
CITY OF PITTSBURGH

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FY 2022 Annual Action Plan

*For Submission to HUD for the
Community Development Block Grant,
HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency
Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities
For Persons With AIDS Programs*

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Ed Gainey,
Honorable Mayor



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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) for the following Federal programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG),
- HOME Investment Partnership (HOME),
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

In compliance with the HUD regulations, the City of Pittsburgh has prepared this FY 2022 Annual Action Plan for CD Program Year 48 for the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. This Annual Action Plan is a strategic plan for the implementation of the City's Federal Programs for housing, community, and economic development within the City of Pittsburgh. In addition, the Annual Action Plan includes the HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds that the City will receive in FY 2022. The URA of Pittsburgh is the lead entity and administrator for the HOME funds. The City of Pittsburgh's Office of Management and Budget is the lead entity and administrator for the CDBG funds, ESG funds, and the HOPWA funds.

This is the City's third year of the FY 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, which describes the housing and non-housing needs of City residents and presents a five-year strategy to address those needs. This year's Annual Action Plan outlines the actions to be undertaken in Fiscal Year 2022 with the Federal resources received by the City of Pittsburgh. The Annual Action Plan does not incorporate the Public Housing Comprehensive Grant (Comp Grant) funds in this Action Plan but include the participation of the public housing authority in the development of the plan.

The CDBG Program and activities outlined in this FY 2022 Annual Action Plan will principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons and funding has been targeted to neighborhoods where there is the highest percentage of low- and moderate-income residents. The City's previous performance under the CDBG Program was discussed at the Public Hearings.

Available Funds:

The following financial resources are presented for the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan and are anticipated to be received to address the Strategies and Goals identified in City of Pittsburgh's Five Year Consolidated Plan. During the FY 2022 Program Year, the City of Pittsburgh will receive the following Federal Financial resources, as well as expected CDBG and HOME Program Income:

- **CDBG Funds** - \$13,733,622.00
- **CDBG Program Income** - \$1,500,000.00
- **HOME Funds** - \$2,533,403.00
- **HOME Program Income** - \$400,000.00
- **ESG Funds** - \$1,198,946.00
- **HOPWA Funds** - \$1,275,737.00
- **Total: \$20,641,748.00**

FY 2022 CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA Programs Budget:

The City of Pittsburgh proposes to undertake the following activities with the FY 2022 CDBG Grant, CDBG Program income, HOME Grant, HOME Program Income, ESG Grant, and HOPWA Grant funds:

FY 2022 CDBG Budget:

- **City Council** - \$650,000.00
- **Commission on Human Relations** - \$64,750.00
- **City Planning** - \$100,000.00
- **Office of Management and Budget** - \$1,660,000.00
- **Office of the Mayor** - \$100,000.00
- **Mobility and Infrastructure** - \$240,000.00
- **Parks and Recreation** - \$850,000.00
- **Permits, Licenses, and Inspections** - \$2,855,255.00
- **Human Resources and Civil Service Commission** - \$385,000.00
- **Urban Redevelopment Authority** - \$8,000,000.00

FY 2022 HOME Budget:

- **Program Administration** - \$293,340.00
- **Affordable Rental /Rental Gap Program (RGP)** - \$2,440,063.00
- **Affordable Homeownership /For Sale Development Program (FSDP)** - \$200,000.00

FY 2022 ESG Budget:

- **Emergency Solutions Grant** - \$1,198,946.00

FY 2022 HOPWA Budget:

