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.

The FFY2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) describes Howard County’s affordable housing and community development activities carried out over the past program year running from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The CAPER also provides a community a concise breakdown of the federal funds used for activities that were undertaken during the program year and an evaluation of the County’s progress of carrying out the goals and objectives as stated in the Five Year Consolidated Plan FFY 2020 - 2024. Howard County is designated as an entitlement jurisdiction for two funding programs administered by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program.

Over the past year, Howard County has worked to preserve and retain the affordable housing stock through housing rehabilitation projects, and to increase the availability of affordable permanent housing for persons with disabilities, special needs populations and low-income working families in our community. To encourage homeownership, Howard County is working with income eligible household move towards the goal of homeownership by providing access to down payment assistance, to make the home purchase more affordable.

To address the complex issues contributing to homelessness in our community, the public services activities helped to provide a multi-faceted network of programs and support services that prevent homelessness as often as possible and coordinates care for homeless individuals and families, so they may become self-sufficient as quickly as possible. In addition to these other activities, Howard County worked with two (2) of our nonprofit partners to provide needed rehabilitation to their facilities helping to preserve these programs that serve Howard County residents with disabilities.

CDBG-CV - Responding to the on-going pandemic, Howard County residents that had COVID-19 related job loss were able to access up to 6-months of rent or mortgage assistance to help the household avoid homelessness. Also, a local nonprofit that serves county residents with severe disabilities within a scattered-site residential program was able provide virtual services to these residents and to allow for staff meetings and safe social distancing to respond to COVID-19 building closure.
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.

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<th>Goal</th>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Source / Amount</th>
<th>Indicator</th>
<th>Unit of Measure</th>
<th>Expected – Strategic Plan</th>
<th>Actual – Strategic Plan</th>
<th>Percent Complete</th>
<th>Expected – Program Year</th>
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<td>Administration, Planning, and Management</td>
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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.

REPORTING NOTE: Please see - “FFY20 Project Descriptions and Outcomes that has been uploaded into IDIS for detailed project outcomes by activity names and IDIS numbers.

Howard County made good progress towards its Consolidated Plan goals over the last year:

- **Homeowner Rehabilitation:** The County assisted 15 homeowner units (CDBG)
- **Renter-Occupied Rehabilitation:** The County assisted 10 renter households (CDBG)
- **Special Needs Facilities & Improvement Rehabilitation:** The County assisted 2 units which serving person with severe disabilities (CDBG)
- **Homeless Housing Acquisition:** The County assisted 1 unit (CDBG)
- **First Time Homebuyer Assistance:** The County assisted 5 households (HOME)

During FFY2020, the County was able to rehabilitate fifteen (15) homeowner and ten (10) rental housing units, to increase safety and help preserve affordable housing for low-income families living in them.

CDBG was also used to create one (1) additional unit of homeless housing for homeless families coming through the Howard County Coordinated System of Homeless Services (CSHS) and are in need of affordable housing.

In addition, CDBG was used to rehabilitate two (2) public facilities to preserve access to programs for persons with severe disabilities. HOME Program funds were used to assist five (5) moderate-income families to achieve homeownership with downpayment and closing cost.
assistance.

Through CDBG public service funding; 36 households were diverted from homelessness through housing stabilization funding; 107 homeless individuals accessed critical social and support services for both the sheltered and unsheltered homeless; 24 households which were victims of domestic violence/human trafficking were provided safe sheltering after fleeing situations of violence.

CDBG-CV - Responding to the on-going pandemic 227 households, received short-term rent or mortgage payment for up to 6–months for low and moderate-income Howard County residents that had COVID-19 related job loss resulting in the household’s inability to pay their rent or mortgage. In addition, 73 individuals, with severe disabilities, residing in 32 scattered-site houses in a residential program were able to receive virtual services for each of the residents and allowed for staff meetings and safe social distancing to respond to COVID-19 building closure for safety and health reasons.
CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

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

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<td>Not Hispanic</td>
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Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

*PLEASE SEE TABLE AND NARRTIVES UPLODED IN CR-00 - ADMINISTRATION SCREEN FOR THIS SECTION ANSWER*
CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Source of Funds</th>
<th>Source</th>
<th>Resources Made Available</th>
<th>Amount Expended During Program Year</th>
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<td>CDBG</td>
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<td>HOME</td>
<td>public - federal</td>
<td>465,440</td>
<td>185,245</td>
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Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

During FFY2020, Howard County had $3,317,605.06 in available HUD funds. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation was $1,309,335 and $1,986,937.00 CDBG-CV funding. The County received $22,133.06 in Program Income (PI). The total amount of CDBG funding available was $2,072,583.59. The HOME Program allocation was $465,440. The County used $26,181.19 in HOME PI in FFY2020.

For FFY2020 the total expended in CDBG funding was $816,370.78, the total expended in CDBG-CV funding was $1,330,550.40 and the total expended in HOME funding was $185,245.22. Howard County spent a combined total of $2,332,166.40 in HUD funding on activities benefitting income-eligible, at-risk and vulnerable residents throughout the county.

One hundred percent of the CDBG and HOME Program expenditures benefitted income-eligible Howard County residents

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

<table>
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<th>Target Area</th>
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<th>Actual Percentage of Allocation</th>
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<td>Howard County Target Area</td>
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Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

One hundred percent of the CDBG and HOME Program expenditures benefitted income-eligible Howard County residents
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.

Howard County Government provides additional funding resources through Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), which supported the goals and outcomes of the CDBG and HOME Program activities. $3,004,000 was funded through Howard County’s Fiscal Year 2020 budget to continue support for the County’s Housing Initiative Loan Fund. In FFY2020 Howard County continued to provide funding to area non-profits through a funding application, the County’s MIHU Fee-In-Lieu Program, $400,000 further supported the goals set within the Consolidated Plan.

In addition, the County provides funding through its’ Community Service Partnerships Grant Program (CSP). This is a local, competitive grants program administered by the Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS). In FFY20, DCRS awarded $8,007,467 in CSP funding to local agencies, a portion of which supports the Plan to End Homelessness activities for the Continuum of Care (CoC), and the Coordinated System of Homeless Services (CSHS), the CoC’s coordinated assessment system.

As the Lead Agency for the CoC, DCRS also administers the following Federal and state grants:

- The Homelessness Solutions Program grant - The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Neighborhood Revitalization, administers the Homelessness Solutions Program (HSP). HSP brings together six different funding sources, including the State’s ESG Allocation, in order to provide one consolidated stream of funding for local Continuums of Care to address homelessness.
- The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funded by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Non-profits have utilized funds from private lenders to support HOME-assisted projects and the County’s only CHDO has used State Bond financing when acquiring properties to house low-income disabled persons.
### Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match

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<td>2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year</td>
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**Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report**
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<th>Cash (non-Federal sources)</th>
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<th>Appraised Land/Real Property</th>
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Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period

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<th>Amount received during reporting period $</th>
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Table 7 – Program Income
### Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period

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Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

### Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted

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Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property
**Relocation and Real Property Acquisition** – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition

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Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition
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.

