

Public Notice
City of Blue Springs, Missouri
Community Development Block Grant
2023-2024 CDBG Annual Action Plan

The City of Blue Springs is presenting the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for public review and comment. **The draft plan will be available for a 30-day public comment period beginning Saturday, June 24, 2023 and ending on Monday, July 24, 2023.** The purpose of the public comment period is to allow the public the opportunity to review the plan and submit comments prior to the final draft being submitted to the City Council for approval. The public is encouraged to review and make comments, or attend the final public hearing, including organizations that provide assistance to low-moderate income residents and individuals who may be homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, public housing agencies, residents of public and assisted housing developments, and low-moderate income residents.

The 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan covers the 1-year period beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024. The Annual Action Plan describes the specific CDBG projects and activities that the City will undertake during the program year. The City has received an allocation of \$245,596 for the 2023-2024 program year and will be reprogramming \$341,681.95 from pre-2022 allocations and \$26,110 in program income that have not been expended. The City has a total program of \$668,387.95 for the program year and is proposing to expend the funds on the following projects: \$154,000 for low-moderate income housing benefit (\$130,000,000 for Minor Home Repair and \$24,000 for First Time Home Buyers); \$36,839.40 for public services for low-moderate income clientele (\$4,000 for Fieldhouse Recreation Scholarships, \$12,750 for Hope House, and \$20,000 for Community Services League); \$57,600 for slum-blight area benefit (Downtown Lighting Project and Commercial Façade Grants); \$400,000 for low-moderate income area benefit (\$400,000 Park Improvements); and \$20,000 for program administration and planning.

The final draft of the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan will be presented to the City Council at a public hearing. **A public hearing will be held by the City Council on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Howard L. Brown Public Safety Building located at 1100 SW Smith Street, Blue Springs, MO 64015.** At the public hearing, the City Council will open the public hearing, receive public comments, close the hearing, and accept the plan as submitted or as amended. The City shall consider the views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties in preparing the draft plan and final submission. A summary of all public comments will be attached to the final submission. The Annual Action Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) after City Council approval for review and approval.

For more information or to submit comments on the Annual Action Plan, contact Cara Elbert, Asst. Director Community Development, at 816-220-4504 or celbert@bluespringsgov.com. The draft plan may be viewed on the City's website at www.bluespringsgov.com/CDBG and is available at the following locations: City Hall, Vesper Hall, and the Blue Springs North and South branches of the Mid-Continent Public Library. Written comments may be submitted via email to celbert@bluespringsgov.com or mailed to Attn: CDBG, Community Development Department, 903 W. Main Street, Blue Springs, MO 64015. All written comments must either be received during the 30-day public comment period to be included with the draft plan or by Noon on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 to be included in the public hearing on August 7, 2023.

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