

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

Multnomah County is pleased to submit the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for its CDBG allocation for the second year of the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan of our Consortium. Our Consortium is comprised of Multnomah County, the City of Gresham, and the City of Portland, Oregon.

This report describes the progress made by Multnomah County from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, towards the goals set out in the Consolidated Plan. The County 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation was \$314,157.00. Highlights of accomplishments in each of the project categories are described throughout this report and include how the projects benefitted low- and moderate-income residents of the geography served by the Multnomah County grant. The 2023-24 CAPER demonstrates how Multnomah County met the regulatory requirements of HUD's CDBG program by detailing project goal accomplishments, data outcome tables, and documentation of resources allocated.

The Multnomah County CDBG entitlement area consists of the small cities in East Multnomah County as follows: Fairview, Maywood Park, Troutdale, and Wood Village - as well as unincorporated areas within the county.

Funded project categories include Public Facilities and Improvements, Housing Rehabilitation, Public Services, Fair Housing, and Administration. All projects aim to further the goals outlined in the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and are directly tied to the priorities of Multnomah County's 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan.

Currently, only the cities of Fairview and Wood Village qualify by population areas to receive funding for public facilities improvement projects. However, residents within the entire jurisdictional area may receive the benefits of housing rehabilitation and public services based on having a low- and moderate-income.

Multnomah County continues its commitment to efficiently administer and utilize CDBG funds in the east Multnomah County area by soliciting and choosing projects that will best serve the low-moderate income residents. We value working with our community partners to meet the housing, social services, and public infrastructure needs of individuals and households that live in our CDBG entitlement area.

CDBG-CV

The CARES Act is a federal response to the declared COVID-19 pandemic. These funds were introduced in the 2019 Amended Annual Action Plan as CDBG-CV. Due to space limitations in this section, CDBG-CV projects and activities carried out during 2023-24 that are linked to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan are described at the end of the CR-05 under "Projects Linked to the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan".

Two CDBG-CV funded rent assistance projects from the 2019-20 Annual Action Plan continued into the 2023-24 fiscal year. These programs did not pull into the table because they are part of the previous 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and those rental assistance programs assisted 57 households.

For PY2023 the non profit carrying out CDBG-CV is Latino Network and demographics for those community members assisted with CDBG-CV funds are summarized in the CR-10.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Increase and preserve affordable housing choice	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	
Increase and preserve affordable housing choice	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	10	2	20.00%	2	0	0.00%
Increase and preserve affordable housing choice	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	135	79	58.52%	29	26	89.66%
Infrastructure, employment, and anti-poverty	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	2500	10755	430.20%	97	0	0.00%

Infrastructure, employment, and anti-poverty	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
Reduce homelessness and increase stability	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	435	351	80.69%	90	158	175.56%
Reduce homelessness and increase stability	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	
Reduce homelessness and increase stability	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0		0	0	

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan,

giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

For the activities funded in fiscal year 2023-24, grant dollars were allocated in the proximity of the percentage guidelines shown below.

Public Facilities & Improvements - 25%

Public Services - 15%

Housing Rehab - 40%

Administration - 20%

Funding priorities are made by the Multnomah County Policy Advisory Board, based on the information provided by Community Need Hearing each year. The hearing for the 2023-24 planning was conducted in November 16, 2023. The meeting was conducted in person at a local Multnomah County building with access to walking, busing or driving to the location. The 2023-24 CAPER is the third year in the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan. Overall Multnomah County has made good progress towards Con Plan goals.

Activity Accomplishment Details - Goal 3

Goal 3: Infrastructure, Facilities, and Economic Opportunities City of Fairview- NE Lincoln St between 7th St and East of 6th St (\$80,000): Installation of sidewalks in the City's Old Town Neighborhood, with a focus on those areas where pedestrian sidewalks were inadequate and a safety concern. This sidewalk infill project will improve accessibility for all residents of City of Fairview. This project will use other local funds of \$105,000 to leverage the completion of these sidewalks. The total number of unduplicated persons/households from Multnomah County service area directly served by project, below 80% MFI (includes those below 50% MFI: 97 residents. Activities Linked to Prior Con Plan Two rent assistance projects linked to the 2019-20 Annual Action Plan continued into the 2022-23 fiscal year. These programs did not pull into the table because they are linked to a previous 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan. Those assisted with CDBG-CV funds are summarized in the PR-10.

