Town of Hilton Head Island

Program Year 2022

Annual Action Plan

For the

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



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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The program year 2022 Annual Action Plan represents the third 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 2022 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 2021 exception grantee list, the Town of Hilton Head Island has been designated an exception grantee. This designation resulted in a 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 2022 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 benefitting LMI persons as high priorities.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The Town's goals for the program year 2022 period focus on neighborhood revitalization efforts by providing a new neighborhood park on the Town owned Taylor Family Park property located on Wild Horse Road in Census Tract 105. 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 2022 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 seven 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 seven years of program participation. In April 2021 a fiscal year 2021 remote monitoring session was conducted by the Columbia, South Carolina field office Community Planning and Development representative. No findings were reported during this monitoring; however, two concerns were cited. The first concern identified the need for a local written policies and procedures manual for administration of the CDBG award. Town staff has this corrective action under advisement. The second concern identified the need for an oversight process for subrecipients of 2020 CDBG and CDBG-CV funds. Town staff immediately conducted seven monitoring reviews of randomly selected subrecipients of 2020 CDBG and CDBG-CV funds. All subrecipient monitoring reviews resulted in no findings or concerns. A "No Findings or 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 observance of social distancing protocols, the Town of Hilton Head Island conducted a virtual public meeting on February 24, 2022, to solicit input from citizens on community development needs. 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 7,020 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 2022 Annual Action Plan. The Open Town Hall portal survey was open from February 16 through March 2, 2022.

At the February 24, 2022, virtual public meeting a presentation including an overview of the CDBG Entitlement Program, purpose of the Annual Action Plan, anticipated funding allocation amount, and a staff recommended project was presented to meeting attendees. A recording of the February 24, 2022, virtual public meeting 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://fb.watch/bsK0dV38TV/ .

A draft 2022 Annual Action Plan was released to the public on March 14, 2022, for a 30-day public comment period. At the conclusion of the comment period all comments will be reviewed and included in this Annual Action Plan.

The staff proposed project listed in the 2022 Annual Action Plan is scheduled as an item of discussion at the March 28, 2022, Town Council Community Services and Public Safety Committee meeting.

5. Summary of public comments

In preparation for the February 24, 2022, virtual public meeting to solicit input for the program year 2022 Annual Action Plan Town staff developed a presentation describing the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program, the purpose of the Annual Action Plan, the anticipated funding allocation amount for program year 2022 and staff recommended project. During the live virtual meeting there were five (5) views noted on the Town of Hilton Head Island Public Meetings Facebook page and no comments were submitted during the meeting.

There were three (3) public comments received via the community needs survey posted on the Open Town Hall portal seeking input from citizens on needs and funding priorities for the 2022 Annual Action Plan. The commenters ranked housing activities as the highest priority followed by public facilities, other real property improvements, and public services receiving the second highest ranking and public improvements receiving the third highest ranking. Project suggestions from commenters included installation of smart lights at traffic intersections, affordable housing, transportation system, and affordable childcare. A summary of public comments received to date 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 2022 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.

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	Executive Department				
Table 1 Perpensible Agencies						

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 Executive, Community Development, Fire Rescue, Finance, Fire Rescue, and Human Resources departments.

The Town of Hilton Head Island Executive 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, and Senior Advisor to the Town Manager 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(l)

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 189 family members.

The Town of Hilton Head Island is a member of the Beaufort County Human Services Alliance, which is an informal group whose purpose is to promote and sustain activities that improve the quality of life for all Beaufort County residents. This group provides organizational framework that contributes to our community's capacity to address societal needs. Through 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.

The Town of Hilton Head Island also participates in the Southern Lowcountry Regional Board (SoLoCo). This group identifies problems and opportunities facing the entire southern lowcountry related to zoning, housing, employment, quality of life and social issues and proposes action plans to appropriate legislative bodies.

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 2022 Annual Action Plan intends to use U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) resources to fund only CDBG program Annual Action Plan 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
		РНА
		Services - Housing
		Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Public Housing Needs
	Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the	The Beaufort Housing Authority was
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted.	consulted on housing needs via email
	What are the anticipated outcomes of the	correspondence.
	consultation or areas for improved	
	coordination?	
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Lowcountry Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
		Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Homeless Needs - Chronically
	Consultation?	homeless
		Homeless Needs - Families with
		children
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans
		Homelessness Needs -
		Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the	The Lowcountry Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted.	was consulted on homeless needs via
	What are the anticipated outcomes of the	website research and email
	consultation or areas for improved	correspondence.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Beaufort County Human Services
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Alliance
		Amarice
	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	Homeless Needs - Chronically
	Consultation?	homeless
		Homeless Needs - Families with
		children
	Briefly describe how the	The Beaufort County Human Services
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted.	Alliance was consulted on homeless
	What are the anticipated outcomes of the	needs via email correspondence and
	consultation or areas for improved	online data gathering.
	coordination?	omme data gathering.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Lowcountry Council of Governments
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
		Planning organization

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

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.

