

Town of Hilton Head Island

Program Year 2021

Annual Action Plan

For the
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Community Development Block Grant Program



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The Town of Hilton Head Island 2021 Annual Action Plan is being amended to include land acquisition costs, for additional real property adjacent to the Town-owned Patterson parcel, needed to carry out the Patterson Neighborhood Park public improvement project. This substantial amendment will allow land acquisition activity to be funded with the Town of Hilton Head Island 2021 CDBG funding allocation. No other changes are included in this amendment.

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The program year 2021 Annual Action Plan represents the second year of the Town of Hilton Head Island's Consolidated Plan for the program years 2020 – 2024 (Con Plan) as amended and approved by Town Council and accepted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Annual Action Plan is the Town of Hilton Head Island's application for the HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program and identifies the proposed project or projects to be funded during the Town's 2021 program year.

The purpose of the Town of Hilton Head Island Annual Action Plan is to preserve and revitalize primarily low and moderate income (LMI) neighborhoods, support LMI activities which enhance the quality of life for Hilton Head Island residents, and address priority community development or redevelopment needs within applicable local, state, and federal statutes and regulations. According to CDBG program guidelines, an activity using the LMI area benefit must meet the minimum threshold of 51% LMI qualified residents. However, according to the HUD issued program year 2020 exception grantee list, the Town of Hilton Head Island has been designated an exception grantee. This designation resulted in an LMI area percentage of 49.56% and is applied to Census tracts and blocks to determine activity eligibility on an area basis.

This Annual Action Plan outlines the priorities by which the Town of Hilton Head Island's CDBG program funds will be invested over the program year 2021 to achieve specific HUD objectives. It is important to note the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan identified public facilities and improvements, public services, housing activities and economic development benefiting LMI persons as high priorities.

On May 18, 2021 the Town of Hilton Head Island received notification of an error in HUD's initial formula allocation for program year 2021 CDBG funds. A minor amendment to this Annual Action Plan was required due to this error. This amendment changed the Town of Hilton Head Island 2021 CDBG funding allocation from \$229,188 to \$232,565.

In January 2024 Town of Hilton Head Island staff recommended land acquisition costs for additional real property adjacent to the Town-owned Patterson property was needed to carry out the Patterson Neighborhood Park public improvement project. An amendment is considered substantial when an activity is to be added, deleted, or substantially changed in terms of purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries. Because land acquisition activity was not included in the original 2021 Annual Action Plan a substantial amendment is required to add this activity to the most current HUD accepted 2021 Annual Action Plan. This substantial amendment will allow land acquisition activity to be funded with the Town of Hilton Head Island 2021 CDBG funding allocation. No other changes are included in this amendment.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The Town's goals for the program year 2021 period focus on neighborhood revitalization efforts by providing a new neighborhood park on the Town owned Patterson property **and adjacent real property, to be acquired with 2021 CDBG funds**, located on Marshland Road in Census Tract 110. This census tract meets the 49.56% or higher LMI requirement. This Annual Action Plan provides a guide for the Town of Hilton Head Island's allocation of CDBG program funding for the program year 2021 planning period. The goals focus on priority needs and targets available resources designed to meet those needs. The needs include public improvements and facilities for LMI persons. The primary emphasis of the goals is the continuance of maintaining and improving the quality of life of LMI residents. The project selected for CDBG funding in this Action Plan will be managed efficiently and in compliance with program requirements.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The Town of Hilton Head Island has participated in the HUD CDBG Entitlement Program since 2015 and continues to monitor and evaluate the performance of the program while ensuring regulatory compliance. The Town recognizes the evaluation of past performance is critical to ensuring CDBG funded activities are implemented in an effective manner and align with established strategies and goals.

During the six years of program participation the Town met required program deadlines. Notifications of acceptable levels of program accomplishment were received from the HUD Columbia, South Carolina field office during the six years of program participation. A "No Findings of Concerns" report was issued by the Regional Environmental Officer during a 2019 onsite Environmental Review Procedures monitoring visit. The Town intends to continue to report its progress in meeting the five-year goals in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER will be submitted in compliance with program deadlines.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

In the original 2021 Annual Action Plan the Town of Hilton Head Island conducted a virtual public meeting on March 4, 2021, to solicit input from citizens on community development needs. This meeting was conducted in observance of social distancing protocols. A public meeting notice was published in the local newspaper, The Island Packet, seven days preceding the public meeting. The meeting notice was also posted on the Town of Hilton Head Island website and distributed via email blast to all email addresses listed on the Town's E-subscription service list, which reached approximately 6,850 subscribers. Included in the public meeting notice was a link to a community needs survey posted on the Open Town Hall portal seeking input from citizens on needs and funding priorities for the 2021 Annual Action Plan. The Open Town Hall portal survey was open from February 24 through March 8, 2021.

At the March 4, 2021 virtual public meeting a presentation including an overview of the CDBG Entitlement Program, purpose of the Annual Action Plan, funding allocation amount, and a staff recommended project was presented to meeting attendees. A recording of the March 4, 2021 virtual public meeting has been posted to the Town of Hilton Head Island YouTube page and can be accessed on the Town of Hilton Head Island website through the meeting details on the calendar or the video on demand page at <https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/boards/meetingvod.cfm?DetailID=TC>.

The staff proposed project listed in the 2021 Annual Action Plan was an item of discussion at the March 22, 2021, Town Council Community Services and Public Safety Committee meeting. In observance of social distancing protocols, this was a virtual meeting, and the committee discussed the proposed project for submittal in the Annual Action Plan. The committee approved a recommendation of approval to Town Council to select Patterson Park as the 2021 CDBG project for inclusion in the Town's 2021 CDBG Annual Action Plan.

A draft 2021 Annual Action Plan was released to the public on March 23, 2021, for a 30-day public comment period. There were no comments received. Following this public comment period, the draft Action Plan was presented at the Town of Hilton Head Island Town Council meeting on May 4, 2021, for review and comment. Public comments were solicited during this meeting and no comments were received.

In January 2024 Town of Hilton Head Island staff recommended land acquisition costs for additional real property adjacent to the Town-owned Patterson property was needed to carry out the Patterson Neighborhood Park public improvement project. Because land acquisition activity was not included in the original 2021 Annual Action Plan a substantial amendment is required to add this activity to the most current HUD accepted 2021 Annual Action Plan. This substantial amendment will allow land acquisition activity to be funded with the Town of Hilton Head Island 2021 CDBG funding allocation. No other changes are included in this amendment.

5. Summary of public comments

In preparation for the original March 4, 2021 virtual public meeting to solicit input for the program year 2021 Annual Action Plan Town staff developed a presentation describing the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program, the purpose of the Annual Action Plan, the funding allocation amount for program year 2021 and staff recommended project. During the virtual meeting there were 4 views noted on the Town of Hilton Head Island Public Meetings Facebook page and no comments were submitted during the meeting.

There was one (1) public comment received via the community needs survey posted on the Open Town Hall portal seeking input from citizens on needs and funding priorities for the 2021 Annual Action Plan. The one comment ranked public services and housing activities as high needs in the community. There were two comments submitted via direct email to the Senior Grants Administrator. One comment was a request for CDBG funds to be used for sidewalks and lighting around Southwood Park Drive and the other was a request to revive the community pool at Chaplin Park.

The 2021 Annual Action plan was an item of discussion at the March 22, 2021 Town Council Community Services and Public Safety Committee meeting. In observance of social distancing protocols, this was a virtual meeting, and the committee discussed the proposed project for submittal in the Annual Action Plan. One committee member expressed support for the project and asked if preliminary design has occurred for the proposed park project. Another committee member requested the location map for the Patterson Park be displayed for reference, and one committee member suggested replacing the broad projects listed in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan project list with more specific projects. No requests for public comments from citizens were submitted during the meeting.

Public comments were solicited during the 30-day public comment period from March 23, 2021, through April 22, 2021, and at the May 4, 2021 Town Council meeting. No comments were received during the 30-day public comment period. No comments were received at the May 4, 2021, Town Council meeting. After hearing no comments Town Council approved a resolution to authorize the Town manager to submit the program year 2021 Annual Action Plan to HUD.

A copy of the original March 4, 2021 public meeting minutes and a summary of all public comments received are attached to this Annual Action Plan.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments were taken into consideration in preparing this Annual Action Plan.

7. Summary

The Town of Hilton Head Island Annual Action Plan outlines priorities by which the Town's CDBG program funds will be invested over the program year 2021 to achieve specific HUD objectives. The Town may use CDBG program funds to leverage other public investment to address the Town's priority need to provide public improvements for primarily LMI income neighborhoods.

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PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	Town of Hilton Head Island	
CDBG Administrator	Town of Hilton Head Island	Community Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Town of Hilton Head Island incorporated as a municipality in 1983 and has a Council-Manager form of government. The Town of Hilton Head Island is comprised of an Administrative/Legal Division, Administrative Services, Community Development, Executive, Finance, Fire Rescue, Human Resources, and Public Projects & Facilities departments.

The Town of Hilton Head Island Community Development Department will be the lead department for the preparation, submission, and administration of this Annual Action Plan and the Town’s CDBG program. Town staff has been an integral part of development of this Annual Action Plan by assessing the CDBG Program, reviewing materials, regulations and documentation on the Annual Action Plan process. The Town Manager, Town Director of Community Development, Town Director of Public Projects and Facilities, and Town Deputy Director of Community Development will oversee the preparation and administration of the Annual Action Plan.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

The Beaufort Housing Authority services all of Beaufort County, South Carolina, including the Town of Hilton Head Island. Within the jurisdiction of the Town of Hilton Head Island the Beaufort Housing Authority operates one public housing apartment facility containing 80 units which provide housing to 187 family members.

The Town of Hilton Head Island participates in the Lowcountry Affordable Housing Coalition, which is under the auspices of Together for Beaufort County and the Beaufort County Human Services Alliance. This coalition consists of governmental entities, non-profit and private organizations striving to make housing more affordable in the Beaufort County area. The coalition has a focus on assisting residents of Beaufort County and serves as a forum for member organizations to share ideas, coordinate projects, and foster interagency cooperation. With support from the Beaufort County Human Services Alliance resources are pooled and community needs are addressed in the areas of economy, education, poverty, and health and environmental issues.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The Lowcountry Continuum of Care, based in Charleston, South Carolina is the Continuum of Care working to address the needs of the homeless in a seven-county region of the South Carolina lowcountry. Annual point in time counts are conducted in the area; however, due to no homeless shelters operating in the Town of Hilton Head Island, there is no homeless data specific to the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The Town of Hilton Head Island program year 2021 Annual Action Plan intends to use U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) resources to fund only CDBG program projects and will not fund Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program projects; therefore no consultation related to the allocation of ESG funds was conducted.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction’s consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Beaufort Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Beaufort Housing Authority was consulted on housing needs via email correspondence and during Lowcountry.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Lowcountry Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Lowcountry Continuum of Care was consulted on homeless needs via website research and email correspondence.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Beaufort County Human Services Alliance
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Other government - County Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Beaufort County Human Services Alliance was consulted on homeless needs via online data gathering.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Lowcountry Council of Governments
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization

<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Economic Development Non-housing Community Development Needs</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Lowcountry Council of Governments was consulted on housing, homeless and non-housing community development needs via online data gathering.</p>

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Efforts were made to consult as broadly as possible with community stakeholders. No particular agency types were excluded from participation. Those that did not participate did so of their own volition.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Lowcountry Continuum of Care	The Lowcountry Continuum of Care, based in Charleston, South Carolina is the Continuum of Care working to address the needs of the homeless in a seven-county region of the South Carolina lowcountry. Annual point in time counts are conducted in the area; however, due to no homeless shelters operating in the Town of Hilton Head Island, there is no homeless data specific to the Town of Hilton Head Island.
Our Plan: 2020 to 2040 Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina	Town of Hilton Head Island	Developed Consolidated Plan goals in conjunction with elements of the Town of Hilton Head Island Comprehensive Plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The Town of Hilton Head Island coordinates with public entities and other bodies of government to develop the Annual Action Plan. Town of Hilton Head Island Community Development department staff work closely with the Town’s Public Projects and Facilities department to collaborate on improvement projects. These efforts include but are not limited to plans for infrastructure and other improvements in the community through CDBG funded activities.