Activity Accomplishment Details - Goal 2

Goal 2: Reduce Homelessness & Increase Stability Public Service Sub-recipients: Three agencies provided Public Services to LMI residents in East Multnomah County, serving 158 individuals. All sub-recipients developed new tools, materials and resources in the 2023-24 program year to continue to serve the community and promote stability while responding to the pandemic. Some of the pandemic-related changes have made services increasingly accessible for those who face barriers to participating in person (transportation, schedules, etc.); those changes will be sustained in the future. 1.Community Energy Project (\$10,615): CEP Do-It Yourself Weatherization & Energy Education Workshops provided education and training in low-cost, small measure weatherization techniques and free materials to low-income residents in East Multnomah County. Fifteen (15) households participated in workshops and received free materials to weatherize their homes. Energy education classes enable LMI homeowners and renters to take energy-saving measures in future years to both reduce utility expenses and make their homes more energy efficient. 2.Community Alliance of Tenants (\$13,552): Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT) served 51 renters in East Multnomah County on the Renters' Rights Hotline, the annual goal was 3 workshops to serve up to 45 individuals and 30 individuals to receive council via their hotline call line. CAT met their goal of up to 3 presentations for the year. CAT reached close to 2,000 people through 3 renters rights presentations. CAT tabled at MHCC Head Start & East County Community Health Resource & Health Fair that had a few hundred people in attendance. CAT provided tenant information such as fair housing law, lead poisoning prevention, and the importance of documentation in English and Spanish. CAT continued to update content to reflect changing laws and collaborate with Legal Aid Services of Oregon. 3.Human Solutions, Inc. (\$29,131): The Willow Tree Program provided safe, stable, long-term housing and intensive services to 34 extremely low-income homeless individuals and 7 low income individuals. A total of 41 individuals facing significant barriers to housing stability and income self-sufficiency. All Willow Tree participants work with a Family Advocate and have additional support from client assistance funds to achieve their goals of stabilizing their housing, increasing their income, and providing a safe and supportive home environment to their children.

Activity Accomplishment Details - Goal 1

Goal 1: Increase & Preserve Affordable Housing Choice Housing Rehabilitation Sub-recipient: Unlimited Choices, Inc. provided its Adapt-A-Home and Mend-A-Home programs to 26 households of the projected 31. They fully expended the allocation; the lower number of homes repaired or adapted reflects the increase in the cost of supplies and labor in the current market. UC continued to follow the protocols they developed early in the pandemic to keep recipients, contractors and staff safe.1.Adapt-A-Home (\$57,855): Addresses the accessible housing needs for low-income people with physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, sensory disabilities and the frail elderly. AAH assists these individuals in making their home/apartment accessible by working with qualified building contractors. These accessible units will be available in the community for others with physical disabilities or mobility impairments. Rehabilitative work includes shower/tub access; installation of grab bars, raised toilets, ramps and walker steps, outside handrails, etc. 13 households served. 2.Mend-A-Home (\$88,662): Addresses housing rehabilitation needs by providing critical home repair to certain elements of housing units that are in urgent need. Critical home repair is often

outside the budget of low-income households. Repairs include repairs to roofs, gutters, plumbing, electrical, structural, or anything deemed essential to the health and safety of the homeowners, such as broken doors and/or windows, etc. 18 households served.

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CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

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	CDBG
White	62
Black or African American	28
Asian	2
American Indian or American Native	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	96
Hispanic	52
Not Hispanic	106

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

Multnomah County's CDBG Program serves a variety of racial and ethnic diversity in its programs. Multnomah County's subrecipient agencies for Housing Rehabilitation and Public Services record income and demographic information on all individuals who receive services provided with CDBG funds. Quarterly reports on income and demographic information are required for all subrecipient agencies. These quarterly reports by county staff and data are reviewed upon submission and during the yearly program monitoring process.

As of the 2020 census, the county's population was 815,428. According to the most recent U.S. Census estimates, Multnomah County's racial/ethnic composition is 78.6% White, 8.2% Asian, 6% African American, 1.5% Native American, .7% Pacific Islander and 5% "Other" or Two or More Races. Of this population, 12.7% identify as Hispanic or Latino. It is estimated Multnomah County is home to 795,083 residents. According to the most recent census data City of Troutdale has a population of 15,686 residents, Fairview has a population of 10,768 residents, City of Wood Village has a population of 4,775 residents, and Maywood Park has a population of 809 residents.