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.
Town of Hilton Head Island	Town of Hilton Head Island	Developed Consolidated Plan
Comprehensive Plan		goals in conjunction with
		elements of the Town of Hilton
		Head Island Comprehensive
		Plan.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the 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 Executive department staff works closely with the Town's Capital Improvement Projects 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

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Citizen Participation Outreach

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	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. 16, 2022. Comments were accepted until March 2, 2022. There were 3 responses to the survey.	Commenters ranked housing activities as the highest priority followed by public facilities, other real property improvements and public services receiving the second highest ranking and public improvements receiving the third highest ranking. Project suggestions from commenters included installation of smart lights at traffic intersections, affordable housing, transportation system, and affordable childcare.	All comments were accepted.	

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 February 24, 2022, Annual Action Plan live virtual public meeting presentation there were 5 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 February 24, 2022 virtual public meeting.	No comments received at the February 24, 2022 virtual public meeting.	

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)
3	Internet Outreach	Non- targeted/ broad community	The draft 2022 Annual Action Plan was posted on the Town of Hilton Head Island website from March 14, 2022, through April 13, 2022. 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.	A summary will be provided after the comment period closes on April 13, 2022.	All comments will be accepted for review.	

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)
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	The staff proposed project listed in the 2022 Annual Action Plan is scheduled as an item of discussion at the March 28, 2022, Town Council Community Services and Public Safety Committee meeting.	A summary will be provided after close of public meeting.	All comments will be accepted for review.	
5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	The draft 2022 Annual Action Plan and resolution to approve plan and authorize submittal to HUD is scheduled to appear on the agenda of the regular Town of Hilton Head Island Town Council meeting on May 3, 2022	A summary will be provided after close of public meeting.	All comments will be accepted for review.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The following table outlines the expected estimated resources from the HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program the Town of Hilton Head Island expects having available during the 2022 program year covered by this Annual Action Plan. The annual allocation column reflects an estimated 2022 funding amount level with the 2021 or \$232,565 funding and will be updated when final 2022 allocations are announced by HUD. Unexpended funds from the 2019 CDBG allocation in the amount of \$32,386.92 will rollover into the 2022 projects listed in this Annual Action Plan. 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	Uses of Funds	Exp	pected Amo	/ear 1	Expected	Narrative	
	of		Annual	Program	Prior Year	Total:	Amount	Description
	Funds		Allocation:	Income:	Resources:		Available	
			\$	\$	\$	\$	Remainder	
							of ConPlan	
				40.00	400.000.00	400405400	\$	
CDBG	Public	Acquisition	\$232,565	\$0.00	\$32,386.92	\$264,951.92	\$465,130	The
	_	Admin and						HUD/CDBG
	Federal	Planning						funding
		Economic						amount
		Development						authorized
		Housing						in the
		Public						2021
		Improvements						program
		Public						year was
		Services						used to
								estimate
								the
								allocation
								amount
								for the
								remaining
								years 4-5
								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 Taylor Family Park property located on Wild Horse 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 105 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. It is anticipated a portion of the remaining funds in the 2019 CDBG allocation, which were not used for public facilities and improvements coupled with the 2022 CDBG allocation will provide leverage for project completion.

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,	2022	2023	Non-Housing	Census	Public	\$264,951.92	Public Facility
	Housing,			Community	Tract 105	Facilities &		or
	Public			Development		Improvements		Infrastructure
	Svcs.,			or Affordable				Activities
	Econ			Housing				other than
	Dev. Yr.							Low/Moderate
	3							Income
								Housing
								Benefit: 4,364

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name Facilities, Housing, Public Svcs., Econ Dev. Yr. 3	
	Goal Provide funding for public facilities & improvements, or housing activities or econor	
	Description 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 2022 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 2022 program year covered by this Action Plan.

Projects

#	Project Name		
1	Taylor Family 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 2022 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

Planned Activities	Drafting and submitting the Annual Action Plan, CAPER,
	related reports, and program administration.

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 105. Community development activities may include infrastructure improvements, new or improved public facilities, housing activities, economic development, or public services in LMI neighborhoods.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Census Tract 105	98
Census Tract 108	0
Census Tract 110	0
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 lowand 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 105 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 six (6) 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	6	
Special-Needs	0	
Total	6	

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	6
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	6

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 and Section 8 vouchers to approximately 2,424 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 2021 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

Due to constraints placed on data collection caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic, a full point in time count was not conducted in 2021. The South Carolina Interagency Council on Homelessness (SCICH) released a state-wide report that focused solely on Homeless Management Information System data. The report indicated while the overall total number of persons served, by Continuums of Care throughout the state, remained relatively unchanged the number of veterans and victims of domestic violence rose by nine percent each. Overall, males remained the dominate gender receiving homeless services across the state. More than 50% of those receiving services reported as Black or African American. Of the 10,969 persons receiving services three percent reported Hispanic/Latino ethnicity. Adults ages 45 to 64 made up 39% of those served and ages 25 – 44 made up 31% of those served. The average age of adults receiving services was 41 and the average age of children receiving services was eight.