When necessary, the Town of Hilton Head Island will establish collaborative efforts and partnerships with state and local government entities such as Beaufort County, the Lowcountry Council of Governments and various State of South Carolina offices to ensure complete implementation of the Annual Action Plan.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

During the original 2021 Annual Action Plan process, the Town of Hilton Head Island conducted a virtual public meeting on March 4, 2021, to solicit input from citizens on community development needs. This meeting was conducted in observance of social distancing protocols. A public meeting notice was published in the local newspaper, The Island Packet, seven days preceding the public meeting. The meeting notice was also posted on the Town of Hilton Head Island website and distributed via email blast to all email addresses listed on the Town's E-subscription service list, which reached approximately 6,850 subscribers. Included in the public meeting notice was a link to a community needs survey posted on the Open Town Hall portal seeking input from citizens on needs and funding priorities for the 2021 – 2022 Annual Action Plan. The Open Town Hall portal survey was open from February 24 through March 8, 2021.

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Citizen Participation Outreach

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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of Comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/ broad community	<p>The Open Town Hall Portal survey was announced via posting on the Town of Hilton Head Island website and via email blast to all email addresses listed on the Town’s E-subscription service list on Feb. 24, 2021. Comments were accepted until March 8, 2021.</p> <p>There was 1 response to the survey.</p> <p>There were 2 comments submitted via direct email to the Senior Grants Administrator.</p>	<p>The one comment ranked public services and housing activities as high needs in the community. The two comments submitted via direct email were a request for funds to be used for sidewalks and lighting around Southwood Park Drive and a request to revive the community pool at Chaplin Park.</p>	<p>All comments were accepted.</p>	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of Comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	At the March 4, 2021 Annual Action Plan virtual public meeting presentation there were 4 views noted on the Town of Hilton Head Island Public Meetings Facebook page, no comments were submitted, and no citizens called in to comment.	No comments received at the March 4, 2021 virtual public meeting.	No comments received at the March 4, 2021 virtual public meeting.	

3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The staff proposed project listed in the 2021 Annual Action Plan was an item of discussion at the March 22, 2021 Town Council Community Services and Public Safety Committee meeting.	One committee member expressed support of the project and asked if preliminary design has occurred for the proposed park project. Another committee member requested the location map for the Patterson Park be displayed for reference, and one committee member suggested replacing the broad projects listed in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan project list with more specific projects. No requests for public comments from citizens	All comments were accepted.	
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of Comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
				were submitted during the meeting.		

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4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/ broad community	The draft 2021 Annual Action Plan was posted on the Town of Hilton Head Island website from March 23, 2021 through April 22, 2021. A dedicated public comment link was posted on the front page of the website where the public could directly submit comments. A notification of the Annual Action Plan 30 day public comment period was sent via email blast to all email addresses listed on the Town's E-subscription service list. No comments were received in this format.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	
5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	The draft 2021 Annual Action Plan	No comments	No comments	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of Comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
			and resolution to approve plan and authorize submittal to HUD appeared on the agenda of the regular Town of Hilton Head Island Town Council meeting on May 4, 2021.	were received.	were received.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The following table outlines the expected resources from the HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program the Town of Hilton Head Island expects to have available during the 2021 program year covered by this Annual Action Plan. The distribution of allocated funds will be in the following two use categories: program administration will be allocated \$5,000 and public improvements and facilities will be allocated all remaining funds.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Public - Federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$232,565	\$0.00	\$118,792.11	\$351,357.11	\$697,695	The HUD/CDBG funding amount authorized in the 2021 program year was used to estimate the allocation amount for the remaining years 3-5 of the Con Plan

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

It is anticipated the federal funding listed above will be received annually to support activities outlined in the Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan. While the CDBG program does not require leveraging, other Town of Hilton Head Island resources may be used in combination with these funds to complete the project listed in this Annual Action Plan. Leveraging is a way to increase project efficiencies which often come with combining sources of funding. Funds

may be considered leveraged if financial commitments to the cost of a project from a source other than Community Development Block Grant funds are documented. Town staff may identify and explore additional leveraging opportunities such as other federal, state, and local resources.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The Town of Hilton Head Island owns the Patterson property located on Marshland Road, which is currently a vacant parcel. The neighborhood park identified as a public improvement need in this plan will be developed on this property. This property is located in Census Tract 110 which has a LMI household percentage above 49.56%. One of the community needs identified during a previous needs assessment meeting was public improvements and facilities. This neighborhood park public improvement project was one of two projects listed in the 2018 Annual Action Plan and it has not started. It is anticipated the remaining funds in the 2018 CDBG allocation coupled with the 2021 CDBG allocation will provide leverage for project completion.

During preliminary park project design work, it was determined land acquisition costs for additional real property adjacent to the Town-owned Patterson parcel was needed to carry out the Patterson Neighborhood Park public improvement project. Because land acquisition activity was not included in the original 2021 Annual Action Plan a substantial amendment is required to add this activity to the Plan. This substantial amendment will allow land acquisition activity to be funded with the Town of Hilton Head Island 2021 CDBG funding allocation.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Facilities, Housing, Public Svcs., Econ Dev. Yr. 2	2021	2022	Non-Housing Community Development or Affordable Housing	Census Tract 110	Public Facilities & Improvements Including Land Acquisition Activities	\$351,357.11	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1,733

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Facilities, Housing, Public Svcs., Econ Dev. Yr. 2
	Goal Description	Provide funding for public facilities & improvements including land acquisition activities , or housing activities or economic development initiative, or public services in LMI neighborhoods or to LMI clientele.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

At this time the Town of Hilton Head Island does not have the capacity to provide affordable housing units, to extremely low income, low income and moderate-income households. However, public facilities and improvements in census tracts with 49.56% or higher LMI households may be accomplished with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Town of Hilton Head Island activities funded by the 2021 CDBG program are designed to benefit LMI persons. The following table outlines the projects to be carried out by the Town of Hilton Head Island during the 2021 program year covered by this Action Plan.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Patterson Property Neighborhood Park
2	Program Administration

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The primary objective of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds received by the Town of Hilton Head Island is to preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, enhance quality of life for residents and address priority community public services, community development, economic development, and redevelopment needs within applicable local, state, and federal statutes and regulations. For the 2021 program year, CDBG funds were allocated based on project readiness in census tracts with low- and moderate-income households comprising 49.56% or more of the population.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Patterson Property Neighborhood Park
	Target Area	Census Tract 110
	Goals Supported	Facilities, Housing, Public Svcs., Econ Dev. Yr. 2
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities & Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$346,357.11
	Description	Provide funding for public facilities & improvements including land acquisition activities, or housing activities or economic development initiative, or public services in LMI neighborhoods or to LMI clientele.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated approximately 1,733 persons living in Census tract 110 will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Town owned property at 23 Marshland Road, Hilton Head Island, SC (former Patterson property)
	Planned Activities	Neighborhood Park
2	Project Name	Program Administration
	Target Area	Town-Wide
	Goals Supported	Facilities, Housing, Public Svcs., Econ Dev. Yr. 2
	Needs Addressed	Administrative and Planning
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	Program Administration
	Target Date	6/30/2022

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	All town residents and families will benefit from the proposed activity.
Location Description	Town of Hilton Head Island Town Hall.
Planned Activities	Drafting and submitting the Annual Action Plan, CAPER, related reports and program administration.

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AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The geographic area within the Town of Hilton Head Island where assistance will be directed is Census Tract 110. Community development activities may include infrastructure improvements, new or improved public facilities including land acquisition activities, housing activities, economic development, or public services in LMI neighborhoods.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Census Tract 105	0
Census Tract 108	0
Census Tract 110	98
Census Tract 111	0
Census Tract 113	0
Town-Wide	2

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be used to address the needs of low- and moderate-income areas. These areas are determined using Census Tracts which have a low- and moderate-income population of 49.56% or higher. CDBG funds will be designated for use on a project located in the low- and moderate-income Census Tract 110 within the boundaries of the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Housing Choice Voucher Program, commonly known as Section 8 housing, is subsidized by the Federal government and provides Federal assistance to families and individuals in the private rental market. The Beaufort Housing Authority program is tenant-based therefore eligible families receive assistance based on income for housing units meeting general program requirements. There are currently nine units within the Town of Hilton Head Island participating in the voucher program which are scattered throughout the Town. Tenants identify and choose their own units and the landlord agrees to participate in the housing choice voucher program.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	9
Special-Needs	0
Total	9

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	9
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	9

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The Town of Hilton Head Island does not own or operate any public housing developments or units. The Beaufort Housing Authority is the agency providing public housing to approximately 2,429 residents in Beaufort County, South Carolina and there are 293 public housing units located throughout the county. In the Town of Hilton Head Island the Beaufort Housing Authority operates 80 public housing units at the Sandalwood Terrace Apartments.

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

The Beaufort Housing Authority provides resident councils at every public housing development they operate. There is also a Resident Advisory Board that is comprised of resident leaders from each development and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) representatives. The Housing Authority works with resident services at each of the public housing developments and through this collaboration promote programs and activities for residents. Some of the programs offered include: the Family Self-Sufficiency Program which is a five year homeownership education program, Sandalwood Terrace Resident Council, free budgeting classes, and community garden clubs. Due to social distancing protocols related to the COVID-19 pandemic during 2020 the Beaufort Housing Authority conducted virtual resident council meetings. In addition to resident council meetings being conducted virtually other programming services such as parenting classes and poster contests for resident children have taken place via virtual connections.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Not applicable.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The Lowcountry Continuum of Care, based in Charleston, South Carolina, is the continuum of care working to address the needs of homeless in a seven county region of the South Carolina lowcountry. Annual point in time counts are conducted in the Beaufort County area; however, due to no homeless shelters operating in the Town of Hilton Head Island, there is no homeless data for the Town. Anecdotal evidence indicates there is a homeless population within the jurisdiction, however, no definite statistics are available on the total homeless population in the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

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

The most current point in time count data available is from the January 22, 2020 count. The number of homeless counted in Beaufort County was 12 persons. Of the 12 persons interviewed in January 2020, there was one (1) living unsheltered and 11 living in shelters. Of the 12 persons none were veterans and one (1) was chronically homeless. It is important to note, since the Town of Hilton Head Island does not have any homeless shelters the figures reflected in the point in time count data pertain to homeless persons counted in Beaufort County, South Carolina, and are not specific to the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Results of the 2019 point in time count indicated 28 persons experiencing homelessness interviewed in Beaufort County. The 2020 point in time count results showed a decrease of 16 persons, for a total of 12 persons experiencing homelessness in Beaufort County. Although state-wide point in time count data shows an increase in number of persons counted in 2020 compared to 2019 the reverse was indicated for Beaufort County. The lower count number for Beaufort County may be due to the area of the Lowcountry Continuum of Care being geographically smaller than the other three South Carolina continuums of care that participate in the annual point in time count process.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Currently there are no emergency and transitional housing shelters operating in the Town of Hilton Head Island. At this time there is no future plan to own or operate emergency shelters

or transitional housing in the Town of Hilton Head Island.