The table above only includes CDBG funded activities in the 2023-24 Annual Action Plan that serve individuals in the race categories listed. Activities that serve households do not populate in the table and some ethnicities are not represented in the table, resulting in a smaller number served displaying. The CDBG-CV accomplishments and any accomplishments linked to a previous Annual Action

Plan were also removed from this table so that it reflects 2023-24 CDBG funded projects only. A total of 158 individuals were assisted through public services with CDBG funds for 2023-24, of those individuals 52 identified as Hispanic.

*Note: We were unable to add content for racial groups that were served, but whose racial demographic was not included on the above table. Although this information is captured in IDIS it does not report in the CAPER data.

The above data table with the representation of 96 individuals does not include individuals who identified as:

Asian & White = 1

American Indian/Alaska Native = 4

Black/African-American & White = 1

Other Multi-Racial = 56

Brining our total to 158 individuals served with CDBG public services funding.

CDBG-CV for PY2023

The attached table below includes all racial and ethnic categories for CDBG-CV funded activities that are under Action Plan 2019-20 and includes accomplishments for activities serving households. The two subgrantees that carried out the Covid-19 rent and utility assistance during 2019-2020 was Human Solutions (dba Our Just Future) and El Programa Hispano Catolico. For PY2022 and PY2023 the subgrantee that carried out the CDBG-CV activities was Latino Network. For PY2023 these emergency rent assistance and utility funds assisted 46 total individuals, with 34 identifying as Hispanic or Latinx/e with a total funding of \$131,689. It is highly likely that PY2024 will be Latino Network's last year carrying out the remaining of the CDBG-CV funding of \$32,389.00.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	323,150	243,026

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Multnomah County's CDBG program serves county residents of the cities of Troutdale, Wood Village, Maywood Park, and Fairview as well as those living in the unincorporated areas of the county. 100% of the allocation served the target area and benefited residents of the area, as planned. (Note: the table above did not populate from IDIS and so we have included the information in this narrative. Please note 80% of the allocation is for programming and 20% is for administration to carryout the projects by staff.

Housing Rehabilitation and Public Services to residents of the entitlement area were based on household income eligibility. The planned Public Facilities project in 2023 was located in the City of Fairview. The City of Fairview is currently completing the archaeology cultural survey report to submit to SHPO and THPO this Fall to complete the Environmental Review process and beging the project. This project is estimated to directly benefit 97 local residents low and moderate income persons/households living in the area.

All public facilities and infrastructure projects in the other cities in the Multnomah County CDBG Consortium will be much more limited and likely require resident surveys in order to qualify doe CDBG Area Benefit funding.

We are able to offer Housing Rehabilitation and Public Services to residents of entire entitlement area based on household income eligibility.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

CDBG-CV

Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds are being used for rent and utility

assistance for those negatively impacted by Covid-19. During our most recent Community Needs Hearing the community addressed the need to keep residents' housed and address the housing crisis. Multnomah County received \$405,672 from rounds one and three. Round one funding (\$179,666) and round three funding (\$226,006) are both programmed to support with rent and utility assistance. Multnomah County rent and utility assistance is being provided to qualified tenants throughout the county in areas of City of Wood Village, Fairview, Troutdale Maywood Park and other unincorporated areas. For PY2023, the program assisted 46 households with \$131,689.00. The remaining \$32,389.00 is programmed to continue the efforts of rent and utility assistance with assertive engagement and culturally specific assistance to stabilize housing for families and prevent evictions. For PY2024, Latino Network Inc will continue to spend down the remaining funds of CDBG-CV. Of the total 46 served, 37 persons/households were Extremely-low Income, 5 were Low-Moderate Income, 3 were Moderate Income and 1 were Non-Low Moderate Income.

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Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

The Multnomah County project application requires that applicants list other resources as they develop project applications. Of the \$323,149.99 CDBG PY2023 allocation it is estimated that the subgrantees leverage \$2.2 million dollars in private, state and local funds; other sources are in-kind services. During the application scoring process, applicants are awarded “points” for providing leverage funds for their project. Followed by review and approval of the Multnomah County CDBG Policy Advisory Board.