Results of the 2020 point in time count indicated 12 persons experiencing homelessness interviewed in Beaufort County. 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.

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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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 2022 program year, the Town of Hilton Head Island will determine where underserved populations are located through analysis of 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.

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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 seven 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 seven years of program participation. In April 2021 a fiscal year 2021 remote monitoring session was conducted by the Columbia, South Carolina field office Community Planning and Development representative. No findings were reported during this monitoring; however, two concerns were cited. The first concern identified the need for a local written policies and procedures manual for administration of the CDBG award. Town staff has this corrective action under advisement. The second concern

identified the need for an oversight process for subrecipients of 2020 CDBG and CDBG-CV funds. Town staff immediately conducted seven monitoring reviews of randomly selected subrecipients of 2020 CDBG and CDBG-CV funds. All subrecipient monitoring reviews resulted in no findings or concerns. A "No Findings or 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	0
the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be	0
used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives	
identified in the grantee's strategic plan	
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	0
planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.	
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	0.00/
period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum	98%
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.	

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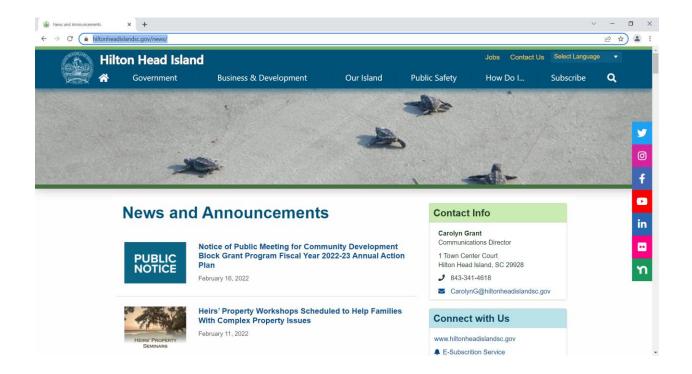
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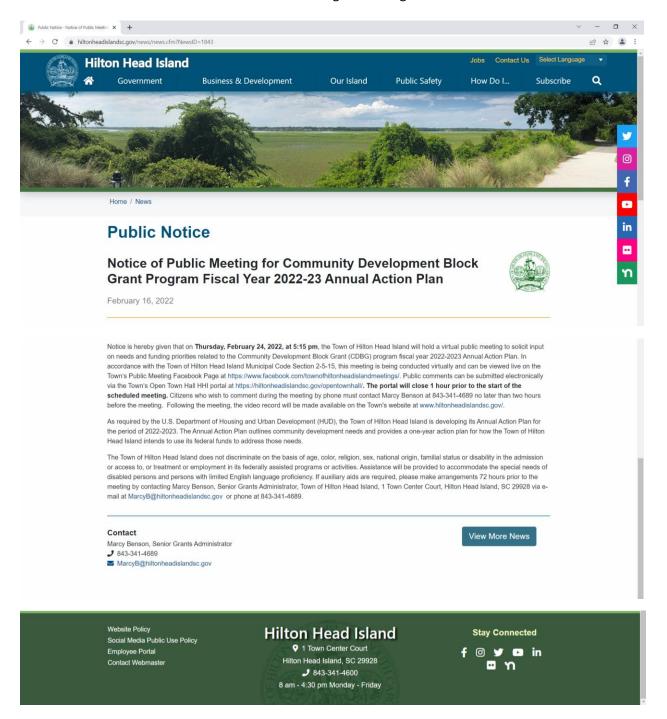
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Town of Hilton Head Island Website - Main Page February 16, 2022 2022 – 2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan Public Meeting Notice



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Asked if there could be

said Russia doesn't want it

security threat to his coun-

try.The Russian Defense

Ministry released images

rolling onto railway platforms and more tanks

fields. It did not disclose

where or when the images

were taken, or where the

vehicles were headed,

other than "to places of

permanent deployment."

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also backed a separatist

insurgency in the coun-

try's east. More Russian

troops loom over Ukraine

the eastern border and

from the Black Sea Cri-

Russian forces continue

of tanks and howitzers

rolling across snowy

but said Ukraine's bid to join NATO posed a major

a war in Europe, Putin

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ance, halt weapons deployments near Russian borders, and roll back forces from Eastern Europe.

The U.S. and its allies have roundly rejected the demands, but offered Russia to engage in talks on ways to bolster security in Europe.

Speaking after meeting with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Putin said the West agreed to discuss a ban on missile deployment to Europe, restrictions on military drills and other confidence-building measures - issues that Moscow had put on the table years ago.

He said Russia is open to discuss "some of those elements," but added that it would only do that "in complex with the main issues that are of primary importance for us.'

in Belarus, where they were deployed for sweeping joint drills.