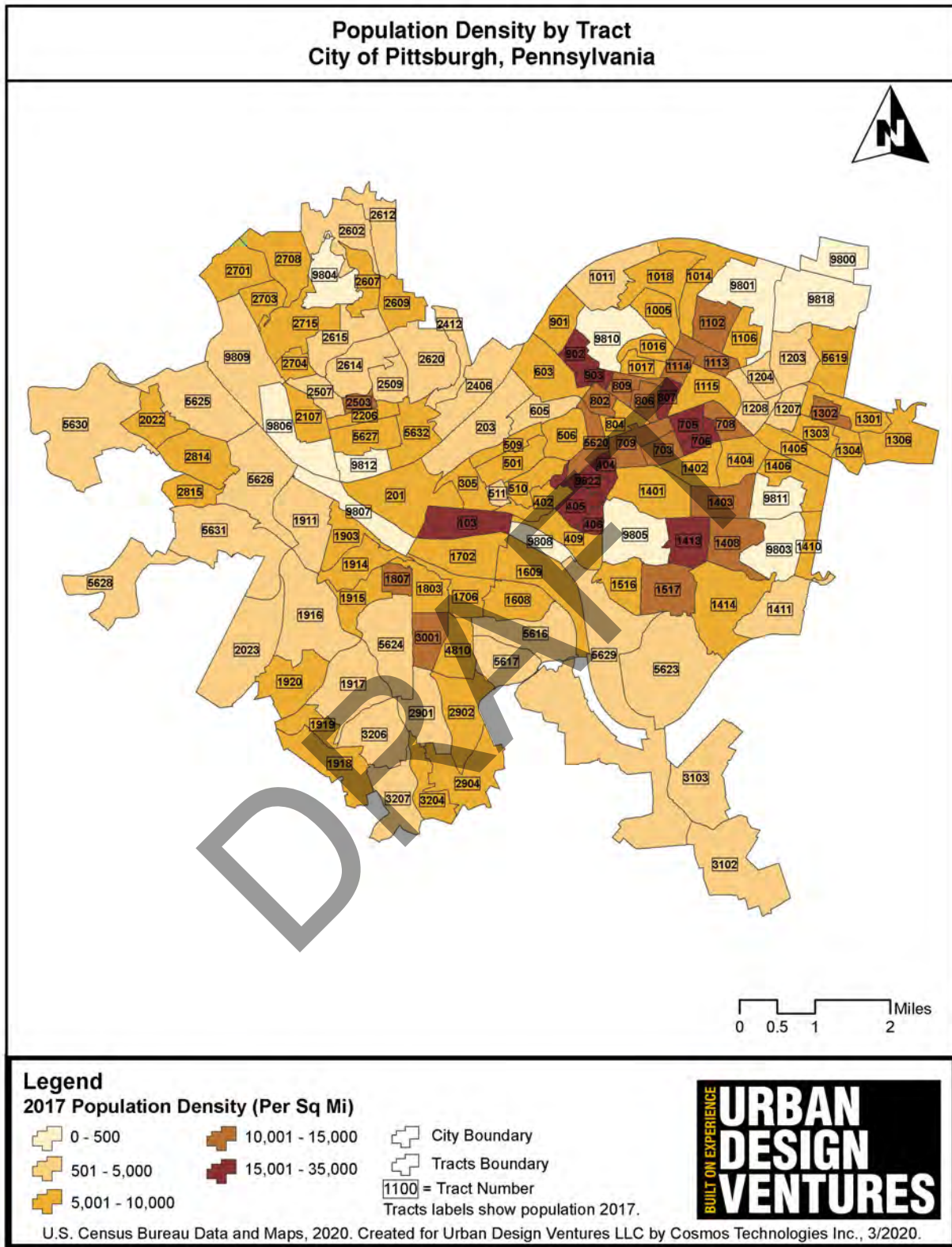
- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS** - \$1,275,737.00

Total CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA Budgets = \$20,641,748.00