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CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	31	26
Total	31	26

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	31	26
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	31	26

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

Our subrecipient fully expended the allocations for rehab projects and achieved 26 of the anticipated 31 households to be served. The subrecipient continued to follow the protocols they developed early in the pandemic to keep recipients, contractors and staff safe. Due to a rise in construction materials and labor the organization fell short 5 households from reaching their goal.

Unlimited Choices completed a total 26 of the 31 projected housing rehabilitation projects. Below are descriptions of the Adapt A Home and Mend A Home accomplishments.

Non homeless rehabilitation completed 15 of the 18 critical home repair projects for low/moderate income homeowners in Multnomah County. We completed 15 critical home repair projects for low/moderate income homeowners in Multnomah County, which is 83% of their annual goal and 66% of the clients this year had household incomes of less than 30% adjusted median family income. Also, 60% of clients reported at least one disability or mobility impairment. The average median family income this year was 22.69% and 46% of clients served self-reported as belonging to communities of color. It important to note that 60% of clients needing critical home repair this program year were seniors in critical needs of repairs. Projects this year focused on repairing roofs, electrical systems, plumbing systems, porches/steps and floors. The average project cost this year was \$3,743, which is a 10% increase from last program year.

For special needs rehabilitation of existing projects they completed 11 of the 13 accessibility modification projects for residents of Multnomah County this year, which is 84% of their annual goal. Projects focused on bathroom safety and independence, and safe egress, 90% of clients served this year were seniors with mobility impairments. The average median family income (MFI) this year was 3.07% (AGI) and 100% of households served this year had incomes less than 30% MFI. It's important to note that 9% of clients self-reported as belonging to communities of color. The average project cost this year was \$3,502.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

This year our Consortium is looking at ways to prioritize goals and funding resources with particular emphasis on deeply affordable housing, and housing for people who are homeless or have special needs as well as solicited input from a wide array of stakeholders, including those experiencing housing instability, unsafe living conditions, unemployment and other issues related to their stability and prosperity. Multnomah County's Policy Advisory Board (PAB) specifically prioritizes CDBG projects that address the housing affordability crisis in East Multnomah County (the geography of our entitlement grant).

The outcomes in future will continue to be driven by evolving community needs, public feedback, and expert and advisory bodies insights on needs and strategies. So, any changes that are made to projects/activities in the future action plans, will in fact be driven by local needs. It is noteworthy that the Portland Consortium is beginning a strategic plan period with the adoption of the Consolidated Plan 2021-25 and the outcomes of all associated action plans will be guided by the priority needs and goals stipulated in the aforementioned Con Plan. Notably, affordable housing, addressing homelessness, and promoting community development continue to be the high priority needs of the Portland Consortium.

Affordable housing continues to experience challenges that include increased supply availability and inflation cost of construction materials, impacting the total project cost per household. The subrecipients continues to see an increasing need for accessibility modification, as more seniors age in place, as well as younger people with disabilities. They currently have a waiting list and continue to accept applications for this program. About 40% of requests received are for roof repair, as insurance companies continue to threaten policy cancellation without needed roof repair. Non homeless rehabilitation projects have a waiting list for critical home repairs in Multnomah County is 18 additional households at the end of PY2023. Multnomah County takes into consideration this growing wait list for those waiting to receive services and holds a discussion with the PAB members during the Annual Action Plan hearing about allocating any additional funds to this housing rehabilitation activity when there are unspent funds to allocate from previous years.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	21	0
Low-income	3	0
Moderate-income	2	0
Total	26	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

Income data above is for the households served through Rehab of Existing Units only. Overall, the income data for all the projects in CR-05 that require income by family size is 158 total; 111 of those being Extremely Low-income, 26 being Low-income, 17 Moderate-income. Four households served by the Community Alliance of Tenants self reported being over 80% AMI. See chart attached.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

Actions taken to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

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CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

The State of Oregon requires that all city and county jurisdictions complete a local comprehensive plan to ensure their policies and practices reflect Oregon's statewide Land Use goals. State law requires each city and county to adopt a comprehensive plan and the zoning and land-division ordinances needed to put the plan into effect. Zoning ordinances, fees and charges, tax policies, growth boundaries, and investment policies are included in each jurisdiction's comprehensive plan. The state evaluates and approves all comprehensive plans to ensure that there are no regulatory barriers to affordable housing development.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners in February 2024, approved a set of policies to offer tax breaks to apartment developers, a move intended to remove barriers to constructing affordable housing throughout the city; this approval will be offering tax breaks and making zoning requirements easier to attain.