A U.S. defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations, said Pentagon analysts are reviewing the Russian withdrawal claims.

Ukraine expressed skepticism about Russia's statements on the pullback.

"We won't believe when we hear, we'll believe when we see. When we see troops pulling out, we'll believe in de-escalation," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said that "so far, we have not seen ... any signs of reduced Russian military presence on the borders of Ukraine," adding that the alliance wants to see a "significant and enduring withdrawal of forces, troops, and not least the heavy equipment."

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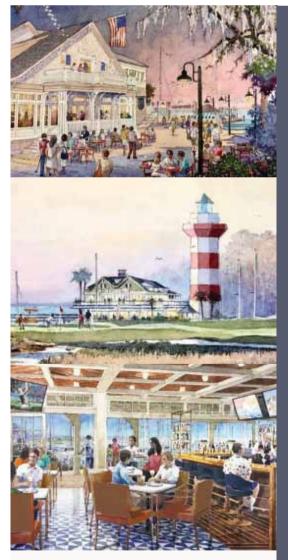
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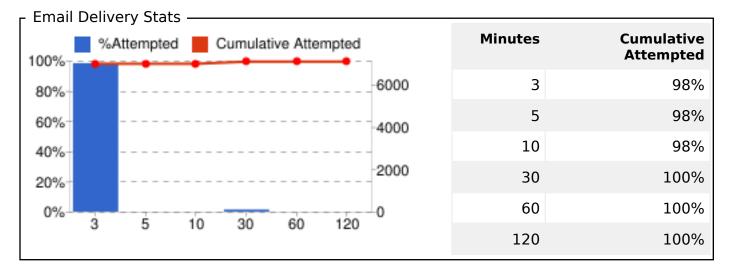
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TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM

February 24, 2022 - 5:15PM

AGENDA

- CDBG Entitlement Program Overview
- Purpose of Annual Action Plan
- 2022 Estimated Allocation Amount
- Proposed Use of 2022 CDBG Funds
- Next Steps in Annual Action Plan Process



Town of Hilton Head Island Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2022 – 2023 Annual Action Plan

Public Meeting Thursday, February 24, 2022

Marcy Benson Senior Grants Administrator

Agenda

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Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program (CDBG)

- Federal grant program administered by HUD
- Provides annual grants on a formula basis
- Anticipated allocation is <u>\$200,000</u>
- Annual amount fluctuates each year
- Benefit low- and moderate-income persons
- Next Annual Action Plan is due in May



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Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Definitions

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

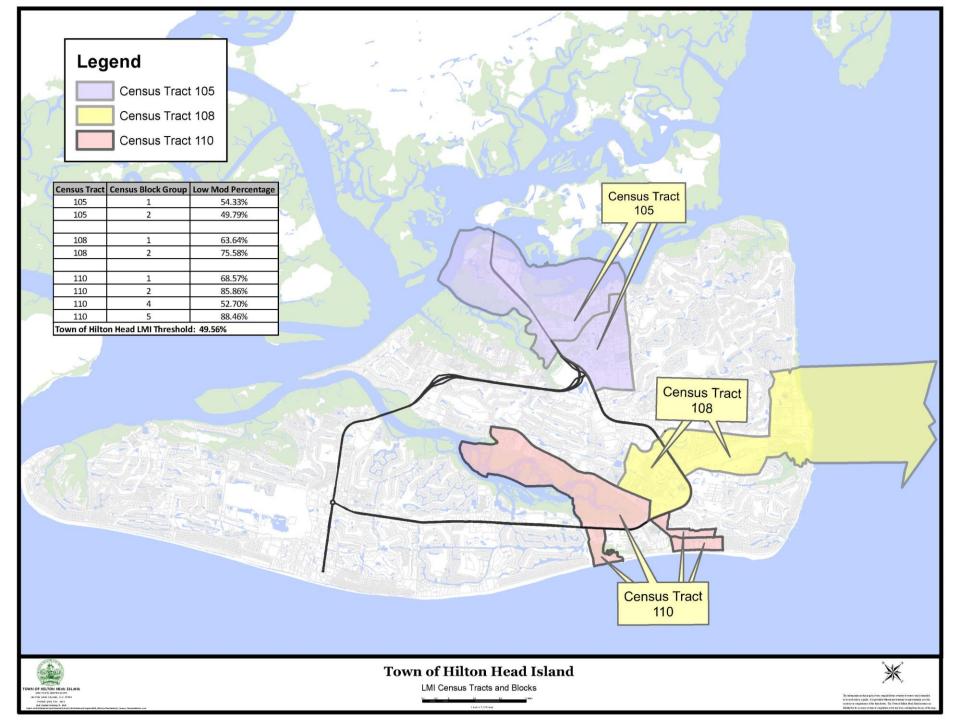


LMI Example FY2021 Income Limit Summary

FY 2021 Income	Median Family	Income Limit	Persons in Family							
Limit Area	Income	Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Beaufort County, SC HUD Metro FMR Area	\$76,000	50% Income Limit (Low)	27,150	31,000	34,900	38,750	41,850	44,950	48,050	51,150
		80% Income Limit (Moderate)	43,400	49,600	55,800	62,000	67,000	71,950	76,900	81,850

