

Executive Summary Multnomah County 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan

Multnomah County's Annual Action Plan for 2012-13 is the second year of the 2011-2016 Consolidated Plan. This year's Action Plan has an estimated CDBG allocation of \$289,449.

Funding Priorities

Multnomah County allocates CDBG funds through a competitive process. Applications are reviewed and ranked by an appointed Technical Advisory Group. Their ratings are submitted to the Policy Advisory Board (PAB) that is made up of a member from each of the small cities in the jurisdiction and one member from the Board of County Commissioners.

Keeping in mind the funding priorities of the 5-year strategies for Multnomah County, the PAB recommended the following percentages to use in the allocation of funds:

- Housing 35%
- Public Facilities Improvements 30%
- Public Services 15%
- Administration 20%

These percentages may be adjusted according to funding factors, applications received, and current needs of the community.

Geographic Distribution

Multnomah County's jurisdiction consists of the small cities in East County; Fairview, Maywood Park, Troutdale, Wood Village, and unincorporated Lake Oswego and has been qualified as an *Exception Area*, where the area meets or beats the Upper Quartile Percentage of poverty for all areas of Multnomah County (37.8%). Following are the low- mod percentages for each of the cities:

- Fairview 52.4%
- Lake Oswego 24.0%
- Maywood Park 16.4%
- Troutdale 31.0%
- Wood Village 44.2%
- Rest of County 25.4%

While currently only Fairview and Wood Village qualify to receive funding as an Exception Area, very low and low-mod-income citizens in the whole jurisdictional area may receive benefits from housing and public services projects.

Citizen Participation

The County convenes two public hearings; one held on April 5, 2012 at the Wood Village City Hall and the second on May 10, 2012 before the Board of County Commissioners. Combined hearings with the City of Portland and the City of Gresham are held at various times and locations. The hearings are publicized in local newspapers, online and flyers are placed in the commons areas of local the city halls and other public agencies.

Following are three main priorities identified by stakeholders and the public that reflect the needs of the community. All funded projects are tied to at least one of these priorities:

- **Priority 1:** Invest in housing programs that focus on providing decent, stable housing for those with greatest need.
- **Priority 2:** Invest in infrastructure and public facilities improvements development that promotes stabilizing and revitalizing low-income communities.
- **Priority 3:** Support social services operations for organizations assisting homeless families, low-income citizens, and special needs populations to help expand economic opportunities.

Public input helped to identify the jurisdiction's top needs as follows:

- **Housing Needs:** Improvement/rehabilitation of residential housing to maintain and increase housing stock in low-income neighborhoods.
- **Community Development Needs:** Public Facilities and infrastructure improvements to help in the stabilization of small communities by improving water and sewer lines, roads and sidewalks, and parks.
- **Social Services Needs:** support for homeless service providers that includes transitional housing, operation and support for addressing fair housing barriers, and support of basic needs social services including information and referral.

The table on the proceeding page identifies the 2012-2013 funded activities. This table names the project, funding priority, funding sources, outcome description and 1 to 5-year goals.

Multnomah County is committed to efficiently administering and utilizing CDBG funds in the east Multnomah County area by conscientiously soliciting and choosing projects that will best serve the low-moderate residents while working closely with our community partners.