Multnomah County regulates and manages the use of land in the unincorporated portions of the County. The County does this through a variety of processes, including:

Implements state policy and laws and furthers local planning goals by maintaining, updating and applying County land use policies, standards and regulations in its zoning codes and this Comprehensive Plan.

Reviews development and land use proposals and helps applicants to navigate the application process.

Coordinates with Metro and other local jurisdictions in regional growth management efforts, including maintenance of the regional urban growth boundary.

Coordinates land use and transportation planning efforts in rural areas including planning for farm and forest lands and natural resource management and protection.

The policies contained in this chapter, as well as all chapters in this Plan, establish the legislative policy basis for the County's land use planning program. The program is implemented primarily through application of the County's Zoning Code, regulatory maps, and development permitting application and approval procedures.

In addition, these policies establish important criteria to be used when initiating regulatory changes or

reviewing and developing code, map, and policy amendments.

The Multnomah County CDBG Consortium also works with our regional government agency, Metro, to ensure the production of affordable housing throughout the Portland metropolitan area. Metro provides region-wide (Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties) planning and coordination to management growth, infrastructure, and development issues that cross-jurisdictional boundaries.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Multnomah County CDBG Consortium works with regional partners, including WorkSystems, Inc., to ensure that economic development and workforce initiatives extend to residents of East County. The importance of developing and maintaining viable urban communities has been acknowledged on national, regional, and local levels. Investment in maintaining, restoring, and revitalizing local neighborhoods helps to create a sense of place and pride in community, promotes economic development and reduces crime.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The Multnomah County CDBG program is in compliance with requirements of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Reduction Act. None of the programs or projects currently funded by Multnomah County provides in excess of \$5,000 in rehabilitation assistance per residence.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Emergency Payments for Rental Assistance in Coronavirus Responses follows the Lead Safe Housing Rule (LSHR) requirements. These requirements apply to CDBG-funded rental assistance payments for pre-1978 units where children under age six or pregnant women reside. The requirements of (visual assessment, paint stabilization, and maintenance) do not apply for emergency rental assistance limited to 100 days. The 100-day emergency grace period starts at the time of the first payment. If the emergency assistance period is expected to exceed 100 days, a visual lead-based paint inspection is required.

Multnomah County complies with federal regulations and continues to work towards increasing small Lead Based Paint contractors by building their capacity through education and safe work practices. The City of Portland has successfully administered three HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grants, providing \$17 million dollars in lead hazard reductions assistant to over 1,800 low-income households (protecting over 3,000 children from lead poisoning) since 1998.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The cities of Troutdale, Wood Village, Fairview, and Maywood Park have all experienced significant population growth since 2000. Portland's gentrification over the past decade has displaced thousands

of low-income households to East County [See Attachment C]. This is reflected in the growing number of East County residents who are experiencing poverty. Poverty rates for two of the Multnomah County CDBG Consortium jurisdictions exceed the countywide average of 17% poverty rate – Wood Village (32%) and Fairview (18%). Troutdale (15%) and Maywood Park (8%) have poverty rates below the average. Multnomah County partners with WorkSystems, Inc. to provide employment supports for individuals and families. The SUN Service system also offers social services, case management, and employment supports to prevent homelessness and assist households that are homeless.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Multnomah County's CDBG Consortium works to provide services to the residents of East County. Multnomah has also developed and manages the SUN Service System which provides comprehensive housing, social services, and educational supports to low-income families throughout the county. The SUN Service System contracts with non-profit agencies to provide housing and social services supports for children, youth, and families to ensure educational success. Two of Multnomah County's CDBG provider agencies are also SUN providers – Human Solutions, Inc. and El Programa Hispano Catolico. The SUN Service System is funded through a combination of the county general fund, Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), City of Portland general fund, private foundation funds, and other state/federal grants. Finally, Multnomah County uses the HMIS data system to collect and analyze information related to services and supports offered through its SUN Services System.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Multnomah County is an active member of the Continuum of Care (CoC), A Home for Everyone, and contributes both staff and funding resources to the CoC. The county also supports the participation of community members and providers in CoC planning initiatives. In addition, the SUN Service System and its component program, Multnomah Stability Initiative (MSI), provide services to low-income families in nearly all the county's school districts. The SUN Service System model is based on building collaborations between school districts and non-profit providers to ensure educational success for low-income children and youth and family stability. MSI provides support to families and households to achieve and maintain stability, using Assertive Engagement and trauma informed practices and client assistance resources. Rent assistance is provided through aligned resources administered by Home Forward and the Short Term Rent Assistance network. Multnomah County and the City of Gresham have both been instrumental in sponsoring the work of the East County Issue Forum, which is a community-wide initiative that links, coordinates, and advocates for housing and social services supports for the low- and moderate-income residents of East County. Three East County school districts are involved in the effort – Reynolds, Gresham-Barlow, and Centennial.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