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





Annual Action Plan Purpose

- Provides summary to HUD
- 1 Year Plan with Goals & Objectives
- Allocates Funds for Program Year 2022
- 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 dientele.	\$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
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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

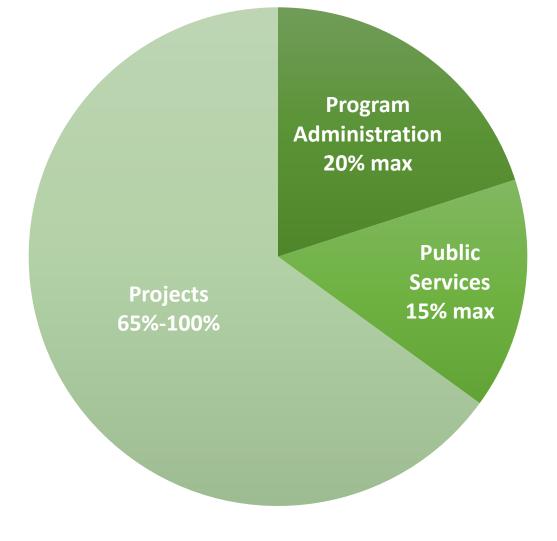
#	Program	Project	Project	Estimated	Annual	Target	Priority Need	Goal Outcome
	Year	Name	Description	Amount	Goals	Area	Addressed	Indicator
					Supported			
3	2022	Facilities,	Provide funding	\$232 <i>,</i> 565	Facilities,	Census	Non- Housing	Public facility or
		Housing,	for public		Housing,	Tract	Community	infrastructure
		Public	facilities &		Public	105,	Development –	activities other than
		Services,	improvements,		Services,	108,	Public	low/moderate-
		Economic	or housing		Economic	110,	Improvements;	income housing
		Develop-	activities or		Develop-	111, or	Public Services;	benefit
		ment	economic		ment	113	Housing Activities;	
		Year 3	development		Year 3		Economic	
			initiative, or				Development;	
			public services				Administration &	
			in LMI				Planning	
			neighborhoods					
			or to LMI					
			clientele.					



What We've Done 2015 - 2021

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

2022 Allocation Approximately \$200,000



Proposed Use of 2022 CDBG Funds

- Public Improvement Project
 - Neighborhood park at the Taylor Family Park Town owned property



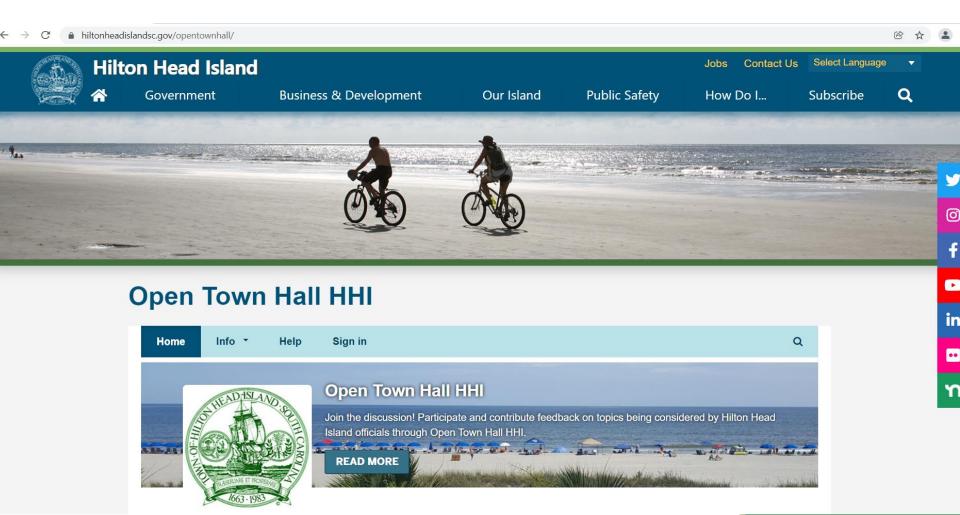
We Want to Hear From You

- 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/



Next Steps

- Annual Action Plan will be drafted
- 30-day public comment period
- Community Services and Public Safety Committee meeting
- 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 2022-2022 (Program Year 2022)

Thursday, February 24, 2022 – 5:15pm Virtual Public Meeting via Town of Hilton Head Island Public Meeting Facebook Page

Present from Town Council:	David Ames, Tom Lennox, Town Council Members
Present from Town Staff:	Shawn Colin, Senior Advisor to the Town Manager, Marcy Benson, Senior Grants Administrator
Public:	Five 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 anticipated CDBG funding allocation amount available for program year 2022 and staff recommended project for the fiscal year 2022-2023 annual action plan. Five (5) 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 steps for the fiscal year 2022-2023 annual action plan will include a 30-day public comment period and recommended comments be submitted via the Open Town Hall Portal on the Town website. Attendees were thanked for participating and the public meeting adjourned at approximately 5:28pm.