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Table 11 – Number of Households

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Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

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

Howard County was successful in completing the following Affordable Housing goals for FFY2020:

- **Homeowner Rehabilitation**: The County assisted 15 homeowner units (CDBG)
- **Renter-Occupied Rehabilitation**: The County assisted 10 renter households (CDBG)
- **Homeless Housing Acquisition**: The County assisted 1 unit (CDBG)
- **First Time Homebuyer Assistance**: The County assisted 5 households (HOME)
• **Special Needs Facilities & Improvement Rehabilitation**: The County assisted 2 units which serving person with severe disabilities (CDBG)

During FFY2020, the County was able to rehabilitate fifteen (15) homeowner and ten (10) rental housing units, to increase safety and help preserve affordable housing for low-income families living in them.

CDBG was also used to create one (1) additional unit of homeless housing for homeless families coming through the Howard County Coordinated System of Homeless Services (CSHS) and are in need of affordable housing.

In addition, CDBG was used to rehabilitate two (2) public facilities to preserve access to programs for persons with severe disabilities. HOME Program funds were used to assist five (5) moderate-income families to achieve homeownership with downpayment and closing cost assistance.

Through CDBG public service funding; 36 households were diverted from homelessness through housing stabilization funding; 107 homeless individuals accessed critical social and support services for both the sheltered and unsheltered homeless; 24 households which were victims of domestic violence/human trafficking were provided safe sheltering after fleeing situations of violence.

CDBG-CV - Responding to the on-going pandemic 227 households, received short-term rent or mortgage payment for up to 6–months for low and moderate-income Howard County residents that had COVID-19 related job loss resulting in the household’s inability to pay their rent or mortgage. In addition, 73 individuals, with severe disabilities, residing in 32 scattered-site houses in a residential program were able to receive virtual services for each of the residents and allowed for staff meetings and safe social distancing to respond to COVID-19 building closure for safety and health reasons.

The County continues to experience a gap between its goals and outcomes between in one activity, the homeowner rehabilitation being done through FFY2019 Rebuilding Together came in below the anticipated 32 units receiving rehabilitation.

During this program year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor issued an Executive Order for the State of Maryland which requires residents to stay at home, and as a result of the pandemic Rebuilding Together services had to be shifted to respond to the crisis. This FFY2020 CDBG activity (Home Repairs) has been given an amended grant term to allow for a safe administration of these home repairs and will be performed during the period **July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022**.

**Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.**

Howard County does not anticipate future Annual Action Plans to be impacted by the current year’s outcomes. The County will continue to implement affordable housing programs in the most efficient and effective ways possible. The County is committed to creating and maintaining partnerships that will foster the creation of more affordable units in the future.
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.

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<th>Number of Households Served</th>
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Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

PLEASE SEE TABLE AND SEC 215 & WORST-CASE NEED NARRTIVES UPLODED IN CR-00 - ADMINISTRATION SCREEN FOR THIS SECTION ANSWER
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

Howard County adopted a local Plan to End Homelessness (PEH) in 2010 and updated the plan in February of 2020 known as The Path Home. The Path Home establishes strategic goals that will align resources and services within the homeless response system. The strategic goals will guide specific annual action plans. The goals and action plans will place emphasis on ensuring that the coordinated entry system includes necessary, appropriate, quality interventions and sufficient capacity to meet the needs of those presenting to the system. These interventions will be housing first and housing resources focused.

Howard County uses a Coordinated Entry System to meet the individualized needs of homeless persons. It utilizes the following four (4) steps:

1. Access through entry points known to the community. Accomplished by: hotline, prevention, safe house, and street outreach.
3. Prioritize specific and defined set of criteria. Accomplished by: By-Name list.
4. Refer connection to available resources. Accomplished by: prevention, shelter, case management, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Howard County’s Strategic Plan to End Homelessness’s Goal #2 is to ensure that every person experiencing homelessness in Howard County has access to immediate, safe, and appropriate shelter. An effective homeless response system includes immediate access to low-barrier emergency shelter coupled with skilled, engaged street outreach. The Coalition is committed to ensuring that no person is forced to sleep in a place not intended for human habitation or loses their life because of their homeless experience. The Coalition will provide continuous outreach to unsheltered homeless individuals who otherwise might not seek out services and ensures sufficient emergency shelter capacity to meet the needs of the community. Howard County intends to meet this goal by:

- Ensure adoption of a system-wide housing first approach by all Coalition members and eliminate policies and practices that do not embrace a housing first approach. This includes county residency requirements; participation in services; income requirements; and behavior requirements unrelated to health and safety.
• Establish a housing-focused street outreach team whose primary responsibility is to identify and engage people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and connect them to shelter (if available and desired) and coordinated entry for permanent housing resources.
• The CoC should collect, review and analyze key output and performance measure outcome data to ensure on-going effectiveness of street outreach services.
• Continue implementation of a low-barrier, housing first approach to accessing and staying in emergency shelter in Howard County, and eliminate requirements unrelated to health and safety to access and remain in shelter.
• Provide housing-focused, rapid-exit services to quickly connect all households residing in emergency shelter to safe and appropriate permanent housing.
• Regularly review program level data on shelter outcomes relating to placement rates in permanent housing, timely exits and cost-effectiveness to target system performance improvement strategies.
• Target limited transitional housing resources to the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness by participating in the coordinated entry system and eliminates rules that screen people out due to perceived barriers.
• Shift the focus of supportive services in transitional housing programs to align with a housing-focused, rapid-exit approach.

(Source: The Path Home, Howard County’s Strategic Plan to End Homelessness, The Five-Year Plan 2020 to 2025, pg. 25)

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

Howard County’s Strategic Plan to End Homelessness’s Goal #1 is to ensure that there are no new or repeat episodes of homelessness in Howard County. An effective homeless response system is one that safely and appropriately diverts households from homelessness and provides targeted homelessness prevention whenever possible. Howard County’s Coordinated Entry System will provide comprehensive, housing first services that apply a lens of racial equity, are culturally competent, and are guided by evidence-based best practices to minimize the duration and compounding impact of homelessness. This will include supportive pathways for those who do experience homelessness to achieve income maximization, exit to stable housing quickly, and prevent a repeat episode of homelessness in the future. Howard County intends to meet this goal by:

• Undertake a review and analysis of all prevention programs and prevention-type services that are both, operating in Howard County, and based on the goals of The Path Home.
• Determine which programs most appropriately align with the role of the homeless response system and which may be better funded outside the system.

• Establish a system-wide homeless prevention program — with written standards — to include a standardized assessment and performance measure outcome benchmarks and goals.

• Develop and support a robust structure to implement diversion strategies and measure the impact on the homeless response system.

• To increase employment opportunities for households experiencing homelessness in Howard County, the CoC Lead Agency should coordinate a system-wide employment strategy informed by data and the coordinated entry process.

• The Coalition, led by the CoC Board, should explore and identify factors driving racial and ethnic disparities to determine who is experiencing homelessness and how different types of permanent housing resources are distributed by the homeless services system.

• The CoC Board should develop an action plan to reduce disparities and establish community-level performance measured outcome goals to track progress on these efforts.

• Re-assess and streamline current coordinated entry core elements — the ACCESS, ASSESS, PRIORITIZE and REFER processes — to achieve simplicity, clarity and transparency in system coordination and decision-making.

• Develop a dashboard using HMIS to track progress on system flow improvements and outcomes.