Multnomah County staff participated on the Fair Housing Advocacy Committee convened by City of Portland Housing Bureau. Staff were also active in the Regional Fair Housing meetings.

In response to impediments specifically for renters, Multnomah County undertook a Renter Relations Project in 2018-19 to establish and inform its role in the local housing crisis. The Project took an in-depth look at how the current housing crisis has been shaped by Oregon's exclusionary housing laws and systematic barriers, such as socioeconomic disparities and gentrification. The focus was to explore the impacts of homelessness, discrimination, and no-cause evictions on BIPOC communities and offer recommendations to improve the experience of renters within those communities. The project included several phases including a multi-tiered discovery and research process including:

Initial data and information gathering about housing, income and the racial wealth gap, Observation of current climate and processes for outreach and program development, Catalogue of current renter relationships and protections in the County, Community Advisory Sessions, Renter Relations Survey, Research into promising and effective programs and models. In December 2019, the Renter Relations Project report was completed. The report shared findings that helped better understand the experience of renters in the County and impediments to their stability, and offered recommendations for actions and programs to address these impediments. A number of the report's recommendations have been implemented in response to the eviction crisis precipitated by COVID-19. In addition, the County identified ARPA funding to implement a peer support program for tenants in 2023-24.

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CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

This year Multnomah County resumed in person program monitoring in February, March and April and completed all inspections by the due date of June 30, 2024. Monitoring of CDBG funded projects that include Public Services and Housing Rehabilitation involves on-site contacts, telephone, and e-mail using checklists and other tools to ensure compliance of federal requirements. Contracts, which outline requirements, are signed and in place before work begins. Technical assistance regarding federal regulation is offered as projects begin and are conducted throughout the year. Originals of all monitoring files and correspondence are on file in the Youth & Family Services Division Office. Monitoring is scheduled when approximately 50 percent of the grant was drawn down by the recipient. Typically every 3 years Multnomah County would conduct a more in-depth monitoring for subrecipients that are high risk but due to the pandemic in 2019 all subrecipients had not had in depth monitoring. For that reason in PY2023 all sub recipients had in person monitoring. Sub recipients must maintain files and records that relate to the overall administration of the CDBG program. Project file review determines that invoices and documentation are in place. These records will include the following files:

Application, program descriptions, certifications, etc.;

Invoices;

Client intake forms;

Client Income verification reviews;

Executed grant agreement;

Description, geographic location and budget of each funded activity;

Eligibility and national objective determinations for each activity;

Personnel files;

Organization Chart;

Property management files;

HUD and Multnomah County monitoring correspondence;

Citizen participation compliance documentation;

Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity records;

Environmental review records; and

Documentation of compliance with other Federal requirements (e.g., Davis-Bacon, Sam.Gov and Lead-Based Paint HUD certifications).

Multnomah County monitored all of its CDBG projects where any findings and concerns were found to be minimal. A report which summarizes the results of the monitoring visit and any corrective actions if deemed necessary was shared with the subgrantees within 30 days of the monitoring visit. And any findings and concerns were fully addressed by the applicable subgrantees as recorded in the findings closing letter. Quarterly reporting is mandatory for all ongoing projects to determine that projects are on schedule and in compliance.

