sustainable Development	\$31,317.00	\$208,420.00
TOTAL CHANGE (INCREASE)		\$177,103.00

Following is the CDBG Program language and/or budget changes for the FY 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan found on pages 28-33:

1. ADMINISTRATION (FY 2014-2015)

b. Affordable Housing Program

Program Delivery

Personnel

~~\$109,867.00~~ **\$61,297.00**

Citation - [24 CFR 570.202(b)(9)]

Environmental - EXEMPT

2. NEW FUNDING ACTIVITIES

a. Housing Activities (FY 2014-2015):

1. Emergency Grant and Access Grant

Funds will be contributed toward two programs:

- Emergency Grants provide repairs necessary to alleviate hazardous conditions, which pose a threat to the health and safety of a homeowner. Homeowners earning less than 50% of the Median Family Income for Champaign County are eligible for the Emergency Grant Program.
- Access Grants provide general improvements necessary to remove barriers to accessibility by persons with disabilities. The Access Grant Program is available for renters or homeowners who earn less than 80% of Median Family Income.

All programs are available citywide and will be accomplished through contractual arrangements.

~~\$60,000.00~~ **\$35,000.00**

Goal 3, Strategy 1; Goal 3, Strategy 2; Goal 7, Strategy 2

Citation - [24 CFR 570.202(a)(1)], [24 CFR 570.202(b)(10) & (11)]

Environmental – Emergency Grants (EXEMPT); Access Grant (CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED, CONVERTED TO EXEMPT)

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or provide lead safe housing and making housing accessible to persons with disabilities.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.

Outcome Indicators: Number of owner-occupied households assisted with incomes at or below 50% MFI. Number of households (persons with disabilities) assisted with incomes at or below 80%.

1. Urbana Senior Repair Service

Funds will be contributed to a citywide home maintenance repair program for very low-income homeowners 62 years old or older and for very low-income homeowners with disabilities (any age). Household income must be less than 50% of the Median Family Income as established annually by HUD.

~~\$15,000.00~~ **\$14,000.00**

Goal 3, Strategy 1

Citation - [24 CFR 570.202(a)(1) & (b)(10)]

Environmental - EXEMPT

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or provide lead safe housing, and housing accessible to persons with disabilities. All recipients of assistance must have household incomes below 50% of the area median.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.

Outcome Indicators: Number of rehabilitated owner-occupied units with household incomes at or below 50% MFI.

3. CARRYOVER ACTIVITIES (ESTIMATED)

a. Housing Activities

1. Property Acquisition in Support of New Construction and Relocation/ Clearance/Disposition Activities (FY13-14)

Funds will be allocated for the purchase and maintenance of properties and structures primarily in Census Tracts 53, 54, 55, and 56 Block Group 1. Projects and utilization of the properties may include the following:

- Donation to non-profit housing developers to build affordable housing.
- City sponsored rehabilitation and re-sale to qualified homebuyers.
- Donation to other organizations to support CDBG-eligible programs.

Funds may also be used for the purchase of homes previously assisted with Urbana CDBG or HOME Consortium funds subject to possible foreclosure or related events that jeopardize the project benefit to low/moderate income persons. Lots will be cleared of substandard structures, vegetation or debris as needed. The Federal Uniform Relocation Act will govern any necessary relocation activities. Properties may also be acquired and cleared for blight abatement purposes only. City owned properties for the program will be properly maintained.

~~\$59,512 (estimated)~~ **\$0.00**

Goal 1, Strategy 1; Goal 9, Strategy 1; Goal 9, Strategy 2

Citation - [24 CFR 570.201(a)(b)(d)(f)(1)(ii)&(i)]

Environmental - ASSESSMENT

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by creating or maintaining affordable housing opportunities for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of rehabilitated owner-occupied units with household incomes at or below 80% MFI. Number of parcels donated to CHDOs and non-profits for affordable housing development.

b. Public Facilities and Improvements

1. Capital Improvement Projects - Kerr Ave. Sustainable Development

Funds will to be used towards installation of infrastructure at the Kerr Avenue sustainable, affordable housing development.

~~\$31,317~~ **\$208,420.00**

Goal 8, Strategy 1; Goal 8, Strategy 2

Citation - [24 CFR 92.205(a)(1)]

Environmental – ASSESSMENT

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing infrastructure access to owner-occupied households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median.

Outcomes: Accessibility for the purpose of providing a suitable living environment

Outcome Indicators: Number of households in targeted area with incomes at or below 80% MFI with improved access to public infrastructure.

2. CITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Funds will be used toward the construction or reconstruction of City infrastructure in one or more of the following projects in the City's Target areas:

Neighborhood Sidewalks: Division (Oakland-Thompson)
Neighborhood Sidewalks: Busey (south of Sunset) CT 54
Division Street Reconstruction (South of Kerr)
Kerr Project Subdivision Infrastructure CT 54

~~\$17,000 (estimated)~~ **\$0.00**

Goal 8, Strategy 1; Goal 8, Strategy 2

Citation - [24 CFR 92.205(a)(1)]

Environmental – ASSESSMENT

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing infrastructure access to owner-occupied households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median.

Outcomes: Accessibility for the purpose of providing a suitable living environment

Outcome Indicators: Number of households in targeted area with incomes at or below 80% MFI with improved access to public infrastructure.

3. Neighborhood Streetlight Construction

Funds are proposed to be used to construct new streetlights or reconstruct existing streetlights in target area neighborhoods.

~~\$10,000 (estimated)~~ **\$0.00**

Goal 8, Strategy 1; Goal 8, Strategy 2

Citation - [24 CFR 92.205(a)(1)]

Environmental – ASSESSMENT

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing infrastructure access to owner-occupied households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median.

Outcomes: Accessibility for the purpose of providing a suitable living environment

Outcome Indicators: Number of households in targeted area with incomes at or below 80% MFI with improved access to public infrastructure.

4. Lanore/Adams/Fairlawn Multi-Use Path Project

Funds will be used to construct a concrete sidewalk, new pedestrian lights, and landscaping for a multi-use path located in Census Tract 56, Block 1.

~~\$16,021~~ **\$0.00**

Goal 8, Strategy 1; Goal 8, Strategy 2

Citation - [24 CFR 92.205(a)(1)]

Environmental – ASSESSMENT

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing infrastructure access to owner-occupied households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median.

Outcomes: Accessibility for the purpose of providing a suitable living environment

Outcome Indicators: Number of households in targeted area with incomes at or below 80% MFI with improved access to public infrastructure.