(Source: The Path Home, Howard County’s Strategic Plan to End Homelessness, The Five-Year Plan 2020 to 2025, pg. 23)

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

Howard County’s Strategic Plan to End Homelessness’s Goal #3 is to increase access to permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness in Howard County. An effective homeless response system has an affordable and diverse supply of housing that meets the needs of the most vulnerable persons. Currently, households experiencing homelessness in Howard County struggle to access permanent housing in a timely manner. Challenges include limited landlord engagement and recruitment; limited affordable housing; and limited rapid re-housing program capacity. Howard County intends to meet this goal by:

• To ensure that the most vulnerable households fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking are prioritized for all available housing resources within the CoC, and to come into compliance with federal and state requirements, HopeWorks HSP (ESG) funded program should more fully participate in the coordinated entry system.
To increase permanent housing opportunities and decrease the time people experience homelessness in Howard County, the CoC Lead Agency should coordinate a systemwide landlord engagement strategy to create a pipeline of available units informed by data and the coordinated entry process.

- Adopt the National Alliance to End Homelessness’ Rapid Re-Housing Performance Benchmarks and Program Standards to fully incorporate the three core components and current best practices into CoC rapid re-housing projects.
- Scale up rapid re-housing resources to make it the primary housing intervention in Howard County CoC.
- Assess current permanent supportive housing projects and formalize a “move on” strategy to increase system flow and to ensure that this deep resource is serving the most vulnerable households using a dynamic prioritization approach.
- Ensure that all permanent supportive housing adopts and implements a housing first approach in both policy and practice.

(Source: The Path Home, Howard County’s Strategic Plan to End Homelessness, The Five-Year Plan 2020 to 2025, pg. 27)
CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Housing Commission has developed partnerships with Bridges to Housing Stability, the Howard County Department of Corrections, and the Howard County Health Department to provide housing and supportive services individuals with disabilities, homeless individuals, and returning citizens.

The Housing Commission will continue its participation in the Baltimore Regional Project-Based Voucher (PBV) Program that is designed to encourage new quality affordable rental housing in the metropolitan Baltimore area, particularly in safe neighborhoods with high quality public schools that are close to job growth. In 2019, the Housing Commission was awarded twenty (20) project-based vouchers for the Artist Flats at New Cultural Center.

The Housing Commission is actively pursuing funding for a multi-year demonstration project that would enable participants in the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) to relocate to neighborhoods with less poverty. The proposed voucher de-concentration plan would enable: disadvantaged families to benefit from the opportunities that come with living in surroundings that are more economically diverse; at-risk neighborhoods to benefit from an infusion of families that have more moderate ranges of income lessening the concentration poverty and stabilizing property values; stabilize neighborhoods; and support more racially and economically-mixed neighborhoods.

Discussion

Howard County has identified that there is a need for decent, safe, and sanitary housing that is affordable and accessible to address the households affected by housing problems, severe housing problems, and housing cost burdens. The largest income group affected by housing problems in the County are extremely low-income households. The Howard County Housing Commission is a vital part of the County’s affordable housing strategy. The Housing Commission is the primary assisted housing provider of housing for extremely low income, very low income, and lower income residents of Howard County.

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

The Howard County Housing Commission operates a Housing Choice Voucher for Homeownership Program. The Commission does not limit participation in the program. The program eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Families participating in the Section 8 Homeownership Program must be in good standing, and must have participated in the Section 8 Program, or other Howard County or Housing Commission programs for at least 2 years prior to execution of the Contract of Sale. The family must also have participated in the Family Self Sufficiency Program for a period of at least 6
months prior to the date of settlement.

- The minimum income required for program participation is $24,000. If the family meets the HUD minimum income requirements of the Federal Minimum hourly wage rate multiplied by 2,000 hours, and has been pre-qualified for financing with a lending institution which meets the requirements of Section 25.7 of this plan, they are exempted from the $24,000 minimum income requirement.
- Welfare assistance shall not be counted towards the $24,000 minimum income requirement unless the head of household is elderly or disabled, as defined in the Administrative Plan.
- Eligible families must demonstrate that at least one adult member of the family who will own the home at commencement of homeownership assistance is currently employed at least 30 hours per week, and has been continuously employed for at least one year prior to commencement of homeownership assistance. This requirement does not apply for families where the head of household is elderly or disabled.
- In order to qualify for participation in the Section 8 Homeownership Program, the family must qualify as a "first-time homeowner". A first-time homeowner is defined as a family of which no member owned or presently has any ownership interest in a unit during the three years before commencement of homeownership assistance. A first-time homeowner also includes a single parent or displaced homemaker who while married, owned a home with his or her spouse, or resided in a home owned by his or her spouse.
- Eligible families shall not include any family with a member who has previously received assistance under the homeownership option, and has defaulted on a mortgage securing debt incurred to purchase the home.
- Prior to commencement of homeownership assistance, the family must attend and satisfactorily complete pre-assistance homeownership counseling with a HUD approved counseling agency, or an equivalent program of counseling activities as designated by the Commission.

The Howard County Housing Commission operates a Family Self-Sufficiency Program. The Commission does not limit participation in the program if demand exceeds the HUD required size limit. The Housing Commission also sponsors a "Getting Ahead" Program that targets Family Self Sufficiency Participants, Zero Income Families and other low-income families residing in Howard County. The "Getting Ahead" Initiative examines the causes of Poverty and helps participants to understand that poverty is not simply caused by the choices of the individual but is both "generational" and "situational". Program participants perform a Self-Assessment, identify personal strengths and establish a personal plan for building resources. The initiative focuses on "Bridges out of Poverty" and examines what the community has to offer as well as what participants can contribute to the community.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubles PHAs

Not applicable; the Housing Authority is not designated a "troubled" in its most recent SEMAP assessment.
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)

Howard County continued to work both locally as well as regionally to improve public opinion and public policy which create barriers to affordable housing. Howard County along with Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, and Harford County fund a portion of the salary for a Housing Policy Coordinator who is responsible with coordinating and guiding the implementation of the regional initiatives to address identified potential impediments to Fair Housing Choice. Due to space restriction, the following initiatives are some that the Baltimore Regional Fair Housing Implementation Plan collaborative worked on in FFY2020:

- Completed a new 2020 Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI), Action steps included in each jurisdiction’s Consolidated Plan began July 1, 2020.
- Informed by that analysis, the Fair Housing Group, including PHAs, submitted two rounds of comments on the Maryland DHCD draft 2020 Qualified Allocation Plan and Program Guide, ultimately winning the following changes:
  - Two-point incentive for family or intergenerational homes in Communities of Opportunity in the Baltimore and Washington DC metropolitan areas (although capped at only two projects). Five points for Choice Neighborhood developments – the redevelopment of Perkins and Somerset Homes – that are also twinning projects of at least 150 units. Reduction in minimum units to 120 to qualify as a twinning project for earning direct leveraging points. No points for pushing PHAs to target project-based vouchers to households with incomes below 30% of area median income.
- Fair Housing Group submitted comments on proposed regulations:
  - Concerns in March 2020 about HUD’s proposed rule regarding affirmatively furthering fair housing. Opposition in April 2020 to proposed revisions to Community Reinvestment Act regulations.
- While meeting less frequently, the BMC Housing Committee continued to be a forum for discussing key fair housing-related issues:
  - Maryland Transit Administration presented at the November 2019 Housing Committee meeting regarding the Regional Transit Plan for Central Maryland. Housing Committee held regular, virtual meetings in spring 2020 regarding housing agency responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, sharing information on local rent-relief programs and writing an April 8 letter to Maryland Housing Secretary Kenneth Holt urging him to provide statewide rent relief.
  - Fair Housing Group submitted comments on draft Regional Transit Plan for Central Maryland in June 2020 urging definition of transit-oriented development to include a mix of incomes, including deep affordability.
• Most PHAs in region are using differential voucher payment standards to enable voucher holders to rent homes in opportunity areas. Baltimore City and Baltimore County using exception payment standards (EPS) for higher opportunity census tracts. Anne Arundel moved from EPS to small-area fair market rents (SAFRs) beginning July 1, 2020. Howard County planning to move from EPS to SAFMRs during FY 2021.
• Fair Housing Group continues to meet monthly to coordinate implementation of 2012 AI and development of 2020 AI and agreed to increase CDBG contributions to a total of $60,000 per year to support housing policy coordinator position at BMC.