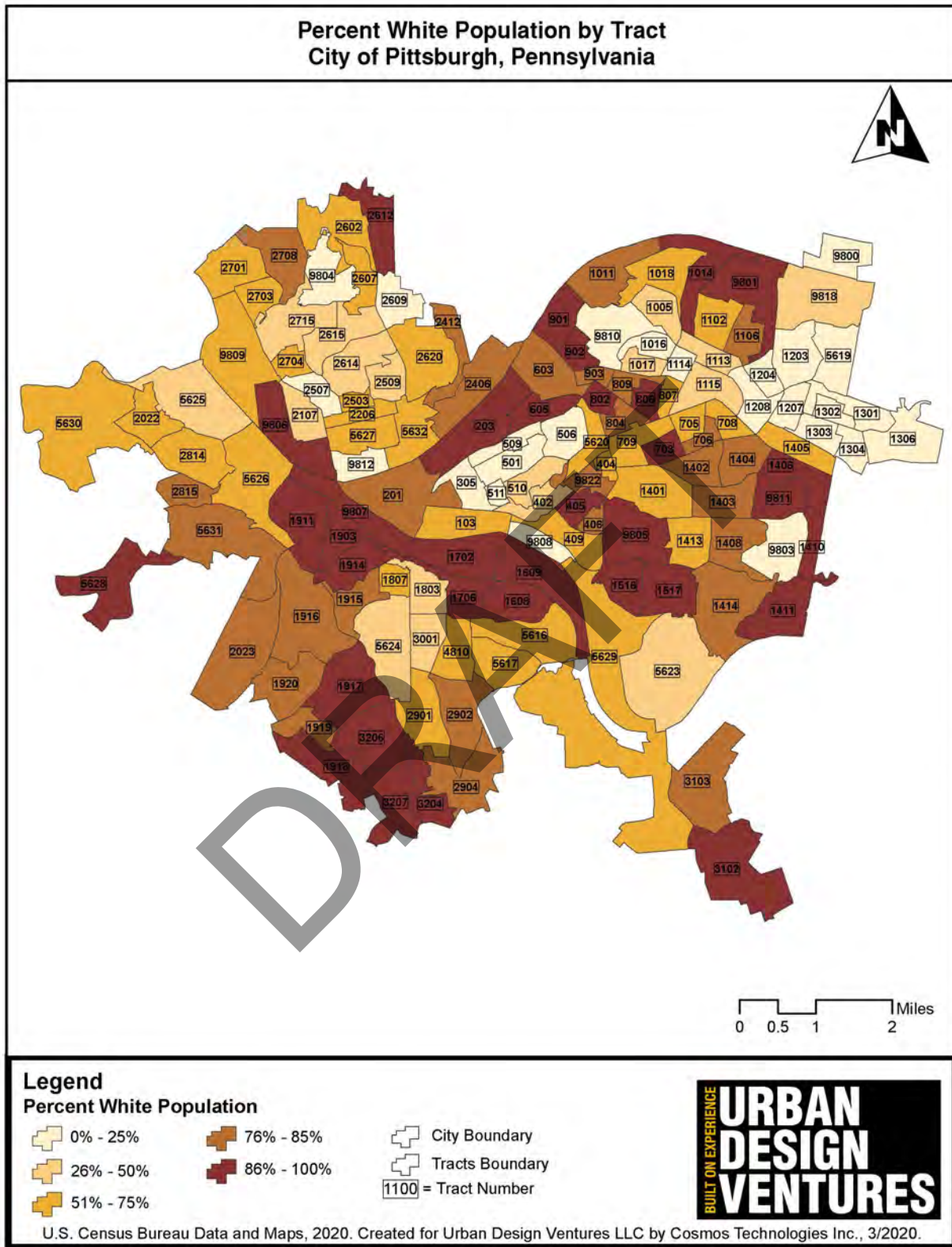
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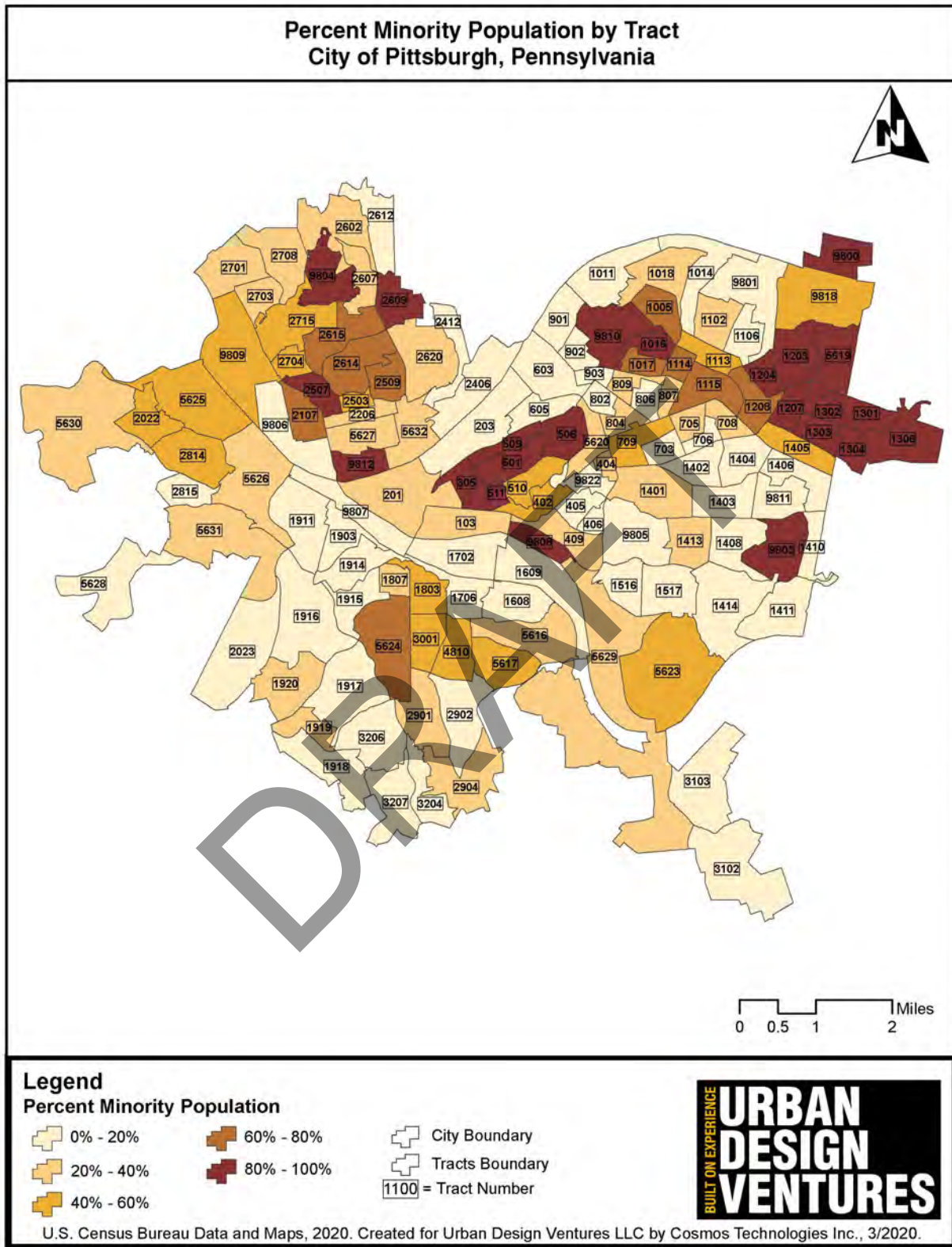
- Population Density by Census Tract
- Percent White Population by Census Tract
- Percent Minority Population by Census Tract
- Total Housing Units by Census Tract
- Total Housing Units by Block Points & Census Tracts
- Percent Owner-Occupied Housing Units by Census Tract
- Percent Renter-Occupied Housing Units by Census Tract
- Percent Vacant Housing Units by Census Tract
- Percent Population Age 65+ by Census Tract
- Low/Moderate Income Percentage by Block Group
- Low/Moderate Income with Minority Percentage by Block Group
- Commercial Hot Spots
- Larimer/East Liberty Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA)



