

**Five Year Plan and FY 2023-2024 Action Plan Summary
For Commissioner Briefings
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Seminole County is an Entitlement Community that receives direct allocations of grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) based on an allocation formula. The formula is based on several factors such as population, number of low- and moderate-income households, as well as housing conditions, and the total number of homeless persons identified in the annual point-in-time count. Grantees are required to prepare a strategic plan every five years, and the plan identifies priorities and sets goals for the five-year plan period. In addition, an annual action plan is required to show our proposed use of the grants. The plans serve as a combined grant application required by HUD for the County to receive federal grants.

Federal FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan (Five Year Plan)

The Consolidated Plan identified priority needs related to affordable housing, homelessness, public services, special needs populations, public facilities, and infrastructure needs based on a local market analysis, needs assessments, and public input received in the citizen participation process. The current Consolidated Plan outlines goals and objectives to guide the use of HUD grants over the five-year plan period October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2025. The following high priorities were identified in the planning process (1) Increase access to affordable housing, (2) Increase access to public services, (3) Improve access to public infrastructure and facilities, and (4) Reduce homelessness by increasing access to homeless prevention, rapid re-housing services, and providing support to area shelters. In accordance with HUD regulations, grant funds are being used to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and households.

FY 2023/2024 One-Year Action Plan

Seminole County anticipates receiving an allocation of \$2,176,335 in CDBG funds, \$987,771 in HOME, and \$190,975 in ESG funds. The One-Year Action Plan outlines the projects Seminole County plans to implement using FY 2023-2024 funds. Seminole County issued a Notice of Funding Availability and made a request for applications from non-profit agencies seeking funding for CDBG public facilities and infrastructure projects, CDBG public services, HOME-funded affordable housing projects, and ESG activities. The proposed activities will help meet the high priority needs related to affordable housing, homelessness, public services, and infrastructure/public facility improvements detailed in the five-year Consolidated Plan.

FY 2023-2024 List of Funding Recommendations

Below is a list of recommendations based on the funding proposals from social service agencies, community groups, and other eligible organizations to fund activities from the 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG; \$2,176,335), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME; \$987,771), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG; \$190,975) Programs.

CDBG Program - \$2,176,335

Proposed Project	Activity	Objective in the Consolidated Plan	Amount
Public Facilities /Improvements			
Aspire Health Partners: Facility Improvement – Fernwood Roof	Public Facilities/Improvements Rehabilitation of a Public Facility	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$230,000
The Sharing Center Homeless Day Center: Facility Improvements – Expansion & Monitored Alarm System	Public Facilities/Improvements Rehabilitation of a Public Facility	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$141,500
True Health: Facility Improvements – Sanford and Casselberry Site Improvements	Public Facilities/Improvements Rehabilitation of a Public Facility	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$351,000
Inspire of Central Florida: Facility Improvement – Casselberry HVAC system and Living Group Home Generator	Public Facilities/Improvements Rehabilitation of a Public Facility	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$82,500
Catholic Charities' Pathway to Care: Facility Improvement – Laundry Facility Renovation	Public Facilities/Improvements Rehabilitation of a Public Facility	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$43,000
Subtotal – Public Facilities /Improvements			\$848,000
Public Services			
Dental Assistance (In-house program)	Public Services (dental assistance services)	Suitable Living: Affordability	\$100,000
Seniors First- Senior Services	Public Services (respite, companionship, case management for elderly persons.	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$66,200
Kids House – Mental Health Services	Public Services (mental health services for youth)	Suitable Living: Availability	\$42,000

Inspire of Central Florida – Adult Day Training for Disabled Adults	Public Services (skills training and employment program for disabled persons)	Econ. Opportunity: Availability/ Accessibility	\$77,600
Life Boat - Breakwater Center for Women & Children	Public Services (Mental Health Services)	Decent Housing: Availability/ Accessibility	\$39,600
Subtotal – Public Services			\$325,400
In-House Programs and Administration			
Public Facility Improvements County/ Municipal Partners (In-House Program)	Public Facilities/Improvements Rehabilitation of a Public Facility	Suitable Living: Sustainability	\$243,318
Home Ownership Rehabilitation (In-House Program)	Rehabilitation of Home-Owner Occupied homes	Decent Housing: Affordability	\$229,350
Housing Program Delivery (In-House Program)	Project delivery costs for housing activities. Funds will also be used to support administration and case management for the TBRA program.		\$95,000
Planning and Administration	20% grant is for the planning and administration of CDBG program		\$435,267
Subtotal – In-House Programs and Administration			\$773,585
TOTAL CDBG			\$2,176,335

CDGB – Denials and Not Scored

The following proposals were not recommended for CDBG funds.