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

The most common housing problem in Howard County is housing affordable. According to the 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 44.8% all renter households were cost overburdened by 30% or more, 23.9% of owner households with a mortgage were cost overburdened by 30% or more, and 10.1% of owner households without a mortgage were cost overburdened by 30% of more.

The need for accessible, decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing exceeds the supply of housing especially for cost-burdened and low-income (6,039 households with a housing problem), very low-income (5,265 households with a housing problem), and extremely low-income (4,330 households with a housing problem) households in the County.

Howard County continued to partner with and provide funding to local nonprofits for the development of affordable housing to create housing opportunities for the income-eligible households and special needs populations throughout the county. Howard County worked on the following strategies during the program year:

• Continue to support the preservation of affordable housing through funding provided to Rebuilding Together to provide rehabilitation to low-income homeowners to remain in their homes (15 units)
• Continue to support the preservation of affordable housing through funding provided to Bridges to Housing Stability to provide rehabilitation to preserve low-income rental units for clients in their programs (10 units)
• Continue to support the preservation of affordable housing serving vulnerable populations through funding provided to Help End Homelessness (1 unit special-needs housing)
• Continue to support the creation of affordable housing for vulnerable populations through funding provided Help End Homelessness (1 unit homeless housing).
• Continue to provide funding for homeownership through the County’s Settlement and Downpayment Program (SDLP) (5 units)
Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The Howard County Health Department continues to case manage children under the age of 6 with blood lead levels of 5 μg/dL or more. The Maryland Guidelines for Assessment and Management of Childhood Lead Exposure mandate testing for all children at ages 12 and 24 months. These children can be tested by capillary (“finger stick”) testing at their provider’s offices or sent out for venous blood draws. All children who are identified as having elevated blood lead levels via capillary test are then sent for confirmatory venous blood testing. All lead levels of 5 μg/dL or greater, whether venous or capillary, are reported to Childhood Lead Registry at the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). MDE then notifies the local health department in the county where the child resides.

For Fiscal Year ’20, 15 children under the age of 6 were identified as having blood lead levels between 5-9 μg/dL. A total of 8 children under the age of 6 were identified as having blood lead levels of 10 μg/dL or above. Numbers of children newly identified as having elevated lead levels did decrease slightly due to the COVID-19 pandemic as fewer children were going into their doctor’s offices for well visits in the fourth quarter of last fiscal year. For each new case that is identified, the Nurse Case Manager confirms the level with the pediatrician and makes recommendations for follow-up as outlined in the Maryland Guidelines. The case manager then contacts the family to provide education about the effects of lead on children, identify possible sources of exposure through a detailed assessment, and make recommendations on reducing exposure and seeking appropriate follow up testing. In October of 2019, Maryland expanded access to free home inspections to all children with blood lead levels of 5 and over (previously only for those with lead levels over 10 μg/dL).

Homes in Howard County are generally a low risk for lead exposure, as the majority of the housing stock was built after 1978 when lead in paint was banned. Instead, the most prevalent sources of lead exposure identified in recent home inspections include imported spices, imported gold and silver jewelry, and religious and ceremonial powders like Kumkum and Kajal.

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

Howard County’s anti-poverty strategy is based on addressing factors that cause poverty. Poverty is realized when a household’s basic needs for food, clothing and shelter are not being met. Poverty is a function of income stability, which is related to a number of other factors such as access to affordable housing, rental assistance, homelessness prevention, emergency food and shelter, health care, children’s services, job training and employment development, and transportation. Through partnering with non-profits in our community Howard County implemented the following strategies:

- Continued to support efforts to create affordable housing through funding provided to Help End Homelessness (1 unit – homeless housing); and Howard County Settlement Downpayment Loan Program (SDLP) (5 units)
- Continue to support the preservation of affordable housing through funding provided Rebuilding Together to provide rehabilitation to low-income homeowners to remain in their
homes (15 units)

- Continue to support the preservation of facilities serving vulnerable populations through funding provided Help End Homelessness (1 unit - special-needs housing)
- Continued to support housing stability for income-eligible families through funding provided to the Community Action Council of Howard County (24 households)
- Continued to support programs providing emergency and transitional housing through funding provided to HopeWorks (79 people)
- Continued to support homeless service providers that connect Howard County homeless residents to housing and services to help stabilize them as they transition to self-sufficiency through funding provided to Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center (107 people)
- Continue to support the preservation of facilities serving vulnerable populations with severe disabilities (1 unit).
- Responding to the on-going pandemic 227 households, received short-term rent or mortgage payment for up to 6-months for low and moderate-income residents that had COVID-19 related job loss resulting in the household’s inability to pay their rent or mortgage.
- Provided support to a local nonprofit that serves county residents with severe disabilities within a scattered-site residential program was able provide virtual services to these residents and to allow for staff meetings and safe social distancing to respond to COVID-19 building closure.
- Continue to support the creation of affordable housing for vulnerable populations though funding provided Help End Homelessness (1 unit - homeless housing).

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

In FFY2020, Howard County funded 10 non-profit partners with CDBG and HOME funding and 10 non-profit partners with CDBG-CV funding to support the various missions of developing or preserving affordable housing or providing critical services to at-risk populations.

- Public service funding for homeless residents and families fleeing violence; and families in crisis trying to sustain their housing
- Continue to support the preservation of affordable housing through funding provided Rebuilding Together to provide rehabilitation to low-income homeowners to remain in their homes (15 units)
- Continue to support the creation of affordable housing for vulnerable populations though funding provided Help End Homelessness (1 unit - homeless housing).
- County Settlement Downpayment Loan Program (SDLP) (5 units)
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Howard County Government provides additional funding resources through Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), which supported the goals and outcomes of the CDBG and HOME Program activities. $3,004,000 was funded through Howard County’s Fiscal Year 2020 budget to continue support for the County’s Housing Initiative Loan Fund. In FFY2020 Howard County continued to provide funding to area non-profits through a funding application, the County’s MIHU Fee-In-Lieu Program, $400,000 further supported the goals set within the Consolidated Plan.

In addition, the County provides funding through its’ Community Service Partnerships Grant Program (CSP). This is a local, competitive grants program administered by the Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS). In FFY20, DCRS awarded $8,007,467 in CSP funding to local agencies, a portion of which supports the Plan to End Homelessness activities for the Continuum of Care (CoC), and the Coordinated System of Homeless Services (CSHS), the CoC’s coordinated assessment system.