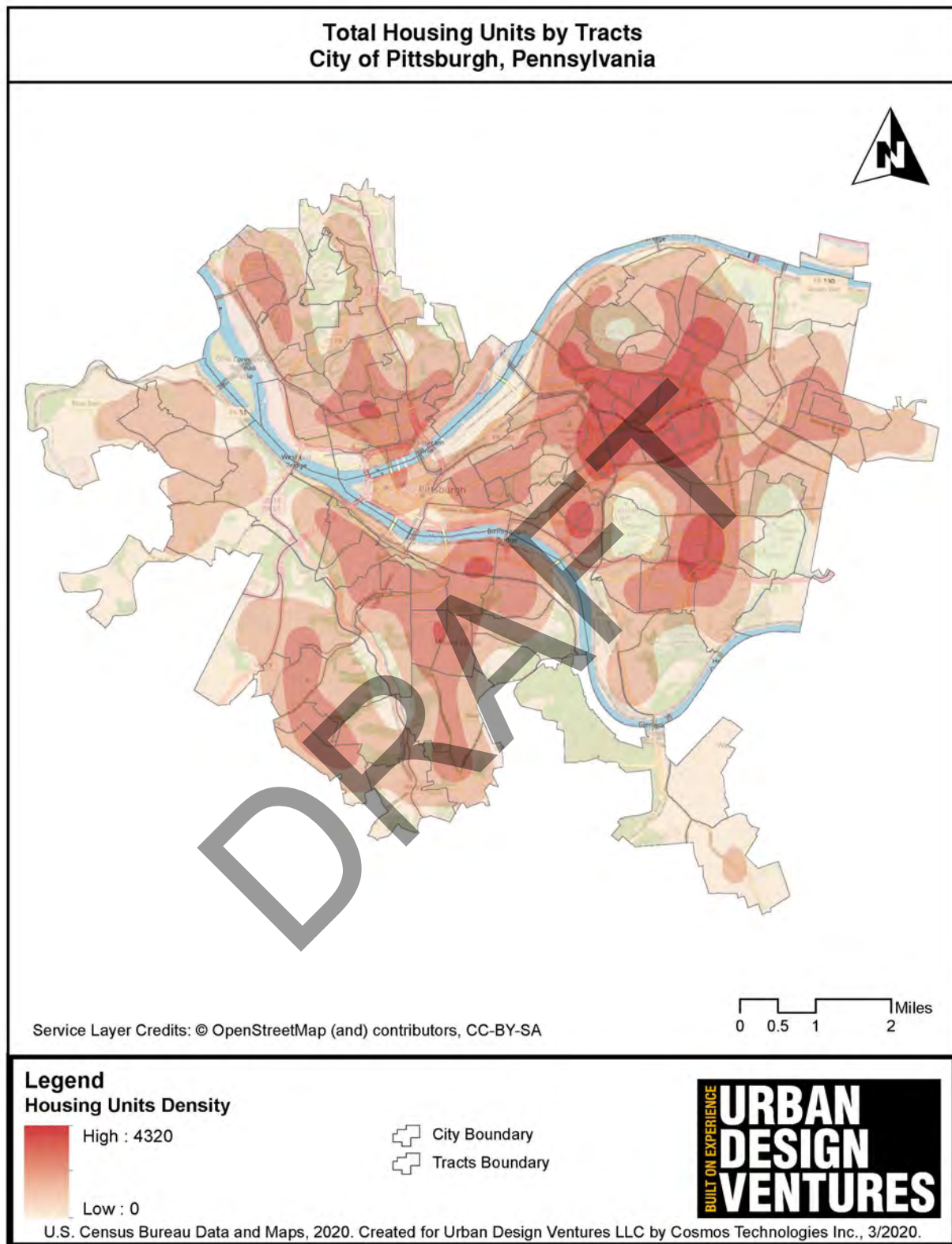
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