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

There are no homeless shelters located within the jurisdiction of the Town of Hilton Head Island and no homeless population count data available from the Lowcountry Continuum of Care, the regional continuum of care servicing the Town. There is a non-profit organization, Family Promise of Beaufort, located in neighboring Bluffton, South Carolina, which is a coalition of Beaufort County churches assisting homeless families through a 60-90 day program. The program provides evening accommodations for program participants at host churches and daytime transportation to school for children and educational programs for parents.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: 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); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

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AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

A variety of barriers exist which make increasing affordable housing stock in the Town of Hilton Head Island difficult. The following list highlights some affordable housing issues, however, this list should not be considered exhaustive. Many other circumstances may occur which prevent the market from providing affordable housing.

- Land costs are a limiting factor in the construction of affordable housing units.
- Land supply is a finite resource as the Town approaches build-out.
- Construction costs which continue to increase are a factor in development of affordable housing.
- Much of the housing located in the Town of Hilton Head Island and land available for housing is subject to floodplain insurance requirements in addition to other insurance requirements, such as wind and hail.
- Marketability and potential profit is a factor for developers because of the challenges faced with construction in a coastal area.
- The “NIMBY” syndrome, “Not in My Backyard”, is a common sentiment toward affordable housing within the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Actions it planned 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

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In addition to participation in the Lowcountry Affordable Housing Coalition, monitoring relevant public policies for changes which may constitute barriers to affordable housing may be conducted. In 2017 the Town Council Public Planning Committee began studying various aspects of affordable housing on Hilton Head Island. During 2017 the committee met with local developers, business owners, employers, and service organizations for discussions on providing affordable housing to the local workforce. In 2018 strategies were developed to further

address fostering affordable housing within the Town of Hilton Head Island. In 2019 the Town's housing consultant presented a workforce housing strategic plan. Town staff prepared an approach to implement the recommendations included in the strategic plan and the Town Council Public Planning Committee made a recommendation to Town Council to adopt the strategic plan. In 2020 Town staff developed workforce housing amendments for the Town of Hilton Head Island Land Management Ordinance (LMO). The amendments created a policy which uses incentives to promote conversion of commercial space into workforce housing units. These amendments moved through the approval process and the commercial conversion LMO amendment was adopted by Town Council on November 17, 2020. In December 2020 a consultant was hired through a partnership with area counties and municipalities and research for developing a housing trust fund was underway. On February 16, 2021 a second set of LMO amendments related to work force housing were adopted by Town Council allowing bonus density for work force housing units under certain conditions.

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AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The Town of Hilton Head Island anticipates taking the following actions throughout the program year 2021 to address the challenges listed below.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

As part of the 2021 program year, the Town of Hilton Head Island will determine where underserved populations are located through analysis Census data and community input. To reduce the number of obstacles in meeting the needs of the underserved populations Town staff may assist with facilitating collaborations with area service organizations which spearhead community-wide solutions to local needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

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Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Specific data for lead-based paint hazards in the Town of Hilton Head Island is unavailable. The number of units built before 1980 may be used to represent a baseline for the number of units which may pose a lead-based paint threat. At this time action to address lead-based paint hazards have not been identified.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Beaufort Housing Authority operates a Family Self Sufficiency Program which promotes independence for its residents. Participants in the program work toward setting and obtaining future life and career goals by accomplishing activities and objectives. The Beaufort Housing Authority also operates a homeownership program, which assists residents in their programs pay a mortgage rather than a rental payment. Recently one resident successfully completed this program and purchased a home in Beaufort County using this assistance.

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Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Town of Hilton Head Island has participated in the HUD CDBG Entitlement Program since 2015. During the six years of program participation the Town met required program deadlines. Notifications of acceptable levels of program accomplishment were received from the HUD Columbia, South Carolina field office during the six years of program participation. A “No Findings of Concerns” report was issued by the Regional Environmental Officer during a 2019 onsite Environmental Review Procedures monitoring visit. The Town intends to continue to report its progress in meeting the five-year goals in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER will be submitted in compliance with program deadlines.

Strategies for overcoming gaps in capacity issues in the service delivery system may require more findings or changes in public policy. The Town of Hilton Head Island will continue to

coordinate efforts and partnerships with state and local government entities such as Beaufort County, the Lowcountry Council of Governments, and various State of South Carolina offices when necessary to carry out the priority needs listed in this Annual Action Plan.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

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Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

**Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)**

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	98%

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Beaufort County drops plan to reinstate hospital trustee after Beaufort Memorial suit

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Beaufort County Council agreed Monday night to stop trying to reappoint a controversial member to the hospital board after getting sued by the area's largest medical facility.

Monday's decision came four days after Beaufort Memorial Hospital sued the county for "unlawfully" trying to reinstate Kathleen Cooper to the hospital's board of trustees. Cooper previously resigned from the board after she urged the council not to pass a mandatory face mask ordinance, according to the lawsuit.

The group of 11 council members discussed the lawsuit in executive session Monday before voting to take the issue off the agenda. Vice Chair Paul Sommerville, the council's liaison for the hospital board and chair of the committee that initially voted for Cooper's reinstatement, made the motion.

Sommerville said the council could not appoint Cooper to her third term because she was not nominated by the hospital. That's the very point the hospital argued in its lawsuit against the county.

He added that the council needs to "review" all of its boards' and agencies' protocols, along with the ordinances that create those boards.

Asked after the meeting to elaborate, Sommerville said the county has "some really screwy ordinances." For example, he cited boards where some members have different term limits than others. He said the council wants to

THE COUNCIL COULD NOT APPOINT COOPER TO HER THIRD TERM BECAUSE SHE WAS NOT NOMINATED BY THE HOSPITAL.

"clean up" the legislation that enables those boards.

In addition to the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, the county has 28 other council-appointed boards and commissions.

Asked if the council was reviewing the ordinances to allow the county nominating capabilities for the hospital board — the main focus of the lawsuit — Sommerville said the council was going to "take a look at it."

Asked whether the council would then consider reinstating Cooper to the board, Sommerville said he "wouldn't rule out anything."

"The [hospital] board, under the current rules, has to nominate her, and they've made it clear they're not going to," he said.

After the meeting, Council member Logan Cunningham told a reporter that David House, who chairs the hospital board, "overextended his authority" when he asked Cooper to resign.

Beaufort Memorial Hospital, in the lawsuit filed on Thursday, accused Beaufort County Council of usurping its authority and breaking S.C. law by unilaterally attempting to reinstate Cooper to the hospital's

board despite the hospital's assertion that she resigned and was not nominated.

Cooper was asked to resign after she emailed County Council members before they voted on a county-wide mask ordinance, claiming that mask-wearing was "ineffective" at stopping the coronavirus based on "personal research," according to the lawsuit.

The suit illustrated a back-and-forth power struggle between the county government and the area's publicly owned nonprofit hospital.

At the center of the lawsuit was a disagreement over whether Beaufort County Council had the power to appoint a hospital board member who was not nominated by the hospital. The county's ordinance that creates the hospital board states that vacancies on the board "shall be filled by the county council from nominees submitted by the board."

The lawsuit asks the court to prohibit the county from attempting to reinstate hospital board members who resign or whose terms have expired. It also wants to prohibit the county from trying to appoint a board member without a formal nomination from the hospital.

Sommerville told a reporter Monday night he "would assume" that the council's decision to remove Cooper's reinstatement from consideration would satisfy the hospital's attorneys.

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Iran officially curbs UN nuclear inspections

Iran officially started restricting international inspections of its nuclear facilities Tuesday, a bid to pressure European countries and U.S. President Joe Biden's administration to lift economic sanctions and restore the 2015 nuclear deal. World powers slammed the restrictions as a "dangerous" move.

It came as the International Atomic Energy Agency reported in a confidential document seen by The Associated Press that Iran had added 38.8 pounds of uranium enriched to 20% to its stockpile as of Feb. 16.

It was the first official confirmation of plans Iran announced in January to enrich to the greater purity, which is just a technical step away from weapons-grade levels.

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Many Confederate symbols taken down in 2020

When rioters tore through the U.S. Capitol last month, some of them gripping Confederate battle flags, they didn't encounter a statue of the most famous rebel general, Robert E. Lee.

The Lee statue, which represented the state of Virginia as part of the National Statuary Hall Collection for 111 years, had been removed just weeks before — one of at least 160 public Confederate symbols taken down or moved from public spaces in 2020, according to a new count the Southern Poverty Law Center shared with The Associated Press ahead of releasing it later Tuesday.

The SPLC says there are 704 Confederate monuments still standing across the United States.

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Wife of drug kingpin 'El Chapo' to stay in jail

A federal judge has ordered the wife of Mexican drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman to remain temporarily jailed after she was arrested and accused of helping her husband run his multibillion-dollar cartel and plotting his audacious escape from a Mexican prison in 2015.

Emma Coronel Aispuro, 31, appeared by video conference before a federal magistrate judge in Washington, D.C.

Prosecutor Anthony Nardozi said Coronel should remain jailed, arguing that she "worked closely with the command-and-control structure" of the Sinaloa cartel, particularly with her husband. Nardozi said she conspired to distribute large quantities of drugs.

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The SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is managing distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine in South Carolina. For the latest update on the vaccine and access to frequently asked questions about the vaccine and the vaccination program in our state, please visit DHEC's website at <https://scdhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccination>.

Mask Up! It's the Law on Hilton Head Island

Town Council adopted an emergency ordinance requiring individuals to wear face coverings in commercial business establishments in the municipal limits of the Town of Hilton Head Island. [Learn more...](#)

[Download or Print Mask Up! Campaign Resources](#)

Upcoming Meetings

- RFP Evaluation Committee
3/1/2021 at 1:00 PM
Virtual Meeting
- Gullah Geechee Land & Cultural Preservation Task Force
3/1/2021 at 9:00 AM
Virtual Meeting
- RFP Evaluation Committee
3/1/2021 at 9:00 AM
Virtual Meeting
- Finance & Administrative Committee

Coronavirus Updates, Info & Resources

Open Town Hall HHI
Join the discussion!

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Hilton Head Island

Meeting Calendar

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 **Seasonal Safety Tips**




 **Parks + Recreation Master Plan**
 Our master plan for parks and recreation continues to evolve. Now it is time to begin the Parks + Recreation Master Plan Part 3, prioritizing the recommendations and action items. [Learn more...](#)

 **We Already Pay!**
 Beaufort County passed an ordinance to impose a law enforcement charge and uniform user fee to generate \$4.4 million in surplus revenue for the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. [Learn more...](#)

News Releases and Notices

- [Town of Hilton Head Island's Mid-Island Tract Open for Visitors - 2/25/2021](#)
 - [Maintenance and Repaving Work Scheduled to Take Place Around Hilton Head Island Next Week - 2/25/2021](#)
 - [Notice of Public Meeting for the Community Development Block Grant Program Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Action Plan - 2/24/2021](#)
 - [Repaving Work Scheduled for Sea Pines Circle - 2/24/2021](#)
 - [Town of Hilton Head Island to Perform Maintenance Work on Pathway and Pump Station Beginning Monday, February 22 - 2/18/2021](#)
 - [Town of Hilton Head Island Earns SCAPA Outstanding Award for New 2020-2040 Comprehensive Plan - 2/17/2021](#)
 - [Penn Center's Land Preservation Assistance Program Offers Aid to Beaufort County Property Owners - 2/16/2021](#)
 - [Be Aware: Training Exercises Planned for Law Enforcement and Emergency Teams - 2/11/2021](#)
 - [New Fire Hydrants Installed to Offer Greater Protection in Hilton Head Island Neighborhoods - 2/8/2021](#)
 - [South Carolinians Aged 65 and Older Can Schedule COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments Beginning Monday, February 8 - 2/3/2021](#)
 - [SCDOT to Discontinue Toll Collections on Hilton Head's Cross Island Parkway June 30, 2021 - 2/2/2021](#)
- [View More News and Media Releases](#)