March 2, 2022, 4:55 PM

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Introduction

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 2022 -2023 funding allocation is estimated to be approximately \$200,000.

The Town is accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan.

Please take a moment to rank the types of project categories from 1-5 in our brief survey.

The Town is accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan.

Summary Of Comments

As of March 2, 2022, 4:55 PM, th	is forum had:	Topic Start	Topic End
Attendees:	12	February 10, 2022, 9:30 AM	March 2, 2022, 4:30 PM
Comments:	3		
Minutes of Public Comment:	9		

QUESTION 1

Name	
Answered	2
Skipped	1

QUESTION 2

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

(1=highest priority, 5=lowest priority)

Public Improvements

	%	Count
1	33.3%	1
4	33.3%	1
5	33.3%	1

QUESTION 3

Public Facilities such as neighborhood or community facilities or facilities for persons with special needs. (1=highest priority, 5=lowest priority)

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Public Facilities



QUESTION 4

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

Housing Activities

	%	Count
1	100.0%	3

QUESTION 5

Other Real Property Improvements such as acquisition, clearance/demolition, code enforcement, historic preservation, renovation of closed buildings, or handicapped accessibility. (1=highest priority, 5=lowest priority)

Other Real Property Improvements



QUESTION 6

Public Services such as employment services, crime prevention and public safety, childcare, health services, fair housing counseling, education programs, or services for senior citizens. (1=highest priority, 5=lowest priority)

Public Services

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QUESTION 7

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

Answered	2
Skipped	1

QUESTION 8

Please tell us why you selected the ranking order of the above project categories.

Answered	2
Skipped	1

QUESTION 9

Tell us how you would allocate \$200,000 in any of the project categories. You have 8 dots to 'allocate'. Each dot represents \$25,000.

	%	Count
Public Improvements	45.8%	11
Public Facilities	4.2%	1
Housing Activities	12.5%	3
Other Real Property Improvments	12.5%	3
Public Services	20.8%	5

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QUESTION 10

Additional Comments?	
Answered	2
Skipped	1

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Survey Questions

QUESTION 1

Name

QUESTION 2

Public Improvements such as streets, sidewalks, water and sewer infrastructure, parks, or drainage improvements. (1=highest priority, 5=lowest priority)

Row choices

Public Improvements

Column choices

- •1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- .
- 5

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• Public Facilities

Column choices

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Column choices

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- •2 •3 •4
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- Public Facilities
- Housing Activities
- Other Real Property Improvments
- Public Services

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Individual Comments

inside Town Limits February 16, 2022, 8:57 AM

Question 1 Ashleigh Phillips

Question 2 Public Improvements: 5

Question 3

Public Facilities: 1

Question 4

Housing Activities: 1

Question 5 Other Real Property Improvements: 1

Question 6

Public Services: 5

Question 7

Install smart lights. Install smart lights. Install smart lights. ASAP!

Question 8

Because installing these lights has already been approved. It will not cost that much using grants. It will most definitely help with traffic backups at lights and the flow of traffic. It's a no brainer.

Question 9

• Public Improvements (8)

Question 10

Install the smart lights ASAP

Name not available

February 20, 2022, 1:55 PM

Question 1

Question 2 Public Improvements: 4

Question 3 Public Facilities: 5

Question 4 Housing Activities: 1

Question 5 Other Real Property Improvements: 4

Question 6

Public Services: 1

Question 7

Affordable Housing. We have our head in the sand if we expect to see continued growth without supporting the workforce. I am at a loss, every restaurant, hotel, golf course is short people and it is getting harder and harder to get people when they can get a job in Bluffton, which has the housing and is closer to where they live.

Transportation. Can you please invest some money into a working transportation system for the workers of this island and stop dumping money into a trolley to get tourists around. It seems easy to create beautiful signage for the trolley stops, but we encourage the bus riders to stand on the side of the road in some unofficial bus stop.

Question 8

We can not rely on private enterprise to fill the gap with housing and transportation. Sea Pines and Salty Dog have resorted to providing some housing and transportation to retain workers, but unless the town supports either through grants or just doing it alongside private enterprise we will start to see a decline because demand will outplace capacity..

Question 9

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- Public Improvements (1)
- Housing Activities (2)
- Other Real Property Improvments (1)
- Public Services (3)

Question 10

Affordable Child Care, only two certified (affordable) places on the island Transportation, we have zero method to move the workforce from place to place on the island. Bus stops are a joke, People are standing on the side of the road at Walmart HHI. How hard would it be to create a SAFE place for the bus to pull over and pick up people. We should ashamed that we do not provide the infrastructure to the life blood of this town.