Project	Denied for CDBG Funding,	Amount Requested
WeeCare – BOOST (Business Operation & Optimization Support Tools)	Application was not scored due to For-Profit not eligible for this funding source	\$96,000
American Muslim Social Services – Homeless Healthcare	Application was not scored due to the entity failing to attend mandatory (pre-application) workshop(s)	\$50,000
Recovery House - Substance Abuse Treatment	The evaluation committee ranked and based on score and CDBG Public Services 15% funding limit being met activity could not be funded	\$35,000
Impower - Village Transitional Housing & Homelessness Prevention Program	The evaluation committee ranked and based on score and CDBG Public Services 15% funding limit being met activity could not be funded.	\$11,293.64

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United Medical & Social Services - Healthcare as a Human Right	The evaluation committee ranked and based on score and CDBG Public Services 15% funding limit being met activity could not be funded.	\$68,200
Early Learning Coalition - Mobile Literacy & Outreach Bus	Activity scored poorly and requested reimbursement for ineligible equipment, which can't be funded.	\$100,000

HOME Program - \$987,771

Proposed Project	Activity	Objective in Consolidated Plan	Amount
Housing Construction- Homeownership - Habitat for Humanity	Development and partial funding of up to 11 units of Affordable Housing on Scattered Sites for new construction of single-family home ownership units	Decent Housing: Affordability	\$139,588
Tenant Based Rental Assistance – Seminole County	Funding allocated to assist the Seminole County Housing Authority with providing subsidized rental assistance to the elderly and/or disabled	Decent Housing: Affordability	\$100,000
Affordable Housing Construct/Rehab – Rental – Central Florida Home for Good	HOME funds to Central Florida Home for Good rehab to assist up to 10 households in need of affordable rental units	Decent Housing: Affordability	\$250,620
Affordable Housing Construct/Rehab – Rental – HANDS	HOME funds to HANDs Lake Jennie II Apartments rehab to assist households in need of affordable rental units	Decent Housing: Affordability	\$250,620
CHDO Set Aside	Support Community Housing Development Organizations to develop affordable housing for low income first-time homebuyers	Decent Housing: Affordability	\$148,166
Planning and Administration	10% grant is for the administration of HOME program		\$98,777
TOTAL HOME			\$987,771

HOME – There were no applications that were denied

ESG Program - \$190,975

Proposed Project	Activity	Objective in Consolidated Plan	Amount
SafeHouse of Seminole	Operating and Maintenance of a Shelter for the homeless	Decent Housing: Availability	\$45,000
BoysTown Central Florida	Operating and Maintenance of a Shelter for the homeless	Decent Housing: Availability	\$30,000
Recovery House of Central Florida	Operating and Maintenance of a Shelter for the homeless	Decent Housing: Availability	\$19,552
The Sharing Center	Street Outreach	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$19,553
HSN – Homeless Management Information System	Operation and Maintenance of the HMIS data for homeless programs	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$15,000
Rapid Re-Housing (In-House Program)	Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short-and medium-term rental assistance	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$47,547
Program Planning and Administration	Program Planning and Administrative costs not to exceed 7.5% of allocation		\$14,323
TOTAL ESG			\$190,975

ESG – Denials and Not Scored

The following proposals were not recommended for ESG funds.

Project	Denied for ESG Funding	Amount Requested
Angels of Mercy Ministries, Inc.	Transitional Housing is not an eligible ESG service.	\$21,900
Hope Help, Inc.	Purchasing healthy food options for Hope's Food Pantry is not an eligible ESG service.	\$50,000

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the FY 2023-2024 Action Plan and authorize the Chairman to execute all HUD grant agreements, SF 424 forms, Certification forms, and subsequent subrecipient agreements associated with the Action Plan. Staff also recommends Board Approval to authorize Community Services to submit the FY 2023-2024 Action Plan to HUD for approval.

Additional Notes:

- CDBG funds must primarily benefit low- and moderate-income households- at least 70% of CDBG dollars must benefit low- and moderate-income households
- CDBG Public Services usually has a 15% CAP