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

Howard County Departments, Committees and Boards focused on coordinating housing and social service resources in the county:

• The **Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)** functions as the lead agency for community development and affordable housing programs in Howard County. As the lead agency, the Community Planning and Grants Division plans, administers and implements the federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program. Each year, as a part of the CDBG and HOME application process, local agencies/organizations are invited to submit proposals for grant eligible activities and to participate in the consultation process through attending a public hearing or responding directly to the correspondence or survey. DCRS staff participate in the development of the Needs Hearings, and the annual application process for CDBG and HOME Program funding to ensure continuity in funding priorities.

• The **Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS)** is the lead agency for both the Howard County CoC and HMIS. DCRS receives CoC funding on behalf of Howard County Government, and works with partner agencies to further the goals of HUD.
DCRS prepares and submits the CoC Collaborative Application to HUD. The DCRS staffs the Homeless Services Steering Committee. The committee provides a forum for discussing the Plan to End Homelessness, educating the community on homeless issues, eliciting input on the operations of homeless services and programs, and advocates on federal, state, and county levels regarding income-eligible affecting homelessness and at-risk of homelessness.

- **Howard County Coordinated System of Homeless Services (CSHS)** is a network of community services and supports coordinating efforts to end homelessness in Howard County through the Continuum of Care. The goals of the system are to efficiently use community resources to reduce the number of homeless families and individuals, reduce the number of newly homeless, shorten the length of homeless episodes, and reduce the number of returns to homelessness. CSHS is comprised of 15 service providers and government agencies which offer resources to households in need, to prevent loss of stable housing or regain housing that has been lost.

- **Howard County Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council (HTPCC)** established in 2019 by County Council Bill 52-2019 and comprised of 23 members, the HTPCC advises County Government on human trafficking prevention measures. The Council also conducts outreach and educational efforts to spread awareness of the warning signs of human trafficking.

- **The Howard County Local Children’s Board** is comprised of public and private members working collaboratively to ensure a strong continuum of services for families and children in our community. Also known as the Local Management Board, there is a functioning board in all 24 jurisdictions in Maryland that work in partnership with the Governor’s Office for Children to ensure children grow up healthy, secure and successful.

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

Howard County used CDBG funding for three separate fair housing activities which all work to address fair housing efforts both locally as well as a regional approach.

**The Fair Housing - AI Coordinator Activity** is funded through the CDBG Planning/Administrative Activity. Howard County used CDBG funding to support Howard County’s portion of the AI Coordinator’s salary. Howard County, along with Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, and Harford County, fund a portion of the salary for a Regional AI Coordinator.

Howard County in cooperation with these jurisdictions, contracted with a consultant to complete a regional and jurisdiction specific Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) which was formally accepted in February 2020. The AI Coordinator works to guide the implementation of the regional initiatives to address identified potential impediments to Fair Housing Choice. FY2020 outcomes appear above in the 1st question as it relates to improving public policy which impacts affordable housing.
The Howard County Office of Human Rights and Equity – Fair Housing Activity; funded through the CDBG Planning/Administrative Activity. Howard County used CDBG funding to support matched paired testing of market rate units in the County. This activity proposes to address several of the impediments to fair to fair housing identified in 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

The Columbia Housing Center – Affirmative Marketing Program; funded through the CDBG Planning/Administrative Activity. Howard County used CDBG funding in response to new residential segregation patterns that are forming in parts of Columbia to support the creation of a program based on the successful Oak Park Regional Housing Center, which will help landlords find tenants and tenants find homes, while promoting racial integration. This effort helps Howard County carry out our duty to affirmatively further fair under the federal Fair Housing Act.
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.

The Department continued to strengthen its programs through the ongoing development of its policies and procedures. The Division of Community Planning and Grants facilitates the administration of the CDBG and HOME Programs through ongoing, consistent application of procedures put in place to ensure the program requirements are met. Through desk audits, on-site visits, program reporting reviews, maintaining contact with grant recipients and by providing technical assistance when needed, the Division keeps both programs performing with expected outcomes in a timely manner.

In the area of sub-recipient management, applications for funding are received on an annual basis from nonprofit organizations. The applications are graded and approved or denied by the Grant Review Committee (GRC). Applications are reviewed against the goals and objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan to determine the project’s impact on the community. All applicants ensure that eligible activities meet the requirements of the applicable federal regulations. Organizations receiving funding under the CDBG and HOME programs are obligated to provide both programmatic and fiscal reports to ensure that activities are being carried out in the manner prescribed in Grant and Subrecipient Agreement Statements of Work. Quarterly reports, on-site monitoring and technical assistance visits along with regular communication provide opportunities to observe the effectiveness of project/service delivery. All organizations submitting applications for CDBG and HOME funding are required to submit the most recent copy of their organization’s audit report. The County is required to conduct an annual single audit, which is performed by an independent auditor, to ensure fiscal accountability.
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.

In accordance with federal requirements, Howard County’s Consolidated Annual Performance Report submission was released for a fifteen (15) day public comment period commencing on September 06, 2021 and continuing through September 21, 2021.

The draft CAPER was available for public review and comment beginning September 06, 2021 through September 21, 2021. The draft CAPER will available on the Howard County website at www.howardcountymd.gov under “Departments” on the Department of Housing and Community Development’s webpage.

Written comments were to be directed to Kelly Cimino, Director, Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development or to Elizabeth Meadows, Chief, Community Planning and Grants, at the Howard County Housing office, at 9820 Patent Woods Drive, Suite 24, Columbia, MD 21046. Comments could be provided by email, either to Kelly Cimino at kcimino@howardcountymd.gov or to Elizabeth Meadows at emeadows@howardcountymd.gov. All comments received by September 21, 2021 at 11:59.99 PM, were accepted.

See attached documents uploaded into IDIS.
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.

Howard County made no changes to our program objectives this past program year.

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

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.
CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

Of the 75 HOME-assisted units in the County, per the final HOME rule 92.504(d) the County typically conducts on-site monitoring visits of HOME-assisted projects. Each HOME-assisted project is monitored at least once every 3 years. However, due to the global pandemic, all on-site monitoring visits ceased for program year FFY2020. The County requested the use of HOME waivers and suspensions to respond to COVID-19. In a letter dated May 21, 2020 to HUD, the County requested a waiver related to on-site inspections of HOME-assisted rental housing. This waiver was approved by HUD in a response letter to the County dated May 22, 2020.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction’s affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)

Howard County remains committed to affirmatively marketing HOME-assisted units. In program year FFY2018, the County held its first affirmative marketing training for housing providers, property managers and CHDO’s, with the intention to have annual training in subsequent program years. However, due to the global pandemic, the County turned all its resources to addressing the needs of the rental housing community.

In assessing the County’s affirmative marketing efforts in an unprecedented year, the County has been successful in keeping over 1200 Howard County households safely housed, avoid eviction and foreclosure, episodes of homelessness and reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

The County has worked collaboratively with housing and human-service partners, CHDOs, and property management companies in addressing the immediate needs of renters and homeowners that either suffered a loss or reduction in income due to the pandemic. Information was disseminated physically to housing agencies, libraries, the Sheriff’s office, the County’s COVID portal on its website, and on all social media platforms in English, Spanish and Korean to ensure that all households had access to housing assistance.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

Howard County utilized all $36,087.00 of reported program income on HOME eligible activities in the
program year FFY2020. Program Income was used to support downpayment assistance of a HOME-eligible buyer.