Announcements

 **Town Offices Reopened - Public Access is Limited**
 The public is encouraged to conduct business with the Town by phone, e-mail or online, when possible. Members of the public that need assistance in person will be allowed to enter Town office buildings by appointment only. Please call ahead to schedule a visit. [Learn more...](#)
 The classroom at Fire Rescue headquarters at 40 Summit Drive, and the fire stations and conference rooms remain closed to the public.
[View Additional Announcements and Reminders...](#)
[View our Frequently Asked Questions Page for more information...](#)

Recent Publications

- New Town Manager Comes with Local Knowledge and Experience** - February 2021 (Mayor McCann's Article as seen in *Celebrate Hilton Head Magazine*)
- New Town Manager will help lead us toward future** - February 2021 (Mayor McCann's Article as seen in *The Hilton Head Sun*)
- 2019 Fire Rescue Annual Report**



- Committee
3/2/2021 at 2:00 PM
Virtual Meeting
- Town Council
3/2/2021 at 4:00 PM
Virtual Meeting
- Parks & Recreation Commission
3/3/2021 at 3:00 PM
Virtual Meeting
- Planning Commission
3/3/2021 at 9:00 AM
Virtual Meeting
- CDBG Program FY 2021-2022
Annual Action Plan
3/4/2021 at 5:15 PM
Virtual Meeting
- RFP Evaluation Committee
3/5/2021 at 1:00 PM
Virtual Meeting
- RFP Evaluation Committee
3/5/2021 at 6:00 AM
Virtual Meeting



 **Sustainability on Hilton Head Island**

Town of Hilton Head Island Website
February 24, 2021
2021 – 2022 CDBG Annual Action Plan
Public Meeting Notice Page

The screenshot shows the Town of Hilton Head Island website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Employment Opportunities, Topic Index, and Contact Us. The main header features the town's logo and a search bar. Below the header is a secondary navigation bar with links for Government, Online Services, Departments, Our Island, Public Safety, and Publications. A red banner reads "Hilton Head Island COVID-19 Hub", and an orange banner below it says "Individuals Required to Wear Face Coverings in Commercial Business Establishments". The main content area is titled "Public Notice" and contains the following text:

Public Notice Text Size: A A A

Notice of Public Meeting for the Community Development Block Grant Program Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Action Plan

Release Date: February 24, 2021

Contact Information:
Marcy Benson 📧, Senior Grants Administrator, 843-341-4689

Notice is hereby given that on **THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.**, the Town of Hilton Head Island will hold a virtual public meeting to solicit input on needs and funding priorities related to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program fiscal year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan. In accordance with the Town of Hilton Head Island Municipal Code Section 2-5-15, this meeting is being conducted virtually and can be viewed live on the Town's Public Meeting Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/townofhiltonheadislandmeetings/>. Public comments can be submitted electronically via the Town's Open Town Hall HHI portal at <https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/opentownhall/>. **The portal will close 2 hours prior to the start of the scheduled meeting.** Citizens who wish to comment during the meeting by phone must contact Marcy Benson at 843-341-4689 no later than two hours before the meeting. Following the meeting, the video record will be made available on the Town's website at <https://www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov/>.

As required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Town of Hilton Head Island is developing its Annual Action Plan for the period of 2021-2022. The Annual Action Plan outlines community development needs and provides a one-year action plan for how the Town of Hilton Head Island intends to use its federal funds in order to address those needs.

The Town of Hilton Head Island does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its federally assisted programs or activities. Assistance will be provided to accommodate the special needs of disabled persons, and persons with limited English language proficiency. If auxiliary aids are required please make arrangements 72 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Marcy Benson, Senior Grants Administrator, 1 Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928 via e-mail at marcyb@hiltonheadislandsc.gov or phone at 843-341-4689.

At the bottom of the page, there is a green navigation bar with the following links: Government ~ Online Services ~ Departments ~ Our Island ~ Public Safety ~ Publications ~ Contact Us ~ Home
Town of Hilton Head Island ~ One Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29928 ~ (843) 341-4600
Employee Portal ~ Website Policies ~ Social Media Public Use Policy ~ Contact Webmaster 📧

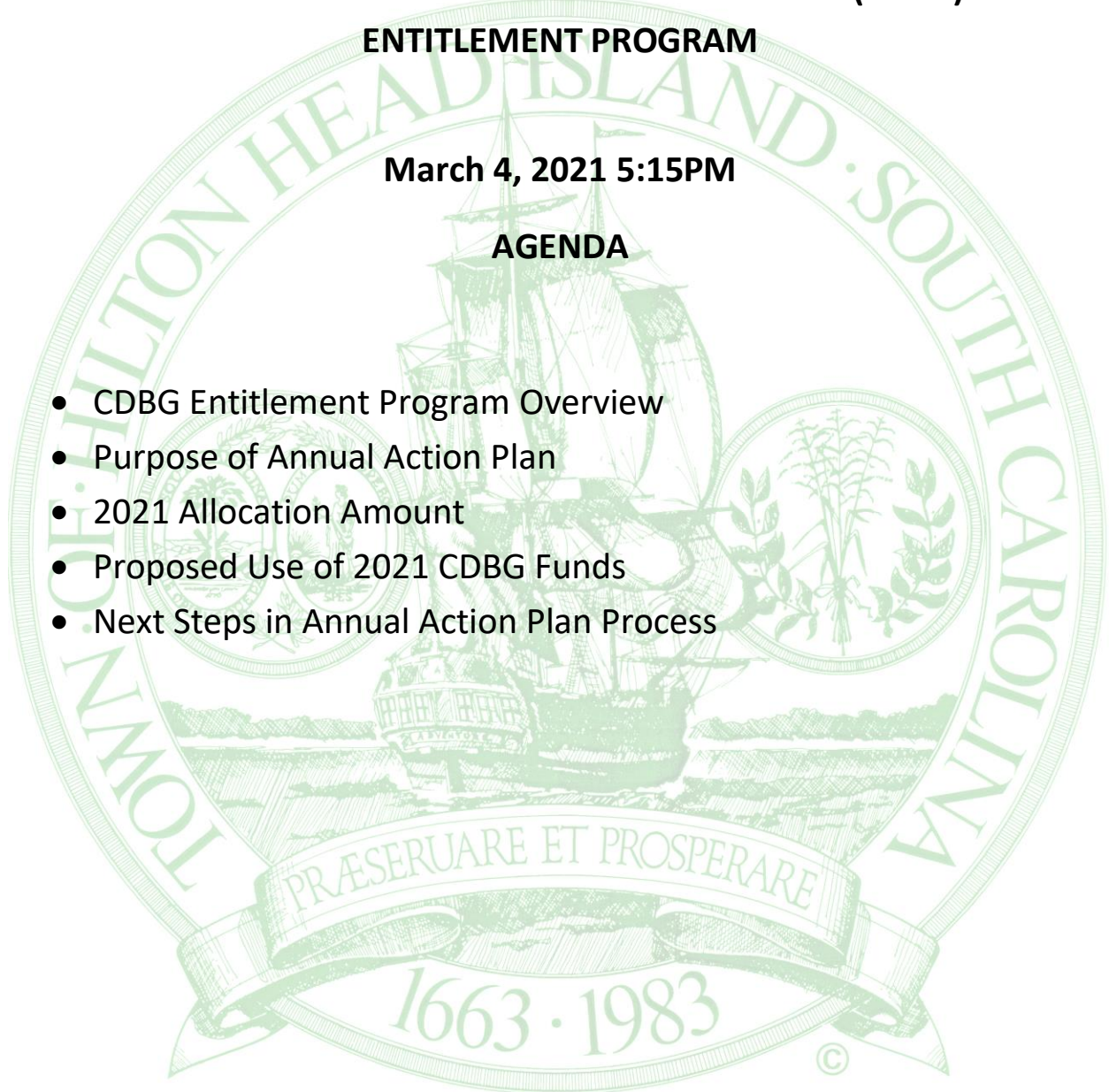
TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM**

March 4, 2021 5:15PM

AGENDA

- CDBG Entitlement Program Overview
- Purpose of Annual Action Plan
- 2021 Allocation Amount
- Proposed Use of 2021 CDBG Funds
- Next Steps in Annual Action Plan Process





Town of Hilton Head Island

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

2021 – 2022 Annual Action Plan

Public Meeting
Thursday, March 4, 2021

Marcy Benson
Senior Grants Administrator

Agenda

- CDBG Entitlement Program Overview
- Purpose of Annual Action Plan
- 2021 Allocation Amount
- Proposed Use of 2021 CDBG Funds
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Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program (CDBG)

- Federal grant program administered by HUD
- Provides annual grants on a formula basis
- Program Year 2021 allocation is **\$229,188**
- Annual amount fluctuates each year
- Benefit low and moderate income persons
- Next Annual Action Plan is due in May



Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Definitions

- Low and moderate income households = less than 80% of the area median income
- Low Income = equal to or less than 50% of the area median income
- Moderate Income = equal to or less than 80% of area median income



LMI Example

FY2020 Income Limit Summary

FY 2020 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income	Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Beaufort County, SC HUD Metro FMR Area	\$81,500	50% Income Limit (Low)	28,550	32,600	36,700	40,750	44,050	47,300	50,550	53,800
		80% Income Limit (Moderate)	45,650	52,200	58,700	65,200	70,450	75,650	80,850	86,100

Source: HUD User Website, Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R)
<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il2020/2020summary.odn>