Public Facilities project monitoring, when conducted, includes completion of environmental review before work begins. Subcontractors are informed and made familiar with the grant regulations including Federal and State Labor Standards, Davis-Bacon regulations, payroll submission, and timeliness of project completion at pre construction meetings. All payrolls from construction employees are submitted, reviewed under state labor wage standards and approved before payment is authorized. When possible, site visits are made as work is in process and upon completion of projects. Projects are also reviewed for contract procurements standards soliciting M/WBE bids and bidding publication.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

The Citizen Participation Plan included in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan is the framework we use to solicit public comment, as well as to provide guidance on our response to citizens' comments on our programs throughout the year. This includes two hearings: one coordinated by Multnomah County and the City of Gresham for areas outside the City of Portland (our entitlement area) and one convened by the City of Portland. Multnomah County is committed to providing meaningful access. The public was able to request childcare, translation, interpretation, modifications, accommodations, or other auxiliary aids or

services, by calling or by sending an email to the CDBG coordinator three days prior to the meeting. CDBG staff speak Spanish and have access to interpretation services in over 100 languages for hearings.

The goals and purpose of the Citizen Participation Plan is to encourage residents, agencies, and other interested parties to participate in the development of our 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans and to comment on our accomplishments. We encourage feedback from our citizens in order to improve our efforts to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing, improved community facilities and infrastructure, needed human services and expanded economic opportunities, that all work toward revitalizing our neighborhoods and improving our living environment.

Multnomah County prepared the CAPER for the program year from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The CAPER includes attached CDBG reports generated by HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS). Public comments regarding Multnomah County's PY2023 CAPER were received through written submissions in response to posting of the opportunity for public comment. The draft Program Year 2023 CAPER required 15 day comment period was held from September 9 through September 25, 2024. The notice was made available to the public through the Multnomah County's DCHS' Youth & Family Services Division website (<https://www.multco.us/cdbg>) and the Gresham Outlook on September 9, 2024. The Multnomah County website translates into over 80 languages including the most common languages spoken in the county: Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Arabic, Somali. The website also includes the County's Notice of Non-Discrimination and access information for people who need language interpretation or have a disability. CDBG staff speak Spanish and have access to interpretation services 24/7 to support connection with citizens who are non-Native English speakers.

The public notice included the address of DCHS' Youth & Family Services Division, staff contact, mailing address, and phone number to allow the public multiple ways to direct questions or comments. No comments were received during the comment period. Surveys were offered in Spanish and English.

The posting on the County's webpage and any community input on the 2023-24 CAPER are included as an attached document (Attachment A) to the report. An affidavit of the publishing of the public notice in the Gresham Outlook is in Attachment B.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

There were no changes in program objectives in Annual Action Plan 2023-24, it is worth noting we had one subrecipient, El Programa Hispano complete their activities for PY2022 but decided not to renew their contract for the remaining Consolidated Plan. Multnomah County will continue the CDBG-CV program objectives until funding is exhausted. Multnomah County is considering additional program

amendments to further address those negatively impacted due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Multnomah County will be holding its Community Needs Hearing November 2024 and will gather community input as to what the community priority needs are. In addition, the continuing pandemic created or worsened staffing shortages, increased barriers to providing face-to-face service, especially for those needing English language translation, literacy challenges, mobility barriers, transportation access, access to technology, familiarity with navigating online platforms, and fear of public charge. Sub-grantees worked very hard to address those challenges, providing additional support to ensure all families received the support they needed in accessing emergency rent assistance services. Multnomah County is aware of the spend down priority for CDBG-CV and is continuing to work with the remaining sub-grantee to develop a more robust recruitment efforts and is examining ways to expand access to its residents in Fairview, Troutdale, Wood Village, Maywood Park and other unincorporated areas of Multnomah County for its Covid-19 emergency rent assistance funds. The County anticipates spending out and completing the activities within the 2023 program year. This year the sub-recipients who provided Covid-19 rent assistance relief were El Programa Hispano Catolico and Latino Network Inc. Multnomah County is committed to pursuing the CDBG-CV goals and objectives detailed in the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan. Overall Multnomah County continues to move forward with neighborhood revitalization, public facilities improvement, and infrastructure and efforts to improve and expand affordable housing opportunities for LMI residents and homeless individuals and families.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

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CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours					
Total Section 3 Worker Hours					
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours					

Table 8 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers					
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.					
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).					
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).					
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.					
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.					
Held one or more job fairs.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.					
Assisted residents with finding child care.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.					
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.					
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.					
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.					
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.					

Other.					
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Table 9 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

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