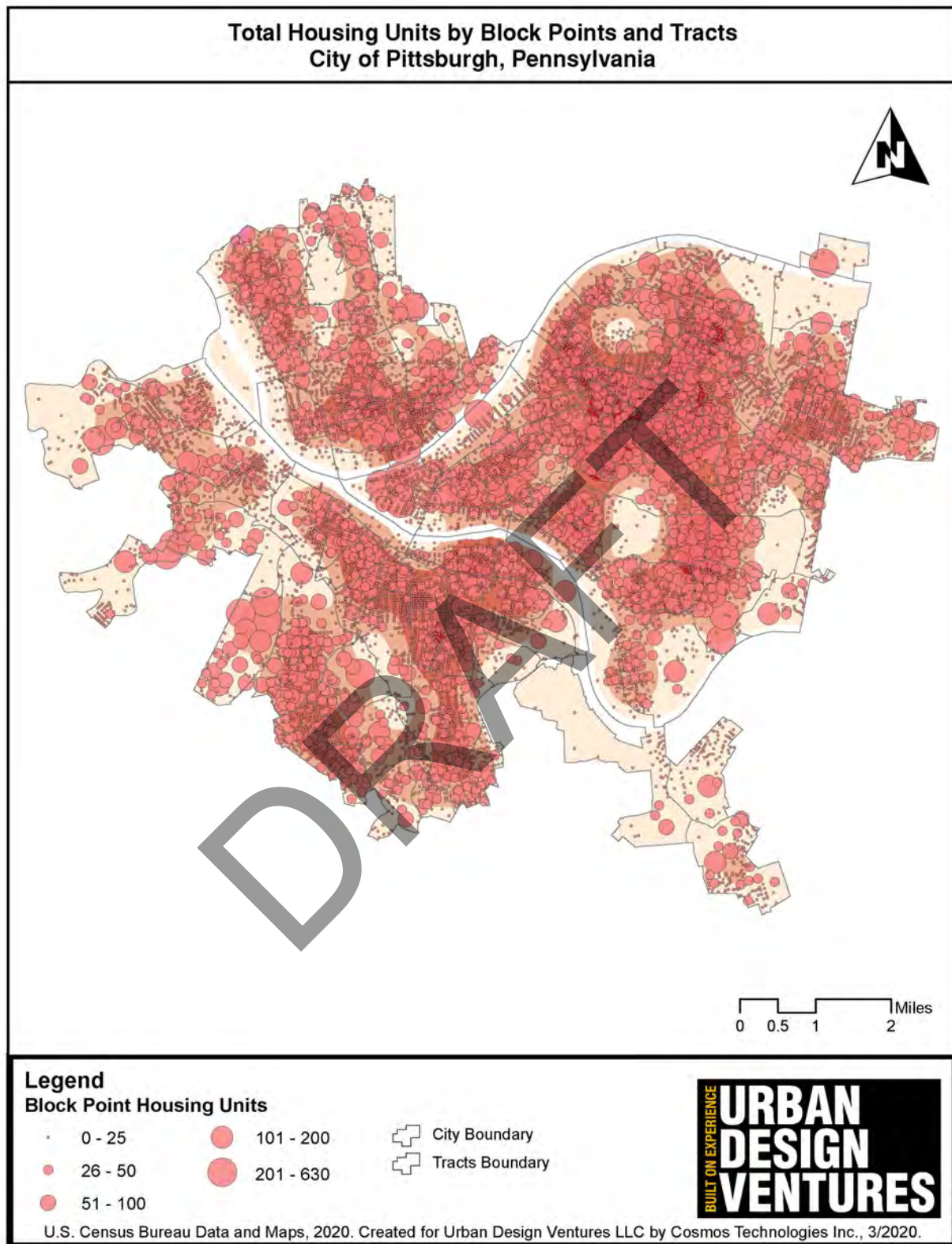