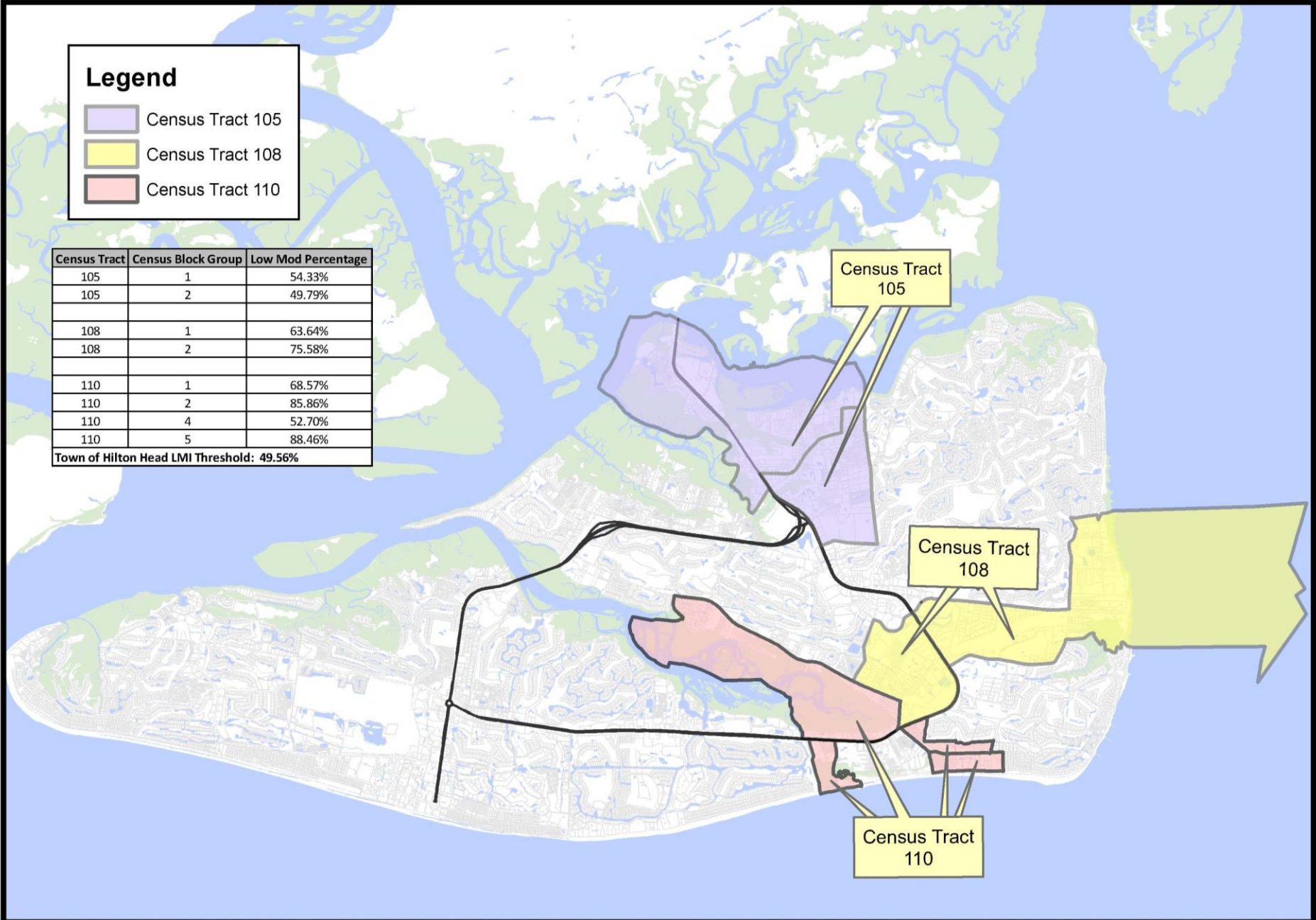


Legend

- Census Tract 105
- Census Tract 108
- Census Tract 110

Census Tract	Census Block Group	Low Mod Percentage
105	1	54.33%
105	2	49.79%
108	1	63.64%
108	2	75.58%
110	1	68.57%
110	2	85.86%
110	4	52.70%
110	5	88.46%

Town of Hilton Head LMI Threshold: 49.56%



Town of Hilton Head Island

LMI Census Tracts and Blocks



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Annual Action Plan Purpose

- Provides summary to HUD
- 1 Year Plan with Goals & Objectives
- Allocates Funds for Program Year 2021
- Improve quality of life



2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan Projects List

#	Program Year	Project Name	Project Description	Estimated Amount	Annual Goals Supported	Target Area	Priority Need Addressed	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	2020	COVID-19 Response and Recovery	Provide grant funding for the purchase of equipment, or supplies, or materials necessary to carry-out response and recovery due to COVID-19.	\$770,401	COVID-19 Response & Recovery	Town-Wide	Non- Housing Community Development – Public Services; and Administration & Planning	Public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit
2	2021	Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 2	Provide funding for public facilities & improvements, or housing activities or economic development initiative, or public services in LMI neighborhoods or to LMI clientele.	\$238,313	Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 2	Census Tract 105, 108, 110, 111, or 113	Non- Housing Community Development – Public Improvements; Public Services; Housing Activities; Economic Development; Administration & Planning	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit
3	2022	Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 3	Provide funding for public facilities & improvements, or housing activities or economic development initiative, or public services in LMI neighborhoods or to LMI clientele.	\$238,313	Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 3	Census Tract 105, 108, 110, 111, or 113	Non- Housing Community Development – Public Improvements; Public Services; Housing Activities; Economic Development; Administration & Planning	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit
4	2023	Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 4	Provide funding for public facilities & improvements, or housing activities or economic development initiative, or public services in LMI neighborhoods or to LMI clientele.	\$238,313	Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 4	Census Tract 105, 108, 110, 111, or 113	Non- Housing Community Development – Public Improvements; Public Services; Housing Activities; Economic Development; Administration & Planning	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit
5	2024	Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 5	Provide funding for public facilities & improvements, or housing activities or economic development initiative, or public services in LMI neighborhoods or to LMI clientele.	\$238,313	Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 5	Census Tract 105, 108, 110, 111, or 113	Non- Housing Community Development – Public Improvements; Public Services; Housing Activities; Economic Development; Administration & Planning	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit



2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan

Program Year 2 Project

#	Program Year	Project Name	Project Description	Estimated Amount	Annual Goals Supported	Target Area	Priority Need Addressed	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	2021	Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 2	Provide funding for public facilities & improvements, or housing activities or economic development initiative, or public services in LMI neighborhoods or to LMI clientele.	\$238,349	Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 2	Census Tract 105, 108, 110, 111, or 113	Non- Housing Community Development – Public Improvements; Public Services; Housing Activities; Economic Development; Administration & Planning	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit

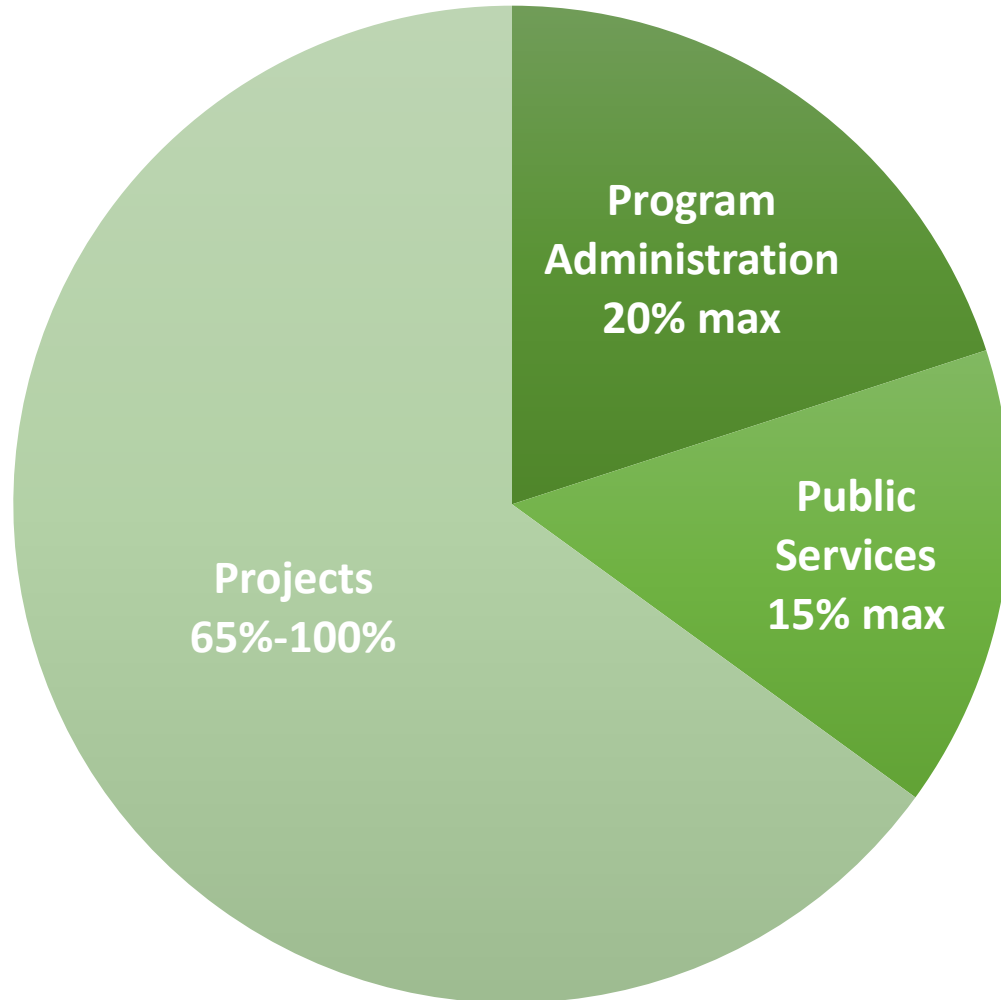


What We've Done 2015 - 2020

- Two dirt road paving projects
- Two playground installation projects
- One parking expansion project
- One pavilion construction project
- 15 public services organizations



2021 Allocation \$229,188



Proposed Use of 2021 CDBG Funds

- Public Improvement Project
 - Neighborhood park at the Patterson Town owned property



We Want to Hear From You

- Public Improvements?
- Public Facilities?
- Housing Activities?
- Other Real Property Improvements?
- Public Services?



We Want to Hear From You Survey on Open Town Hall

<https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/opentownhall/>

The screenshot shows the website header for the Town of Hilton Head Island. The logo on the left reads "Town of Hilton Head Island" with the tagline "America's Favorite Island ~ A Great Place to Live, A Great Place to Visit". On the right, there are links for "Employment Opportunities", "Topic Index", and "Contact". Below the logo is an "E-Subscription Service" icon and a search bar containing "Search hiltonheadislandsc.gov". A navigation bar below the header includes a home icon and links for "Government", "Online Services", "Departments", "Our Island", "Public Safety", and "Publications". A red banner across the middle of the page reads "Hilton Head Island COVID-19 Hub". Below this is an orange banner with the text "Individuals Required to Wear Face Coverings in Commercial Business Establishments". At the bottom left, there is a green speech bubble icon with a white building icon inside, followed by the text "Open Town Hall HHI". To the right of this is a blue box with an email icon and the text "Subscribe to Email Notifications for New Topics". Further right, there is a "Text Size: A A A" control.



Next Steps

- Annual Action Plan will be drafted
- 30 day public comment period
- Town Council approval to submit Plan
- Submittal to HUD





Thank you!

Marcy Benson

Senior Grants Administrator

Marcyb@hiltonheadislandsc.gov

Public Meeting Minutes
Public Meeting to Solicit Input and Discuss
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program
Annual Action Plan Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Program Year 2021)

Thursday, March 4, 2021 – 5:15pm
Virtual Public Meeting via
Town of Hilton Head Island Public Meeting Facebook Page

Attendance: Four views noted during live meeting.

Marcy Benson, Senior Town Grants Administrator, began the virtual public meeting at 5:15pm via the Town of Hilton Head Island Public Meeting Facebook Page at <https://m.facebook.com/townofhiltonheadislandmeetings/>

A PowerPoint presentation was given describing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program, the CDBG funding allocation amount available for program year 2021 and staff recommended project for the fiscal year 2021-2022 annual action plan. Four views were noted on the Town of Hilton Head Island Public Meeting Facebook Page during the live meeting.

No public comments were made via the comments section of the Facebook page during the meeting and no citizens called in prior to the meeting to request time to make comments.

The meeting concluded with Town staff stating the next step for the fiscal year 2021-2022 annual action plan will include a 30 day public comment period and recommended comments be submitted via the Town website. Attendees interested in submitting a comment directly to staff were directed to send an email to Marcy Benson, Senior Town Grants Administrator at MarcyB@Hiltonheadislandsc.gov . Attendees were thanked for participating and the public meeting adjourned at approximately 5:26pm.



FY21 CDBG Annual Action Plan

March 9, 2021, 9:50 AM

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FY21 CDBG Annual Action Plan

We are accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan

Introduction

Welcome. Thank you for joining the Town of Hilton Head Island's Virtual Open Town Hall comment portal.

As a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Community the Town of Hilton Head Island receives an annual allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fund projects which benefit the community needs of low and moderate income residents. The 2021 -2022 funding allocation is estimated to be approximately \$200,000. The Town is accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan.

FY21 CDBG Annual Action Plan

We are accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan

Summary Of Comments

As of March 9, 2021, 9:50 AM, this forum had:

Attendees: 6
Comments: 1
Minutes of Public Comment: 3

Topic Start

February 24, 2021, 4:12 PM

Topic End

March 9, 2021, 9:50 AM

QUESTION 1

How important are these services (1=not important, 5=very important)?