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 91.320(j)

During FFY2020, the County was able to rehabilitate fifteen (15) homeowner and ten (10) rental housing units, to increase safety and help preserve affordable housing for low-income families living in them.

CDBG was also used to create one (1) additional unit of homeless housing for homeless families coming through the Howard County Coordinated System of Homeless Services (CSHS) and are in need of affordable housing.

In addition, CDBG was used to rehabilitate two (2) public facilities to preserve access to programs for persons with severe disabilities. HOME Program funds were used to assist five (5) moderate-income families to achieve homeownership with downpayment and closing cost assistance.
Attachment

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**Total** CDBG-Entitlement Expenditures: $1,960,000

### PART C: DETAILED ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 13

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**Total** DETAILED ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 13: $1,960,000
Additional CR-10 ÿ CR-20

Additional Narrative for CR-10 & CR-20

CDBG & HOME Beneficiaries FFY2020

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Narrative:

Due to the CAPER template not allowing additional racial classifications to be added, we have expanded the table above to include the racial classifications of the beneficiaries served.

Of the households served during program year FFY2020, 39.3% were White, 50.1% were Black/African American, 4.7% were Other-multi race, 3.2% were Asian, 2.1% were Black/African American, 0.4% were Asian and White, and 0.1% were American Indian/Alaskan Native.

Of the total individuals served, 5.15% identified themselves as Hispanic, while the rest identified themselves as non-Hispanic.

Over this past program year, most of the household incomes of the families receiving assistance through our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs were extremely low income with incomes between 0-30 percent area median income (AMI).

Howard County data breakdown for combined CDBG and HOME families served shows that household incomes of 81% of the families fell into the <30% AMI (extremely low income), 12% fell into the 31% -50% AMI (low-income) and 6% of the families fell into the 51-80% AMI (low-moderate income).
**Additional Narrative for CR-20 Affordable Housing**

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**SECTION 215 HOUSING**

Section 215 refers to the qualifications as affordable housing pursuant to Section 215 of the HOME Investment Partnerships Act. HUD’s regulations at 24 CFR 92.252 and 2 CFR 92.254 further defines the qualification:

- **Affordable rental housing** is that which does not exceed the fair market rent in the area or which does not exceed 30% of household income for a household earning 65% area’s median income (AMT).
- **Affordable owner-occupied housing** - the regulation also defines affordable owner-occupied housing as that which has an initial purchase price that does not exceed 95% of the median purchase price of a comparable unit for the jurisdiction or has an estimated appraised value at acquisition that does not exceed the limit.
- **Rehabilitation not involving acquisition** - housing currently owned by a family qualifies if the estimated value after rehabilitation does not exceed 95% of the median purchase price of the area, and the housing is the principal residence of an owner whose family qualifies as a low-income household.

All projects being reported on meet the Section 215 housing definitions. The accomplishments include assistance provided to very low, low- and moderate-income renters and homeowners, as well as the number of homeless families served.

**WORST CASE NEEDS / SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS**

Howard County defines “persons with special needs” as including individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness, persons with physical and mental disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, and frail extremely low-income seniors.

Consistent with our Consolidated Plan, we continue to look at special needs populations in terms of:

1. Households with extreme cost burdens, and therefore at-risk of homelessness;
2. Persons with mental or physical disabilities; including the elderly; and
3. Other special needs populations.
In FFY20, through CDBG public service funding, 36 households were diverted from homelessness through housing stabilization funding; 107 homeless individuals accessed critical social and support services for both the sheltered and unsheltered homeless; 24 households which were victims of domestic violence/human trafficking were provided safe sheltering after fleeing situations of violence. CDBG was also used to create one (1) additional unit of homeless housing for homeless families coming through the Howard County Coordinated System of Homeless Services (CSHS) and are in need of affordable housing.

CDBG-CV - Responding to the on-going pandemic 227 households, received short-term rent or mortgage payment for up to 6-months for low and moderate-income Howard County residents that had COVID-19 related job loss resulting in the household’s inability to pay their rent or mortgage.
Project Descriptions and Outcomes

FFY2020 CAPER - PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS & OUTCOMES

CDBG SPECIFIC ACTIVITY

Howard County used CDBG funds to address the following Consolidated Plan objectives during FFY2020. Activities carried out the past year are listed below by national objective.

LOW TO MODERATE HOUSING (LMH) ACTIVITIES:

The following activities provided or improved permanent residential structures to be occupied by low to moderate-income households under 570.208(a)(3):

HOMEOWNER REHAB PROGRAM  $174,173.30
IDIS Project # 651 (FFY2019)

Rebuilding Together Howard County, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG funding to administer the Year-Round Homeowner Rehab program throughout Howard County. The program was developed as a key tool in Howard County’s toolbox to preserve affordable housing stock for income-eligible homeowners in the county. The CDBG funding has allowed Rebuilding Together to address rehabilitation needs that mitigate situations within the home that compromise the health and safety of residents living there. These upgrades allow the homeowner to remain in the home for many years to come; and stabilize the neighborhood as well.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this CDBG activity (Home Repairs) had been given an amended grant term to allow for the safe administration of these home repairs to be performed during the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, homeowner rehabilitation projects were completed for 15 households. Of those completed:

- 12 new roofs were installed
- 1 repair provided new energy efficient windows
- 2 repairs provided new HVAC systems
- 9 repairs assisted elderly homeowners, and
- 7 repairs assisted female-headed households.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3) – Low to Moderate Housing Benefit
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.202 – Rehab single units, residential

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HELP END HOMELESSNESS ACQUISITION 
IDIS # 677

HELP END Homelessness Howard County (HEH), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, will utilized CDBG Program funds to acquire one (1) housing unit in FFY20 to rent to a homeless Howard County family.

Eligibility requirement: HEH will rely on the Howard County Coordinated System of Homeless Services (CHS) to assist in identifying clients who are receiving supportive services and are in need of affordable housing.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, HEH purchased one (1) 3-bedroom, 2-bath condominium property in an area of opportunity in Howard County.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3) – Low to Moderate Housing Benefit
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(a) – Acquisition of Real Property

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BRIDGES TO HOUSING STABILITY - REHAB
IDIS # 655 (FFY2019)

BRIDGES to Housing Stability, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG Program funds to rehabilitate twelve (12) rental housing units they own in their Alliance Program portfolio in FFY19. The renovations will make the homes safer and more accessible for disabled and aging family members. As well as addressing inefficient units with energy efficient upgrades. Bridges rent to persons working in Howard County earning between 30 percent and 60 percent AMI as defined by HUD.

Income eligibility: Howard County residents between 0% - 80% Area Median Income for the Baltimore Metropolitan Region, adjusted by family size, as established by HUD.

Eligibility requirement: Rehabilitation of existing dwelling units.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, Bridges used CDBG funding for rehabilitation costs for 10 units to preserve affordable housing for Bridge’s residents.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3) – Low to Moderate Housing Benefit
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.202 – Rehab single units, residential

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LOW TO MODERATE INCOME AREA (LMA) ACTIVITY:

In FFY2020 the following activities benefitted a low to moderate-income area pursuant to 570.208(a)(1).

