

2021 Annual Action Plan Hennepin County Consortium Amendment 2 – Draft for public comment

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Hennepin County Consortium 2021 Action Plan has been prepared to meet statutory planning and application requirements for the receipt and use of three Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding programs in suburban Hennepin County: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.

The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan set community development and affordable housing goals for the use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG for five program years, 2020-2024. The Consolidated Plan can be found at: <https://www.hennepin.us/-/media/hennepinus/your-government/research-data/housing-plans/Final-Approved-2020-2024-ConPlan-and-2020-AAP-by-HUD-inc-Acknowledgments-and-TOC.pdf>

The 2021 Action Plan outlines the specific ways in which CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding will be used in the 2021 Program Year, following the goals in the Consolidated Plan. The 2021 program year starts July 1, 2021 and ends June 30, 2022.

The Hennepin County Consortium is comprised of four entitlement jurisdictions - the Cities of Bloomington, Eden Prairie, and Plymouth – and the remaining 38 suburban cities in Hennepin County. Hennepin County’s Housing and Economic Development Department is the Consortium’s lead agency responsible for the Plan’s development.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The Consolidated Plan priorities were developed after a thorough review of demographic data, citizen and community input, other public policy and community plans, and past funding results in suburban Hennepin County. The Consolidated Plan seeks to address the following HUD and local objectives and outcomes for low to moderate income residents in suburban Hennepin County.

Objectives:

- Provide decent housing
- Provide a suitable living environment
- Expand economic opportunities

Outcomes:

- Assisting homeless persons obtain affordable housing
- Increasing the availability of permanent housing that is affordable and accessible to low-income households
- Improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods
- Creating and retaining jobs

Through a collaborative process including city, non-profit, citizen participation, the following Priority Needs have been established for the use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding in suburban Hennepin County for the

Consolidated Plan period:

- Preserve and create multifamily rental opportunities
- Preserve and create single family homeownership opportunities
- Create housing opportunities for homeless populations
- Promote education, outreach, and services
- Support neighborhood revitalization
- Stimulate economic development
- Administration, Fair Housing and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) operating

Goals were developed to meet these Priority Needs. Proposed program year 2021 Projects are in alignment with the identified Goals and Needs.

Amendment 2 -- This Amendment adds additional program Income and a Project in our original 2021 Annual Action Plan to use it on.

Amendment 1 – The previous Amendment to the 2021 Action Plan outlined the proposed use of \$6.4 million in federal funding. Hennepin County received these funds as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which appropriated \$5 billion to be administered through the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program. The funds are intended to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services. [Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan/2021 Action Plan Amendment \(PDF\)](#) describes the planned distribution of HOME-ARP funds, and the process for applying and selecting projects. It also identifies priorities for eligible projects and activities.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Needs identified in the Consolidated Plan are to:

- Preserve/Create Multifamily Rental Opportunities,
- Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership Opportunities,
- Housing Opportunities for Homeless Populations,
- Support Education, Outreach and Services,
- Encourage Neighborhood Revitalization, and
- Stimulate Economic Development.

The following Project below is selected based on the population served and the needs and goals identified in the Consolidated Plan.

30	Project Name	The Robin
	Target Area	n/a
	Goals Supported	Housing Opportunities for Homeless Populations
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Multifamily Rental Opportunities
	Funding	Maximum eligible amount of HOME ARP and HOME Program Income currently estimated at: HOME PI -- \$537,500 HOME-ARP -- \$562,500. EST TOTAL -- \$1,237,500
	Description	MAC-V will acquire the Robin Hotel to convert to permanent affordable single-room occupancy (SRO) housing. The HOME funding will cover acquisition of the property and federal regulations (namely relocation). MAC-V will utilize other funding sources to rehab the property and convert it from 21 sleeping rooms to five 1-bedroom units, and 11 SRO units with shared bathrooms, and a shared kitchen. MAC-V will restrict units to veterans experiencing homelessness with incomes below 30% AMI. Tenant rents will be supported with VASH vouchers.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	16 Veterans who are homeless or at or below 30% AMI.
	Location Description	n/a
	Planned Activities	project development includes the acquisition, rehabilitation and relates soft costs, like relocation to create 16 housing units.