Public Improvements such as streets, sidewalks, water and sewer infrastructure, parks, or drainage improvements

		%	Count
1		100.0%	1

Public Facilities such as neighborhood or community facilities or facilities for persons with special needs

		%	Count
3		100.0%	1

Housing Activities such as rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes for energy improvements, water and sewer efficiency improvements, or lead-based paint testing and abatement

		%	Count
3		100.0%	1

Other Real Property Improvements such as acquisition, clearance/demolition, code enforcement, historic preservation, renovation of closed buildings, or handicapped accessibility

		%	Count
5		100.0%	1

Public Services such as employment services, crime prevention and public safety, child care, health services, fair housing counseling, education programs, or services for senior citizens.

FY21 CDBG Annual Action Plan

We are accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan

		%	Count
5		100.0%	1

QUESTION 2

Please tell us a specific project you would like to see in the three highest ranking categories you selected

Answered	1
Skipped	0

QUESTION 3

You've got 10 dots to 'spend'. Tell us how you would allocate \$200,000 in any of the project categories

		%	Count
Housing Activities		50.0%	5
Public Services		50.0%	5

QUESTION 4

Do you have any additional comments?

Answered	1
Skipped	0

FY21 CDBG Annual Action Plan

We are accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan

Survey Questions

QUESTION 1

How important are these services (1=not important, 5=very important)?

Row choices

- Public Improvements such as streets, sidewalks, water and sewer infrastructure, parks, or drainage improvements
- Public Facilities such as neighborhood or community facilities or facilities for persons with special needs
- Housing Activities such as rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes for energy improvements, water and sewer efficiency improvements, or lead-based paint testing and abatement
- Other Real Property Improvements such as acquisition, clearance/demolition, code enforcement, historic preservation, renovation of closed buildings, or handicapped accessibility
- Public Services such as employment services, crime prevention and public safety, child care, health services, fair housing counseling, education programs, or services for senior citizens.

Column choices

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

QUESTION 2

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QUESTION 3

You've got 10 dots to 'spend'. Tell us how you would allocate \$200,000 in any of the project categories

- Public Improvements
- Public Facilities
- Housing Activities
- Other Real Property Improvements
- Public Services

QUESTION 4

Do you have any additional comments?

FY21 CDBG Annual Action Plan

We are accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan

Individual Comments

[REDACTED]
inside Town Limits

March 5, 2021, 3:00 AM

Question 1

Public Improvements such as streets, sidewalks, water and sewer infrastructure, parks, or drainage improvements: 1

Public Facilities such as neighborhood or community facilities or facilities for persons with special needs: 3

Housing Activities such as rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes for energy improvements, water and sewer efficiency improvements, or lead-based paint testing and abatement: 3

Other Real Property Improvements such as acquisition, clearance/demolition, code enforcement, historic preservation, renovation of closed buildings, or handicapped accessibility: 5

Public Services such as employment services, crime prevention and public safety, child care, health services, fair housing counseling, education programs, or services for senior citizens.: 5

Question 2

Public Service needs have not been much of a priority on the Island in the past. Workforce housing a major issue. The Towns Workforce housing project is fantastic and is finally growing some legs. We need some sort of temporary housing to support the workforce that are continuously losing homes to vacation rentals and the impact of Covid-19. Temporary emergency funding has been virtually impossible to get during the pandemic and the homeless issue continues to rise due to no fault of the individual. I suggest on trying to find a way to offer help before there is no one left to work on our island. An outreach program or task force needs to be implemented immediately and HUD funds should be allocated to this sooner than later.

Question 3

- Housing Activities (5)
- Public Services (5)

Question 4

I would be willing to work with any outreach program currently or in the future to help with the immediate needs to our workforce homelessness concern.

**NOTICE OF 30 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Hilton Head Island has prepared a draft of its fiscal year 2021 – 2022 (program year 2021) Annual Action Plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program funding. The Plan will be available for review and comment for 30 days beginning Tuesday, March 23, 2021 through Thursday, April 22, 2021. A copy of the Plan will be available for review via the Town of Hilton Head Island website at:

<https://www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov/> beginning March 23, 2021. Written comments on the Plan are encouraged and may be submitted via the website link, or email to marcyb@hiltonheadislandsc.gov or by mail to Marcy Benson, Senior Grants Administrator, Town of Hilton Head Island Community Development Department, 1 Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928. Comments will be accepted until April 22, 2021. Comments received and responses will be posted on the Town of Hilton Head Island website on Friday, April 23, 2021.

The Town of Hilton Head Island does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its federally assisted programs or activities. Marcy Benson, Senior Grants Administrator has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations. She may be reached at the email address listed above or by phone at (843) 341-4689.

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ASIA

tionships among them,” said Sung Kim, who is the top U.S. diplomat for Asia. For all of Biden’s suggestions that he will re-

verse Trump’s overt hostility to China, Biden has yet to countermand a single one of his predecessor’s policies. He has,

in fact, reaffirmed several of them, including maintaining sanctions in response to human rights abuses in western Xinjiang and Hong Kong and restating a Trump-era decision to reject outright nearly all of China’s maritime claims in the South

China Sea. Many of China’s policies that the U.S. finds objectionable – including its crackdown in Hong Kong, stepped up rhetoric against Taiwan and actions in the South China Sea – began during the Obama administration.

The previous Democratic administration took office promising a “pivot to Asia” after a period of what many saw as American neglect of the region during George W. Bush’s presidency. After wrapping up the stop in Seoul, Blinken will

fly back to Washington via Anchorage, Alaska, where he and Sullivan will meet with senior Chinese officials. Austin will go from Seoul to New Delhi for meetings with Indian leaders.

FROM PAGE 1A
FUNERALS

has during the COVID-19 pandemic, fighting against an unseen virus that now, a year after it was first found in South Carolina, medical experts still don’t know everything about how to be safe around it.

Johnson, who contracted COVID last fall, said others who work for him have gotten it as well. He was out of work for two weeks with moderate symptoms.

And he got it even with the extreme safety measures the funeral home has put in place.

No longer is there open visitation. No setting up the house with chairs and funeral books and wreaths. No family cars. No hugging. That’s the part that bothers him most.

“I can’t hug people I’ve known all my life and loved,” he said.

Johnson said many families have elected to have a graveside service only, something unthinkable pre-COVID. Very few are gathering in a church, and some pastors are not allowing funerals in their churches, many of which still are not having regular in-person services.

He thinks about recent funerals that were a shadow of what they would have been in ordinary times, such as Deacon Calvin “Chip” Jackson, a Richland County Council member. Probably 2,500 people would have attended Jackson’s funeral, John-

son estimated. Instead, people watched a live-stream video on Facebook. The crush of funerals is so great, Leevy’s has two pages on Facebook where people can watch funerals online.

“He did not get the send-off he deserved,” Johnson said.

Johnson described his business as a sacred ministry.

Mourners have suffered from it. Where they would normally go to a home or church for a home-cooked meal provided by friends and fellow parishioners to honor and remember the person who died, now they and their family members go home to grieve alone.

“It’s very hurtful,” Johnson said.

In January — usually the worst month for deaths in any year, COVID or not — Leevy’s Funeral Home held 80 funerals.

“I felt like a zombie,” Johnson said.

Recently, he arranged the funeral for a man, and the man’s wife died the next day.

Johnson will not turn a family away.

In Black culture, funerals must be done well, or the spirit does not rest, Johnson said.

THE WOOD MORTUARY

Jones, who runs Wood Mortuary in the small Upstate city of Greer, said he handles a COVID death at least weekly, and



TRACY GLANTZ tglantz@thestate.com

Safety protocols to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus are in place during a funeral at Progressive Church of our Lord Jesus Christ in Columbia.

some weeks daily. Once, they had seven funerals in one day.

The pressure is immense, from safety to serving families properly to running a business with new and unexpected expenses such as personal protective equipment.

Employees wear protective gear from the hearse to wherever the body is — at home, a nursing home or hospital.

Jones said a year ago, when the pandemic began, he gathered his staff and brainstormed everything they needed to do.

“We had to figure this out on our own,” he said.

They stopped having families come into the office but at the same time had to make the families feel like nothing had changed. That hometown feel was developed 120 years ago by John D. Wood, and losing it was non-negotiable. Generations of families

have turned to Wood. Jones said the funeral home suspended visitation, although people could come in and sign the guest book. Attendance at services was limited to 50 people in the chapel.

Many families decided to wait until the pandemic is over to have a formal service. After all, Jones said, “We all thought this was going to be over in two weeks.”

Others waited and then decided the wait was too long and went ahead with the service.

“We’re wondering about a wave of memorial services in the future,” he said.

The number of cremations, which once was not a consideration for most Southern families, has increased through the years, but COVID forced people to choose cremation even more. Besides the size of serv-

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IT IS HARD TO OFFER A MINISTRY OF COMFORT BY BEING DISTANT.

I.S. Leevy Johnson, Chris Leevy Johnson’s father

ices, there is the concern about keeping everything clean. Even with a limited number of people entering the mortuary, workers fog rooms every day with a disinfecting spray. They wipe all surfaces, including handrails and door knobs.

Jones has seen husbands and wives and multiple members of a single family die of COVID within a short period of time.

“Most people have been touched,” he said.

LIVESTREAMED AND DISTANT

At Mother Ashe’s funeral at the end of February, much of what could be considered traditional happened. Gospel music rang through the church. Pastors she had helped in the beginning of their ministry preached rousing, fiery messages. She wore a fine hat and a lovely dress, with her hair and makeup done just so.

Bishop Theodore Jenkins reminded people that Ashe had sacrificed much in service of her Lord.

I.S. Leevy Johnson, Chris Leevy Johnson’s father who served for 10 years in the state House of Representatives, said, “I am who I am today because Mother Ashe loved me.” Columbia Fire Chief

Aubrey Jenkins presented the family with a proclamation naming that day Laura Ashe Day in Columbia.

Her daughter Frances Ashe-Goins told of her mother’s love to shop, especially at Dillard’s and Belk, and times the family spent on Sandy Island, where Ashe spent part of her childhood.

What was markedly different were the cameras recording the service. The video was streamed on Facebook, where more than 300 people watched. Many commented on Ashe’s life and sent messages in the chat room to family members.

And in the pews, friends and family collected in pods, with gaps between them.

“It is hard to offer a ministry of comfort by being distant,” Johnson said.

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Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Updates & Info

An Update from Deputy Town Manager Josh Gruber 3/12/2021

Here's an update on what's happening around Town. It's been a year since South Carolina faced suspected cases of COVID-19 in our state and since we embarked on our journey to keep you informed during this unprecedented global pandemic. We agree with everyone in saying it's been a challenging time, but we remain hopeful as we have come through months of testing, mandates, and now vaccine phases. We thank everyone for taking actions to help end this pandemic. We are hearing good reports from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. Assistant State Epidemiologist, Dr. Jane Kelly, shared this update with us this week: [View the Full Update...](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

The SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is managing distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine in South Carolina. For the latest update on the vaccine and access to frequently asked questions about the vaccine and the vaccination program in our state, please visit DHEC's website at <https://scdhc.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccination>.

