

**PROPOSED 2022-2023 CD YEAR 48 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**A SUMMARY OF THE CITY OF WATERBURY CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2022-2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN/ USE OF FUNDS
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022**

The City of Waterbury has prepared the City's proposed CD YR 48 (2022-2023) Annual Action Plan. Notice is hereby given that the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) will hold a Public Hearing and public comment period for the proposed plan. This action is undertaken in compliance with federal regulations 24 CFR 91. The Annual Action Plan delineates proposed activities to be funded under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program.

The CD YR 48 (2022-2023) Annual Action Plan identifies how this year's funds will be used. The City has not yet received notice of its allocations for the upcoming program year and, per HUD's guidance, intends to use the current year allocations as the baseline for planning purposes. These amounts may increase or decrease depending upon the final federal approved budget. The 2021-2022 CD YR 47 allocations were as follows: \$2,235,286 (CDBG), \$190,972 (ESG), and \$896,277 (HOME). Program income is anticipated to be \$2,500 for HOME and \$14,000 for CDBG. In accordance with HUD's guidance, "contingency provision" language has been included in the Action Plan and explains how the City will adjust its proposed Plan to match its actual allocation amounts, once known. The proposed CD YR 48 (2022-2023) Annual Action Plan is listed below.

A thirty (30) day public comment period will commence on March 28, 2021, and will end April 28, 2022. Drafts of the proposed plan will be available for public review at the Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand Street; the City Clerk's Office, 235 Grand Street; and the Office of Community Development, 235 Grand Street. The Plan is also available on the City of Waterbury website a www.waterburyct.org/services/community-development.

Written comments regarding the draft plan may be submitted to the attention of Nancy Allen, Program Specialist, Community Development Office, City Hall, 235 Grand Street, Room C-29 Waterbury, CT. 06702 nallen@waterburyct.org

Second Public Hearing: Notice is hereby given that the CAC will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 5:30 PM for the purpose of receiving public input on the proposed plan. The hearing will be located at City Hall, Veterans Memorial Hall, 2nd Floor, 235 Grand Street. The facility is handicapped accessible. The City will provide interpreters and assistance for non-English speaking, hearing-impaired, or disabled residents upon receiving a request at least four (4) days prior to this hearing date. Contact Nancy Allen at 203-346-3810 ext. 7274 or at nallen@waterburyct.org. All interested person(s) are encouraged to participate.

Proposed 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - \$2,235,286

Administration & Planning - \$447,057

Administration (235 Grand Street): \$447,057 - Allocation of 20% CDBG funds to provide for program administration.

Social Service Programs - \$335,292

Catholic Charities (965 South Main St.): \$5,174- Funds salaries, building facility, and case management at Waterbury Family Center.

Center for Human Development (690 East Main St.): \$50,000 – Funds coordinators salary to support the Hospitality Center.

Community Partners in Action (77-79 Bishop St.): \$52,500 - Funds case management other services for Waterbury Reentry Welcome Center (RWC).

Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries (770 East Main St.): \$60,000 - Funds food, supplies, utilities, and salaries at soup kitchen and food pantry.

Hispanic Coalition (135 East Liberty St.): \$11,174 - Funds salaries for Hispanic community case managers.

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury, Inc. (267 Grand St.): \$4,786 - Funds salaries and expenses of the literacy program.

Manufacturing Alliance Service Corp. (173 Interstate Lane): \$59,250 – Funds teachers salaries and expenses for CNC Entry Level Operator program.

Safe Haven (29 Central Ave.): \$8,917 - Funds utilities and insurance to support services for abused women/children.

Salvation Army (74 Central Ave.): \$9,786 - Funds for emergency food pantry salaries and food at the Family Service Food Pantry.

Shakesperience Productions, Inc. (117 Bank St.): \$10,000 - Funds acting intensive scholarship program.

Waterbury Senior Shuttle (83 Bank St.): \$45,871 - Funds transportation costs for seniors.

Waterbury Youth Service Systems (83 Prospect St.): \$8,917 - Funds truancy program salaries.

WOW-NRZ Association, Inc. (308 Walnut St.): \$8,917 - Funds operating expenses of Community Learning Center.

Improvement Projects - \$1,452,937

Economic Development-Brass City Harvest (329 Mill St.): \$146,937 – Funds will be used to construct a walk-in freezer.

Park Improvements – Library Park (267 Grand Street): \$650,000 – Supplemental funds will be used to reconstruct the parking lot to include more ADA compliance; pavement raising; sidewalks; drainage; signage. Program Income of \$14,000, if realized, will also be added.

Park Improvements – Low/Mod Parks (Various Locations): \$200,000 – Funds will be used to carry out park improvements at various parks located in low- and moderate-income areas throughout the City. Improvements may include (but not limited to) walkways, ADA access, fencing, lighting, athletic courts, and site amenities.

Police Activity League of Waterbury (9-11/13-15 Branch Street): \$151,000 - Funds will be used to install a splash pad, fencing, and benches.

Neighborhood Facilities – Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury (1037 East Main Street): \$55,000 - Funds will be used to resurface and pave the parking lot, curbing and stairs.

Neighborhood Facilities – Waterbury YMCA (136 West Main Street): \$250,000 - Funds will be used to upgrade and renovate the facility's large pool.

CDBG Contingency Provision Language:

In the event of an increase in CDBG funding, the Waterbury Senior Shuttle program will receive additional funds up to the 15% public service cap; administration will receive additional funds up to the 20% cap; and the remaining increase will be allocated to the library park project.

In the event of a decrease in CDBG funding, the Waterbury Senior Shuttle program will be reduced in funding to ensure compliance with the 15% public service cap; administration will be reduced in funding to ensure compliance with the 20% cap; and the library park project will be reduced by the remaining amount.

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) - \$190,972

Administration (235 Grand Street): \$14,322 - Allocation of 7.5% of ESG funds for program administration.

Safe Haven (29 Central Ave.): \$20,756 – Funds shelter operations for victims of domestic violence.

Salvation Army (74 Central Ave.): \$49,236 - \$10,000 to fund shelter operations; \$28,586 to fund salaries and direct financial assistance related to homelessness prevention services; and \$10,650 to fund salaries and direct financial assistance related to rapid re-housing services.

St. Vincent DePaul (114 Benedict St.): \$106,658 - \$83,827 to fund shelter operations; \$22,831 for direct financial assistance related to rapid re-housing services.

ESG Contingency Provision Language:

In the event of an increase in funding, ESG administration will increase to adjust to the 7.5% cap; and the remaining increase will divide proportionately amongst the projects.

In the event of a decrease in funding, ESG administration will decrease to adjust to the 7.5% cap; and the remaining decrease would divide proportionately amongst the projects.

HOME Program – 896,277

HOME Funds will benefit low and moderate households, targeted as determined by the City. HOME allocations include the following:

Administration: \$89,627 (10%) - funds will be used for administration.

CHDO Set-aside: \$134,442 (15%) - funds will be used for CHDO housing development.

Housing Related Activities: \$672,208 - funds will be used for housing activities. An estimated \$2,500 in program income, if realized, will be put back into the program.

HOME Contingency Provision Language:

In the event of an increase in HOME funding, administration will increase to the 10% cap; the CHDO set-aside will increase to the 15% requirement; and the remaining increase will be allocated to housing related activities.

In the event of a decrease in HOME funding, administration will increase to the 10% cap; the CHDO set-aside will decrease to the 15% requirement; and the remaining decrease will be taken from housing related activities.

R-A March 26, 2022