ROGER CARTER RECREATION CENTER RE-DEVELOPMENT $196,984.96
IDIS # 562

The Howard County Housing Commission, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit and a Howard County Housing and Community Development Organization, invests annual CDBG funds under an approved Pre-award strategy for this project. The Roger Carter Recreation Center Re-development is a key vehicle for neighborhood revitalization. This activity will benefit the residents of Burgess Mill Station and surrounding Ellicott City area in the community located on Burgess Mill Way, Ellicott City, MD 21043. This is an on-going activity until 2043

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1) – Low-Mod Area Benefit
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(c) – Neighborhood Facilities

LOW TO MODERATE CLIENTELE (LCM) ACTIVITIES:
The following activities benefitted low to moderate-income clientele pursuant to 91.520(a) and (c):

EMERGENCY PUBLIC FACILITY PROJECT $24,000
IDIS #663

The Howard County Housing Commission, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, invests annual CDBG funds under an approved Pre-award strategy for this project. This activity allocated funds to support the property acquired by long-term leasing of a public facility being utilized as a provision of emergency housing. This activity is administered by Hope Works of Howard County, Inc., another 501 (c)(3) nonprofit. The activity provides safety to Howard County residents who are struggling with domestic abuse.

Accomplishment Data: During this activity program year, 78 persons fleeing domestic violence situations received emergency sheltering and supportive services.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Low-Mod Limited Clientele
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(e) – Homeless Facilities

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HUMANIM, INC. - REHAB FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT  $223,501.58
IDIS #678 (FFY18 $86,938.02 & FFY20 $136,563.56)

Humanim, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit in Howard County will use CDBG funds in FFY20 to provide renovations at their Gerwig building including mock apartment for client training (for community integration); renovation of all bathroom and the construction of a changing room with an electric adult changing table and shower that meets ADA standards. The renovations also include painting the entire interior, updating electrical and duct work, replacing doors, installing new flooring throughout the building, and repairing and staining flooring in the back portion in a facility that supports many activities and programs for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Income eligibility: Howard County residents with severe disabilities that earn between zero and eighty percent of the area median income (AMI) for the HUD Baltimore- Columbia-Towson Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Accomplishment Data: During this activity program year, 34 income-eligible persons with severe disabilities received access to supportive services.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Low-Mod Limited Clientele
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(c) – Facilities for Persons with Disabilities

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THE ARC OF HOWARD COUNTY – REHAB  $98,907.30
IDIS # 668

The Arc of Howard County, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit will use CDBG funds for the replacement of the failing roof on a facility that supports many activities and programs for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Income eligibility: Howard County residents with severe disabilities that earn between zero and eighty percent of the area median income (AMI) for the HUD Baltimore- Columbia-Towson Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Accomplishment Data: During this activity program year, 104 income-eligible persons with severe disabilities received access to supportive services.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Low-Mod Limited Clientele
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(c) – Facilities for Persons with Disabilities
FREETOWN ROAD SHELTER

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. (Grassroots), a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, will utilize CDBG funds for utility expenses associated with their Crisis Intervention Center / Homeless Shelter location. This public facility is a multi-service crisis intervention center providing 24-hour crisis intervention services, emergency and transitional shelter, and community education. Grassroots operates a 24-hour general crisis hotline and walk-in counseling program and is the first point of contact in the County for homeless services.

The agency operates the Mobile Crisis Team, in partnership with Humanim, to respond with the Police to psychiatric emergencies and family crises in the community. Special youth services include the Maryland Crisis Hotline, the Runaway Intervention Program, outreach and educational programs. Staff also respond to requests from the community for crisis intervention services following a traumatic event. The Crisis Intervention Service is certified by the American Association of Suicidology.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, 107 homeless persons were given access to services to help facilitate movement toward self-sufficiency.

National Objective: 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Limited Clientele Benefit
Eligible Activity: 24 CFR 570.201(e)(1) – Public Service - Homeless

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Hope Works of Howard County, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG funding to provide partial salary for the Transitional Housing Victims Advocate and partial utility payments for their transitional houses to operate their program. The Transitional Housing Program provides housing to Howard County residents that are made homeless due to experienced violence and allows for available stays up to 1 year. Clients have access to all Hope Works services such as legal advocacy/representation, clinical counseling and case management. Referrals for employment training, education and other community services are also available.

Accomplishment Data: During this activity program year, 36 persons fleeing domestic violence situations received emergency sheltering and supportive services. Of those receiving services, 11 were female-headed households.

| National Objective: | 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Low-Mod Limited Clientele |
| Eligible Activity:  | 24 CFR 570.201(e) – Homeless Facilities |
| Beneficiaries       | Race (persons) | Hispanic | Female HH | % AMI       |
| 36                  | 12 White      | 9        | 11        | Presumed Benefit - Homeless |
|                     | 21 Black      |          |           |             |
|                     | 2 Black & White |        |           |             |
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HOUSING STABILITY PROJECT -

The Community Action Council of Howard County, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG funding to provide housing stability for low and moderate-income Howard County residents through eviction prevention. Direct payment to landlords and/or mortgage companies will be determined by an eviction judgment.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, 24 households were diverted from becoming homeless and maintained housing by accessing prevention funding to halt evictions.

| National Objective: | 24 CFR 570.208(a)(2) – Limited Clientele Benefit |
| Eligible Activity:  | 24 CFR 570.201(e) – Public Service |
| Beneficiaries       | Race (persons) | Hispanic | Female HH | % AMI       |
| 24 households       | 1 White       | 0        | 19        | < 80%       |
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OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUITY - FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITY
$60,000.00 (FFY2019) IDIS # 646

The Howard County Office of Human Rights and Equity (OHRE); previously Office of Human Rights is using FFY2019 CDBG funding to conduct matched paired testing of market rate units in the County. This activity proposes to address several of the impediments to fair to fair housing identified in 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

Due complication with the COVID-19 pandemic, the contractor retained by OHRE has requested additional time for the paired testing and the grant term has been amended until October 31, 2021. Howard County continues to support this Fair Housing Activity to fund paired testing with FFY2020 CDGB funding.

This activity is funded out of the 20% Administration cap.

COLUMBIA HOUSING CENTER AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PROGRAM
$75,000.00 IDIS # 687

The Columbia Housing Center, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, in response to new residential segregation patterns that are forming in parts of Columbia, will use CDBG funding to create a program based on the successful Oak Park Regional Housing Center, which will help landlords find tenants and tenants finds homes, while promoting racial integration. This effort helps Howard County carry out our duty to affirmatively further fair under the federal Fair Housing Act.

This activity is funded out of the 20% Administration cap.

THE CARES ACT: On March 27, 2020 President Trump signed into law, The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) which ultimately made available $5 billion in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which were intended to be used for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Through two separate allocations that total $1,989,937 in CDBG-CV funds had been awarded to Howard County, and which became available in the form of grants to local non-profits.

BRIDGES TO HOUSING STABILITY - HOUSING STABILITY $257,643.00 CDBG-CV IDIS # 670

Bridges to Housing Stability, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG funding to provide short-term rent payments up to 6-months for low and moderate-income Bridges’ residents that have had COVID-19 related job loss resulting in the household’s inability to pay their rent.