Mask Up! It's the Law on Hilton Head Island

Town Council adopted an emergency ordinance requiring individuals to wear face coverings in commercial business establishments in the municipal limits of the Town of Hilton Head Island. [Learn more...](#)

[Download or Print Mask Up! Campaign Resources](#)

Hot Topics

Lowcountry Celebration Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

We are excited and honored to share the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for our community's Lowcountry Celebration Park! **It's now officially open for your enjoyment.** [Learn more about the Lowcountry Celebration Park...](#)

Lowcountry Celebration Park Ribbon-Cutting
 December 10, 2020

Parks + Recreation Master Plan

Our master plan for parks and recreation continues to evolve. Now it is time to begin the Parks + Recreation Master Plan Part 3, prioritizing the recommendations and action items. [Learn more...](#)

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Beaufort County passed an ordinance to impose a law enforcement charge and uniform user fee to generate \$4.4 million in surplus revenue for the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. [Learn more...](#)

Major Initiatives

- Coligny Area and Beach Access Parking Study
- Town Manager Search
- Hilton Head Island - Our Plan
- Parks + Recreation Master Plan
- US 278 Gateway Corridor Improvements
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Meeting Calendar

Upcoming Meetings

- Finance & Administrative Committee
 3/16/2021 at 2:00 PM
 Virtual Meeting
- Town Council
 3/16/2021 at 4:00 PM
 Virtual Meeting
- Board of Zoning Appeals
 3/22/2021 at 2:30 PM
 Virtual Meeting
- Community Services & Public Safety Committee
 3/22/2021 at 9:00 AM
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- Design Review Board
 3/23/2021 at 1:15 PM
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News Releases and Notices

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Repair Projects Scheduled to Take Place Around Hilton Head Island Next Week - 3/12/2021

Get Involved! Volunteer for a Town Board or Commission. Application Deadline is March 21. - 3/9/2021

Repair and Maintenance Projects Scheduled to Take Place Around Hilton Head Island Next Week - 3/3/2021

South Carolina to Move to Phase 1b of COVID-19 Vaccination Plan on March 8, 2021 - 3/2/2021

Repaving Work Scheduled for Sea Pines Circle - 3/1/2021

Gov. Henry McMaster to Lift 'Last Call' Order, Large Gatherings Approval Process - 2/26/2021

Town of Hilton Head Island's Mid-Island Tract Open for Visitors - 2/25/2021

Town of Hilton Head Island Earns SCAPA Outstanding Award for New 2020-2040 Comprehensive Plan - 2/17/2021

Penn Center's Land Preservation Assistance Program Offers Aid to Beaufort County Property Owners - 2/16/2021

Be Aware: Training Exercises Planned for Law Enforcement and Emergency Teams - 2/11/2021

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The public is encouraged to conduct business with the Town by phone, e-mail or online, when possible. Members of the public that need assistance in person will be allowed to enter Town office buildings by appointment only. Please call ahead to schedule a visit. [Learn more...](#)

The classroom at Fire Rescue headquarters at 40 Summit Drive, and the fire stations and conference rooms remain closed to the public.

[View Additional Announcements and Reminders...](#)

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Recent Publications

New Town Manager Comes with Local Knowledge and Experience - February 2021 (Mayor McCann's Article as seen in *Celebrate Hilton Head Magazine*)

New Town Manager will help lead us toward future - February 2021 (Mayor McCann's Article as seen in *The Hilton Head Sun*)

2019 Fire Rescue Annual Report



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Benson Marcy

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Hello, I was not able to comment via the link.

Please consider reviving the community pool in the Chaplin park project. Hilton Head should have a community pool.

Many thanks, Marina

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Public Comment Summary
For the Town of Hilton Head Island
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
2021 Annual Action Plan

Public comments received from Open Town Hall Portal CDBG survey (February 24 – March 8, 2021)

Comment #1: The comment ranked public services and housing activities as high needs in the community

Response #1: The comment will be included with the plan submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Public comments received via direct email

Comment #1: Request for funds to be used for sidewalks and lighting around Southwood Park Drive.

Response #1: The comment will be included with the plan submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Comment #2: One comment was request to revive the community pool at Chaplin Park.

Response #2: The comment will be included with the plan submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Public Comments Received at Virtual Public Meeting (March 4, 2021)

- No comments received.
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Public Comments Received From Town Council Community Services and Public Safety Committee Meeting (March 22, 2021)

Comment #1: Expressed support of the project and asked if preliminary design has occurred for the proposed park project.

Response #1: The comment will be included with the plan submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Town staff has done a preliminary review of the site to ascertain appropriate features to include in the park design.

Comment #2: Requested the location map for the Patterson Park be displayed for reference.

Response #2: Map was provided during meeting for location reference.

Comment #3: Suggestion to replace the broad projects listed in the Five Year Consolidated Plan project list with more specific projects.

Response #3: The comment will be included with the plan submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Broad projects were listed in the 2020 – 2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan to allow for flexibility when developing the annual action plans for years 2021 through 2024.

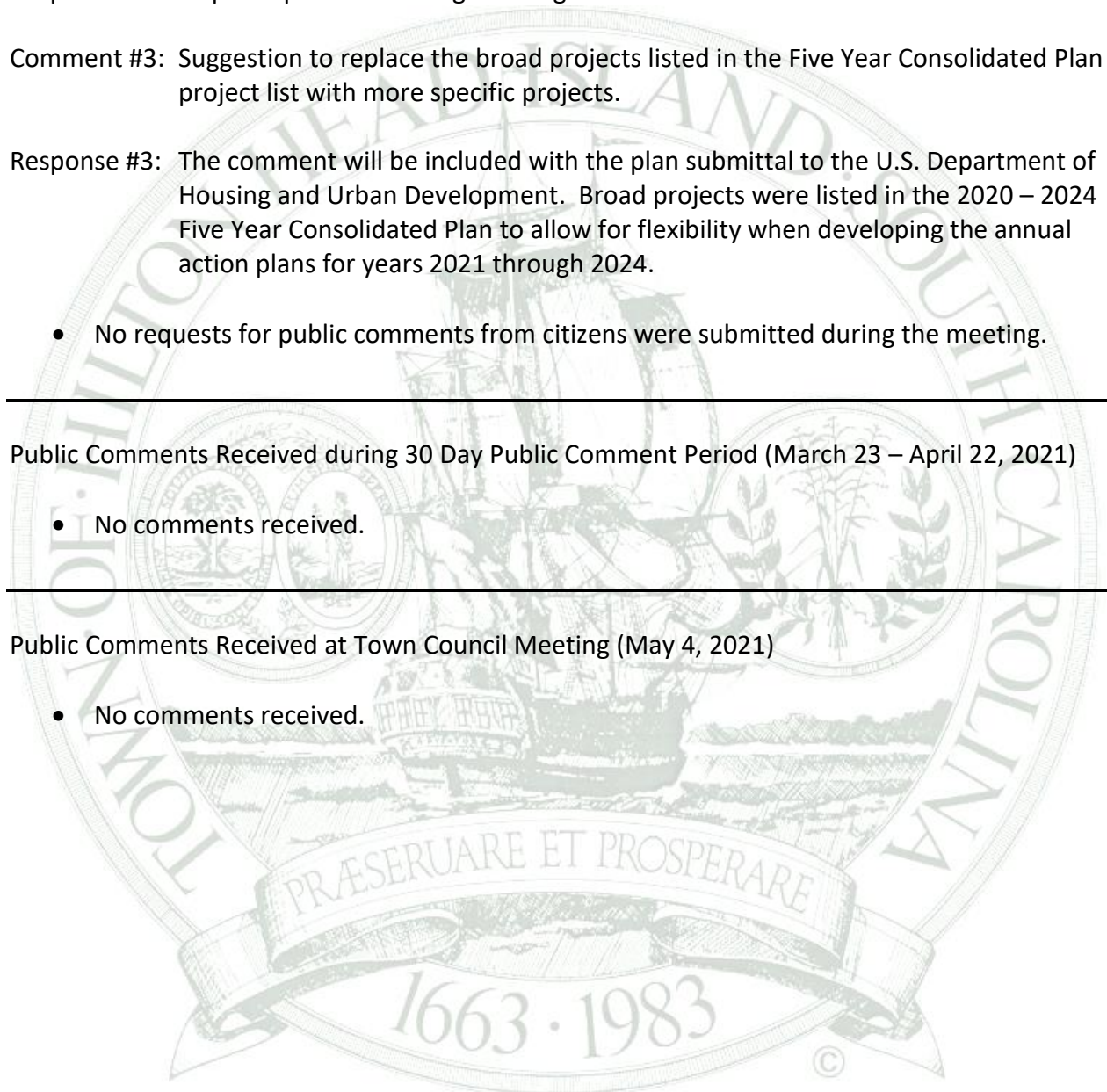
- No requests for public comments from citizens were submitted during the meeting.

Public Comments Received during 30 Day Public Comment Period (March 23 – April 22, 2021)

- No comments received.

Public Comments Received at Town Council Meeting (May 4, 2021)

- No comments received.





Town of Hilton Head Island

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

In accordance with the Town of Hilton Head Island Municipal Code § 2-5-15, this meeting is being conducted virtually and can be viewed on the [Town of Hilton Head Island Public Meetings Facebook Page](#) or the [Beaufort County Channel](#) as well as Hargray channels 9 and 113.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. FOIA Compliance:** Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Hilton Head Island.
- 3. Pledge to the Flag**
- 4. Invocation – Associate Pastor Steve Salvas – Grace Community Church**
- 5. Approval of the Agenda**
- 6. Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. Workshop – April 19, 2021
 - b. Regular Meeting – April 20, 2021
- 7. Report of the Town Manager**
 - a. Items of Interest
- 8. Reports from the Members of Council**
 - a. General Reports from Council
 - b. Report of the Community Services & Public Safety Committee – Councilman Harkins
 - c. Report of the Public Planning Committee – Councilman Ames
 - d. Report of the Finance & Administrative Committee – Councilman Lennox
- 9. Proclamations/Commendations - NONE**
- 10. Appearance by Citizens**

*Citizens who wish to address Town Council during the meeting by phone must contact the Town Clerk at 843.341.4701 no later than **12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting**. Citizens speaking during the meeting will limit their comments to no longer than three (3) minutes and will conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the decorum of the meeting, refraining from the use of profane, abusive, threatening, or obscene language.*

11. Unfinished Business – NONE

12. Consent Agenda

Town Council may approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety, with all noted items; or a member of Council may request to have an item or items removed for further review and discussion.

a. **Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2021-11 – Volunteers in Medicine Parking**

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2021-11 authorizing the execution of a lease with Volunteers in Medicine, related to real property owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, pursuant to the authority of S.C. Code Ann. Sec. 5-7-40 (Supp. 2012), and Sec. 2-3-30, Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina (1983); and, providing for severability and an effective date.

b. **Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2021-12 – Northridge Conservation Easement Modification**

Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2021-12 authorizing the modification of a conservation easement to the benefit of Hilton Head Island Land Trust, related to real property owned by the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, pursuant to the authority of S.C. Code Ann. Sec. 5-7-40 (Supp. 2012), and Sec. 2-3-30, Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina (1983); and, providing for severability and an effective date.

13. New Business

a. **Consideration of Proposed Emergency Ordinance 2021-16 - Requirement of Face Covering**

Consideration of Proposed Emergency Ordinance 2021-16 to require individuals to wear face coverings in certain circumstances and locations in the Municipal Limits of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and providing for severability and an effective date.

b. **Consideration of a Recommendation from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee – Approval of the FY2022 Marketing Plan & Budget for the Chamber of Commerce Visitor and Convention Bureau.**

Consideration of a Recommendation from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee to the Town Council of Hilton Head Island requesting approval of the FY2022 Marketing Plan and Budget for the Chamber of Commerce Visitor and Convention Bureau as required by State law and Town of Hilton Head Island Municipal Code for the VCB to continue as the Town's Designated Marketing Organization for State Accommodations Tax purposes.

c. **Consideration of a Resolution – Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program 2021 Annual Action Plan Request**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina to approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2021

d. **First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2021-14 – Town of Hilton Head Island FY2022 Municipal Budget**

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2021-14 to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022; to establish a Property Tax Levy; to establish funds; to establish policy and acquisition of rights of way and easements; and providing for severability and an effective date.

14. Executive Session

- a. Receipt of legal advice related to pending, threatened, or potential claim related to the Beaufort County Law Enforcement Fee [pursuant to S.C. Freedom of Information Act § 30-4-70(a)(2)].