Name not available

February 24, 2022, 5:33 PM

Question 1



Question 2

Public Improvements: 1

Question 3

Public Facilities: 1

Question 4

Housing Activities: 1

Question 5

Other Real Property Improvements: 1

Question 6

Public Services: 1

Question 7

No response

Question 8

No response

Question 9

- Public Improvements (2)
- Public Facilities (1)
- Housing Activities (1)
- Other Real Property Improvments (2)
- Public Services (2)

Question 10

No response

Public Comment Summary For the Town of Hilton Head Island Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2022 Annual Action Plan

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- Response #2: The comment will be included with the plan submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Comment #3: Ranked public improvements, public facilities, housing activities, other real property improvements and public services as high priorities.

Response #3: 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 (February 24, 2022)

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Monday **March 7** 2022

Applications are open for school choice in Beaufort County. What to know

BY SOFIA SANCHEZ ssanchez@islandpacket.com

Applications are now open for school choice, a program that lets Beaufort County students transfer to various schools in the district.

And the school district is offering new career programs at seven schools as students apply for transfers for the 2022-2023 year, the Beaufort County School District said in a press release.

The school choice program, which kicked off in 2015, allows students to transfer out of schools within their attendance zones to schools providing coursework their schools don't offer, like language immersion classes and an early college program. Participation is free, but parents will need to provide transportation for This year, the district is adding a program called Med-Tech 7 which is a part of the district's magnet schools assistance

their students.

program. The program is available for K-12 students to "develop the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue post-secondary education and careers in a chosen field," Beaufort **County School District** spokesperson Candace Bruder said Thursday. The seven schools participating in the program will have zSpace machines that allow students to incorporate virtual reality into their learning experience, she said.

The seven schools are:

- Mossy Oaks Elementary
- Lady's Island Middle
- Beaufort Middle
- Beaufort High
- Whale Branch Elementary

Whale Branch Middle
Whale Branch Early College High

Students will have the chance to take coursework in Pre-Med, Biomedical Science, Cybersecurity, and Computer Science. The program will emphasize preparing students for careers in the medical and technology fields, Superintendent Frank Rodriguez said in the press release.

"The addition of this program reaffirms our commitment to empowering our students to create their own educational pathways," Rodriguez said.

Parents with no internet or access to a computer can go to any school in the district to apply in person.

Schools will continue to accept eligible applicants until they hit 90% capacity, which is the cutoff. Previously, the district

took in applicants for all schools and programs despite capacity, Bruder said. That policy was changed last year when the district began using software that would permit applications only for schools that were below the capacity cutoff, she said. All applicants after a school reaches the 90% cutoff will be placed on a waiting list until a spot opens up and will be chosen based on a lottery.

Hilton Head High School, May River High School, H.E. McCracken Middle School, Pritchardville Elementary School and Bluffton High School have no availability because they are either at or above capacity, the press release said. Students at May River High School who wish to join the Junior **Reserve Officer Training** Corps program are exempted from this and may apply to Bluffton High School, the press release said.

The deadline to apply is March 31. If a student's application is denied, appeals can be made to the student services officer via email. All applicants will be notified about acceptance by April 15.

Sofia Sanchez: (843) 781-6130, @islandpacket Beaufort County residents struggling with rent, bills can find help at free clinic

BY KACEN BAYLESS kbayless@islandpacket.com

A local nonprofit is offering a free clinic on Hilton Head Island this month to Beaufort County renters who face financial setbacks from the CO-VID-19 pandemic.

The clinic, sponsored by Lowcountry Legal Volunteers, will help residents who are struggling to pay their rent or utilities sign up for assistance with the state's SC Stay Plus program.

"Many people in Beaufort County struggled to find affordable housing even before the pandemic," SC Housing spokesman Chris Winston said. "And given the number of people impacted financially — especially in the hospitality and tourism industries — we know the need remains great."

The state's housing finance and development authority launched the program last May. The authority estimates that Beaufort County has 4,681 "severely cost burdened" renter households that may qualify for the roughly \$272 million statewide program.

The program is intended to help South Carolinians who struggled since the start of the pandemic due to layoffs and furloughs.

So far, the program has assisted more than 750 families with more than \$4.2 million in rental and utility assistance, Winston said.

"We look forward to helping more families get the help they need to remain safely in their homes," he said.

Eligible applicants could receive up to 12 months of assistance with late rent and/or utility payments dating back to March 13, 2020. Some people may also qualify for up to three months of future rent assistance.

The program is funded by the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, a \$2.3 trillion spending bill that Congress passed in late 2020.

HOW TO REGISTER

When: March 21, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Where: Community Room, 20 Wilborn Road, Hilton Head, SC 29926

You must schedule an appointment and pre-register at (843) 815-1570.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

• A valid ID (domestic or foreign)

- Some record to show lease, lease arrangements or payments to landlord
- Proof of income (pay stubs, tax documents, etc.)