Eligibility requirement: Missed rent payments due to job loss or severe reduction in work hours due to COVID-19 economic shut-down to prevent the spread of the virus.
Accomplishment Data: During this program year, 55 households living in Bridges to Housing Stability’s properties were diverted from becoming homeless and maintained housing by accessing prevention funding in response to COVID-19 economic shut-down to prevent the spread of the virus.

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HOARD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION - HOUSING STABILITY $512,713.00
CDBG-CV
IDIS # 671

The Howard County Housing Commission (HCHC) is a public body corporate and politic, and the public housing authority for Howard County. HCHC used CDBG funding to provide short-term rent payments up to 6-months for low and moderate-income Commission residents that have had COVID-19 related job loss resulting in the household’s inability to pay their rent.

Eligibility requirement: Missed rent payments due to job loss or severe reduction in work hours due to COVID-19 economic shut-down to prevent the spread of the virus.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, 45 households living in HCHC’s properties were diverted from becoming homeless and maintained housing by accessing prevention funding in response to COVID-19 economic shut-down to prevent the spread of the virus.

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COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY - HOUSING STABILITY
$562,921.00 CDBG-CV
IDIS # 679

Community Action Council (CAC), a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG funding to provide short-term rent or mortgage payments up to 6-months for low and moderate-income Howard County residents that have had COVID-19 related job loss resulting in the household’s inability to pay their mortgage or rent.

Eligibility requirement: Missed rent or mortgage payments due to job loss or severe reduction in work hours due to COVID-19 economic shut-down to prevent the spread of the virus.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, 80 households living in Howard County were diverted from becoming homeless and maintained housing by accessing prevention funding in response to COVID-19 economic shut-down to prevent the spread of the virus.

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GRASSROOTS CRISIS INTERVENTION - HOUSING STABILITY
$200,000.00 CDBG-CV
IDIS # 680

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG funding to provide short-term rent or mortgage payments up to 6-months for low and moderate-income Howard County residents that have had COVID-19 related job loss resulting in the household’s inability to pay their rent.

Eligibility requirement: Missed rent or mortgage payments due to job loss or severe reduction in work hours due to COVID-19 economic shut-down to prevent the spread of the virus.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, 25 households living in Howard County were diverted from becoming homeless and maintained housing by accessing prevention funding in response to COVID-19 economic shut-down to prevent the spread of the virus.

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**LIVING IN RECOVERY - HOUSING STABILITY**  $13,250.00 CDBG-CV

IDIS # 683

Living In Recovery (LIR), a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG funding to provide short-term rent payments up to 6-months for low and moderate-income LIR’s residents that have had COVID-19 related job loss resulting in the household’s inability to pay their rent.

Eligibility requirement: Missed rent payments due to job loss or severe reduction in work hours due to COVID-19 economic shut-down to prevent the spread of the virus.

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, 22 households living in LIR’s properties were diverted from becoming homeless and maintained housing by accessing prevention funding in response to COVID-19 economic shut-down to prevent the spread of the virus.

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**THE ARC OF HOWARD COUNTY - COVID-19 PUBLIC SERVICE**

$106,497.00 CDBG-CV

IDIS # 685

The Arc of Howard County, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, used CDBG funding to provide laptops for employees that had a desktop to enable working from home; 32 Individual Fogger Systems for each vehicle to disinfect the vehicle after use (for vehicles assigned to 32 houses); Online Training Platform costs for employees providing essential services to people with I/DD; 6 months of Zoom Services allowing for The Arc to deliver virtual services to each of the residents and to allow for staff meetings and safe social distancing to respond to COVID-19 building closure for safety and health reasons.
Eligibility requirements: Howard County residents with severe disabilities that earn between zero and eighty percent of the area median income (AMI) for the HUD Baltimore-Columbia-Towson Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Accomplishment Data: During this program year, 73 individuals residing in one of their 32 houses in their residential program were able to receive virtual services for each of the residents and allowed for staff meetings and safe social distancing to respond to COVID-19 building closure for safety and health reasons.

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HOME PROGRAM SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

SETTLEMENT AND DOWNPAYMENT LOAN PROGRAM (SDLP)- $120,000

Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development
Division of Housing Opportunities- $ 120,000.00

Howard County’s DHCD used HOME Program funds internally to provide down payment and closing cost assistance to income eligible households. HOME Program funds were awarded settlement or down payment assistance as deferred loans, payable only upon the sale, foreclosure or change from a non-primary residence. All properties were vetted for environmental impact before any program funds were disbursed to eligible buyers. All eligible candidates of the homebuyer program participated in and completed homebuyer classes offered by Making Change Inc., a non-profit organization within the County that offers financial literacy classes and workshops.

Accomplishment Data: The Division of Housing Opportunities assisted four (4) households to purchase single-family residential units within the County, and the addresses are listed below;

- 7121 Beaumont Place, Unit B – IDIS # 673
- 6724 Green Mill Way – IDIS # 674
- 6026 Rowanberry Drive, Unit14A - IDIS # 675
- 6845 Sanctuary Court – IDIS # 676
- 6398 D Euclid Avenue – IDIS # 689

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On Wednesday, September 15, 2021, a Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 PM at 9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 224, Columbia, Maryland, Housing Conference Room, to obtain comments on the draft CAPER. If you plan on testifying, you should provide a copy of your testimony in writing. If you cannot attend the Public Hearing, written comments must be directed to Kelly Ciminio, Director, Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development or to Elizabeth Meadows, Chief of Community Planning and Grants, at the address listed below.

The draft CAPER will be available for public review and comment beginning September 6, 2021 through September 21, 2021. The draft CAPER will also be available on the Howard County website at www.howardcountymd.gov under “Departments” on the Department of Housing and Community Development’s webpage. Any and all comments must be submitted in writing and mailed to:

Kelly A. Ciminio, Director
Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development
9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 224
Columbia, Maryland 21046

The deadline for written comments is September 21, 2021. A summary of all comments received, and responses will be included in the final CAPER document that will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or about September 27, 2021.

Efforts will be made to accommodate the disabled and non-English speaking residents and a sign language interpreter service will be available upon request with three (3) days advance notice to Quamila Kareem, Compliance Office, Howard County Housing Department, at 410-313-3386, or email qkareem@howardcountymd.gov.
About Our Grants

Our Department receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administers those grants to non-profits who work directly with residents of Howard County. The County receives Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds.

Notices, Reports and Plans

https://www.howardcountymd.gov/DHCD-Grants
Notice of Public Hearing - September 15, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Eviction Prevention STEP program with United Way

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FFY 2021 Annual Action Plan (AAP)

COVID-19 Funding Update

Planning Documents

FFY2020 - FFY2024 Five Year Cor

Howard County, MD is a federal entitlement community under the U.S. Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). In compliance with HUD regulations, the County must prepare a Consolidated Plan, every five years to assess its affordable housing and community development, economic development, and strategic planning needs. The
needs and priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan are addressed annually through the Annual Action Plans which present what specific activities the County will accomplish with CDBG, HOME and other funding sources.

Click here to review the 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

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Hi Quanita:

Attached to this email is the FFY2020 CAPER Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing for the 15-Day Public Comment Session and Hearing for the Grants webpage. Can you please have it onto the website by Thursday, August 26, 2021?

Thanks, Elizabeth

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