15. Possible actions by Town Council concerning matters discussed in Executive Session

16. Adjournment

Public comments concerning agenda items can be submitted electronically via the [Town's Virtual Town Hall Portal](#). The portal will close at **2:00 p.m.** the day of the scheduled meeting. All comments submitted to the portal will be provided to Town Council for review and made part of the official record.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, in July, 2020 the Town of Hilton Head Island CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan for program years 2020-2024 detailing goals and objectives to be implemented to address community needs of low and moderate income residents within the Town's jurisdiction was approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, in October, 2020 and January, 2021 the Town of Hilton Head Island CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan for program years 2020-2024 was amended and approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, as an entitlement community, the Town must prepare and submit an Annual Action Plan detailing activities to be undertaken during the program year 2021 to address goals and objectives outlined in the amended Five Year Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, for program year 2021 the Town will receive a CDBG award totaling \$229,188 to carry out activities that meet one of three National Objectives, as described by HUD; and

WHEREAS, the program year 2021 Annual Action Plan is compatible with the HUD approved amended Five Year Consolidated Plan for program years 2020 - 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town has adhered to the public participation requirements set forth in the Citizen Participation Plan in the development of the program year 2021 Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, a public engagement and 30 day public comment period for the program year 2021 Annual Action Plan were conducted for citizen input and review; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager is authorized to submit this program year 2021 Annual Action Plan to HUD for their review and acceptance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, THAT The Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program 2021 Annual Action Plan as submitted in the attachment to this resolution be approved and submitted to HUD.

(SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS)

MOVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY 2021.



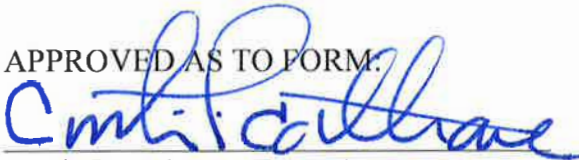
John J. McCann, Mayor

ATTEST:



Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM.



Curtis L. Coltrane, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: William D. Harkins

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input type="checkbox"/> Application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text" value="05/20/2021"/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text" value="57-0752325"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="Town of Hilton Head Island"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="57-0752325"/>	* c. Organizational DUNS: <input type="text" value="1144158540000"/>	
d. Address:		
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Street2: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* City: <input type="text" value="Hilton Head Island"/>	<input type="text"/>	
County/Parish: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* State: <input type="text" value="SC: South Carolina"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Province: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="29928-2701"/>	<input type="text"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Community Development"/>	Division Name: <input type="text"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Ms."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Marcy"/>	
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Benson"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text" value="Senior Grants Administrator"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text" value="Town of Hilton Head Island"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="843-341-4689"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="843-842-8909"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="Marcyb@Hiltonheadislandsc.gov"/>		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

CFDA Title:

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

14218

* Title:

Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants. Community Development Block Grant program for Entitlement Communities.

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 (Program Year 2021) Annual Action Plan and Public Improvement Project for Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 for Low and Moderate Income residents in the Town of Hilton Head Island, SC.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="232,565.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="232,565.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

- Yes
- No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:
Middle Name:
* Last Name:
Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative: 

* Date Signed:

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
Expiration Date: 02/28/2022

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Town Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Town of Hilton Head Island	DATE SUBMITTED 05/19/2021

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

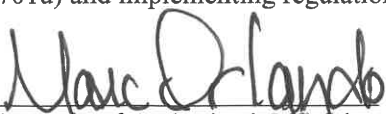
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature of Authorized Official

05/19/2021
Date

Town Manager
Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) _____ [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

Marc Orlando
Signature of Authorized Official

05/19/2021
Date

Town Manager
Title

OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Mark Orlando
Signature of Authorized Official

05/19/2021
Date

Town Manager
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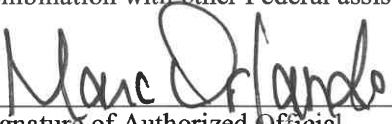
Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;



Signature of Authorized Official

05/19/2021
Date

Town Manager
Title

This certification does not apply to the Town of Hilton Head Island

Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter’s rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

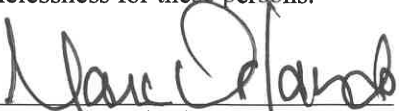
Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.



Signature of Authorized Official

05/19/2021
Date

Town Manager
Title

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Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

Max Orlando
Signature of Authorized Official

05/19/2021
Date

Town Manager
Title

This certification does not apply to the Town of Hilton Head Island

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

**NOTICE OF 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

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Town of Hilton Head Island Website – News and Announcements Page
February 23, 2024
2021 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment
30 Day Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Notice

The screenshot shows the Hilton Head Island website's news and announcements page. The header features the town's logo and navigation links for Government, Business & Development, Our Island, Public Safety, How Do I..., and Subscribe. A search icon is also present. Below the header is a large banner image of a beach at sunset. The main content area is titled "News and Announcements" and contains three news items:

- CDBG Substantial Amendment to 2021 Annual Action Plan**
Notice of 30-Day Public Comment Period and Public Meeting
February 23, 2024
- Town Council Approves Sponsorship for Annual RBC Heritage Golf Tournament**
February 22, 2024
- Stormwater Work Along Arrow Road Has Started**
February 16, 2024

On the right side of the page, there are two sidebars. The "Contact Info" sidebar lists Andrew Davis, Marketing & Communications Director, with his address (1 Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928), phone number (843-341-4604), and email (AndrewD@hiltonheadislandsc.gov). The "Connect with Us" sidebar provides the website URL (www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov) and social media handles for E-Subscription Service, Facebook (@TownofHHI), and Twitter (@TownofHHI). A vertical social media sharing bar is located on the far right edge of the page.

Town of Hilton Head Island Website – Notice Page
February 23, 2024
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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a federal grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). It provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties based on population data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Town of Hilton Head Island became a CDBG entitlement community in 2015.

- The annual amount of CDBG entitlement funding fluctuates each year of program participation and is calculated by HUD.
- Funds are to be used to benefit low-and-moderate income persons, based on HUD guidelines and U.S. Census data.
- The program supports community development activities that may address such needs as public improvements, public facilities, housing activities, other real property improvements, and public services.

Staff Contact

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Leak from Chinese firm shows vast hacking effort

BY CHRISTIAN SHEPHERD, CATE CADELL, ELLEN NAKASHIMA, JOSEPH MENN AND AARON SCHAFFER
The Washington Post

A trove of leaked documents from a Chinese state-linked hacking group shows that Beijing's intelligence and military groups are attempting large-scale, systematic cyber intrusions against foreign governments, companies and infrastructure — with hackers of one company claiming to be able to target users of Microsoft, Apple and Google.

The cache — containing more than 570 files, images and chat logs — offers an unprecedented look inside the operations of one of the firms that Chinese government agencies hire for on-demand, mass data-collecting operations.

The files — posted to GitHub last week and deemed credible by cybersecurity experts, although the source remains unknown — detail contracts to extract foreign data over eight years and describe targets within at least 20 foreign governments and territories, including India, Hong Kong, Thailand, South Korea, the United Kingdom, Taiwan and Malaysia. Indian publication BNN earlier reported on the documents.

“We rarely get such unfettered access to the inner workings of any intelligence operation,” said John Hultquist, chief analyst of Mandiant Intelligence, a cybersecurity firm owned by Google Cloud. “We have every reason to believe this is the authentic data of a contractor supporting global and domestic cyberespionage operations out of China,”

THE FILES POSTED TO GITHUB DESCRIBE TARGETS WITHIN AT LEAST 20 FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND TERRITORIES, INCLUDING INDIA, HONG KONG, THAILAND, SOUTH KOREA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, TAIWAN AND MALAYSIA.

he said.

U.S. intelligence officials see China as the greatest long-term threat to American security and have raised alarm about its targeted hacking campaigns.

Experts are poring over the documents, which offer an unusual glimpse inside the intense competition of China's national security data-gathering industry — where rival outfits jockey for lucrative government contracts by pledging ever-more devastating and comprehensive access to sensitive information deemed useful by Chinese police, military and intelligence agencies.

The documents come from iSoon, also known as Auxun, a Chinese firm headquartered in Shanghai that sells third-party hacking and data-gathering services to Chinese government bureaus, security groups and state-owned enterprises.

The trove does not include data extracted from Chinese hacking operations but lists targets and — in many cases — summaries of sample data amounts extracted and details on whether the hackers obtained full or partial control of foreign systems.

One spreadsheet listed 80 overseas targets that iSoon hackers appeared to have successfully breached. The haul included 95.2 gigabytes of

immigration data from India and a 3 terabyte collection of call logs from South Korea's LG U Plus telecom provider. The group also targeted other telecommunications firms in Hong Kong, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal and Taiwan. The Indian Embassy in Washington did not respond to a request for comment on the documents.

iSoon clients also requested or obtained infrastructure data, according to the leaked documents. The spreadsheet showed that the firm had a sample of 459GB of road-mapping data from Taiwan, the island of 23 million that China claims as its territory.

Road data could prove useful to the Chinese military in the event of an invasion of Taiwan, analysts said. “Understanding the highway terrain and location of bridges and tunnels is essential so you can move armored forces and infantry around the island in an effort to occupy Taiwan,” said Dmitri Alperovitch, a national security expert and chairman of Silverado Policy Accelerator, a think tank.

Among other targets were 10 Thai government agencies, including the country's foreign ministry, intelligence agency and senate. The spreadsheet notes that iSoon holds

sample data extracted from those agencies from between 2020 and 2022. The Thai Embassy in Washington did not respond to a request for comment.

Most of the targets were in Asia, though iSoon received requests for hacks further afield. Chat logs included in the leak describe selling unspecified data related to NATO in 2022. It's not clear whether the data was collected from publicly available sources or extracted in a hack.

“The Alliance faces persistent cyber threats and has prepared for this by investing in extensive cyber defences. NATO reviews every claim of cyber threats,” a NATO

official said.

Another file shows employees discussing a list of targets in Britain, including its Home and Foreign offices as well Treasury. Also on the list were British think tanks Chatham House and the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

“In the current climate, we, along with many other organizations, are the target of regular attempted attacks from both state and non-state actors,” said a Chatham House spokesperson, who said the group is “naturally concerned” about the leaks but has protection measures in place.

Asked about the leaked documents, the U.K. foreign office declined to comment.

The hackers also facilitated attempts to extract information from close diplomatic partners including Pakistan and Cambodia.

San Diego Zoo, China sign accord on giant pandas

UPI.com

The China Wildlife Conservation Association said on Thursday it has signed contracts to continue a conservation program that could lead to giant pandas returning to America.

The association said it signed a new agreement with the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, three months after the last Chinese giant panda left the United States.

It added that it came to an agreement with the Madrid Zoo Aquarium of Spain and was in negotiations with another zoo in the United States and another in Austria.

San Diego Zoo officials said the conservation agreement is the first step in seeing a return of the giant pandas to southern California.

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For your records....



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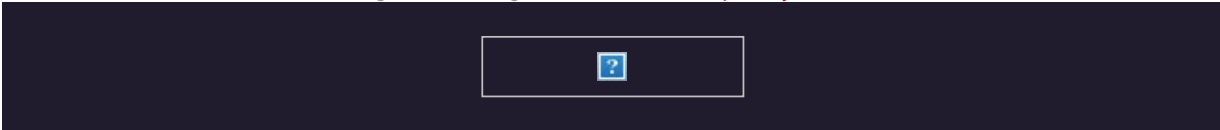
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3,903 Total Sent
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Bulletin Analytics
1,294 Total Opens
1,067 (28%) Unique Opens
13 Total Clicks
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11 # of Links

Delivery and Performance							
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SMS Message	Delivered	0.0%	0	0	n/a	0	n/a

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