To view the list of other free clinics, visit lowcountrylegalvolunteers

/clinics.com.

Kacen Bayless: (843) 560-9167, @Kacen



Officials: 7 dead after tornadoes tear through Iowa

ress firmed one death and multiple injuries when a separate tornado struck less than an hour later. since 2008, when one tornado destroyed nearly 300 homes and killed nine people in the northern Iowa city of Parkersburg in May, and another storm a month later killed four boys at the Little Sioux Boy Scout ranch in western Iowa.

The National Weather Service in Des Moines tweeted early Sunday that there were at least three thunderstorms producing tornadoes, but it's "unknown at this time how many tornadoes occurred."

Meteorologist Alex Krull said it's unusual but not unheard of to have serious storms like this in March in the Midwest. He said they are more common in April and May.

Scientists have said that extreme weather events and warmer temperatures are more likely to occur with human-caused climate change. capable of causing severe damage, on the Enhanced Fujita scale. It said weather service teams would investigate the damage Sunday and further assess a potential rating.

EF-3 storms typically have winds between 136 mph and 165 mph.

The storm that generated Saturday's tornadoes hung together for roughly 100 miles from the Nebraska state line into central Iowa.



Associated Press

DES MOINES, IOWA

Seven people were killed, including two children, when several tornadoes swept through central Iowa, damaging buildings and knocking down trees and power lines, authorities said.

Emergency management officials in Madison County said four people were injured and six killed Saturday when one tornado touched down southwest of Des Moines near the town of Winterset around 4:30 p.m. Among those killed were two children under the age of 5 and four adults.

In Lucas County, about 54 miles southeast of Des Moines, officials conThunderstorms that spawned tornadoes moved through much of Iowa from the afternoon until Saturday night with storms also causing damage in the Des Moines suburb of Norwalk, areas just east of Des Moines and other areas of eastern Iowa.

Officials reported a number of homes were damaged, roads were blocked by downed lines and tree branches were shredded by the strong winds. At one point, power outages affected about 10,000 in the Des Moines area.

The storms are the worst to occur in Iowa

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation for Madison County, which allows state resources to be used to assist with response and recovery efforts.

Madison County Emergency Management Director Diogenes Ayala said 25 to 30 homes were badly damaged.

"This is the worst anyone has seen in a very long time," he said. The National Weather

The National Weather Service in Des Moines tweeted Saturday that initial photos and videos from the damage around the community of Winterset suggested it was at least an EF-3 tornado,

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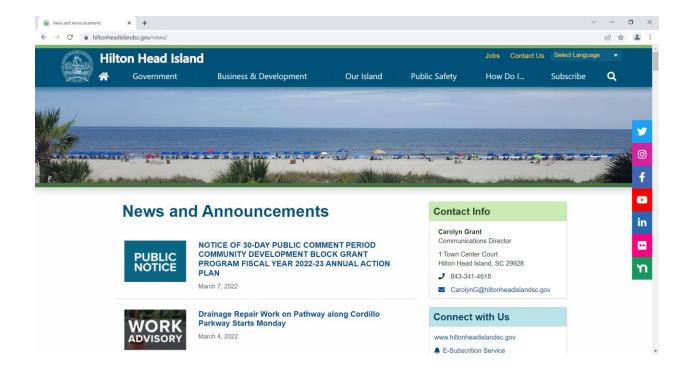
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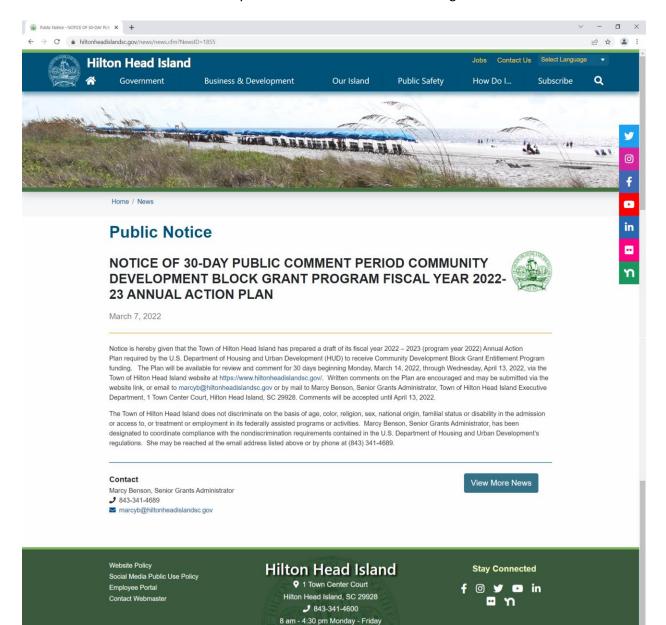
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Here you go!



Kelly Spinella

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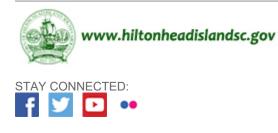
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