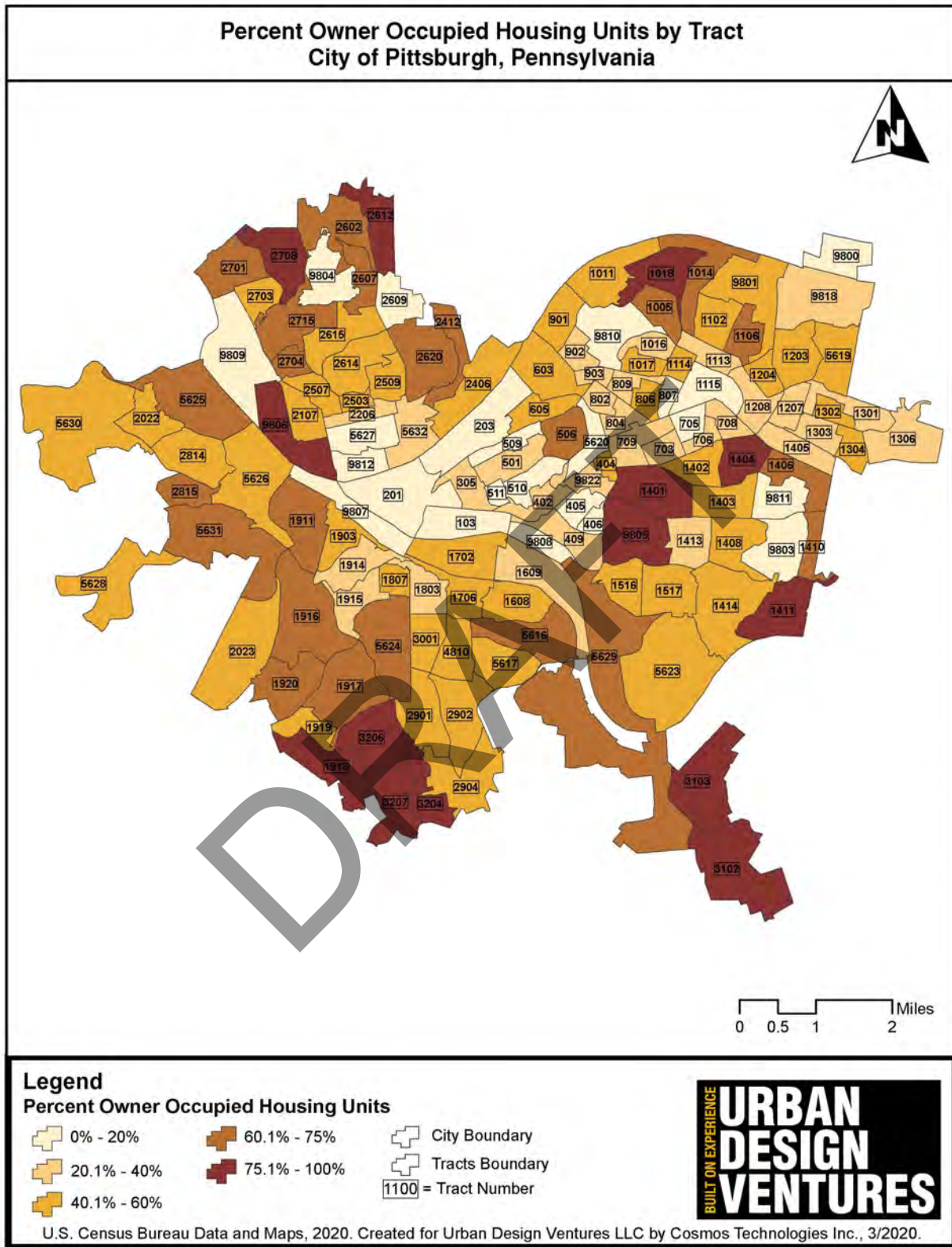
Percent White Population by Census Tract



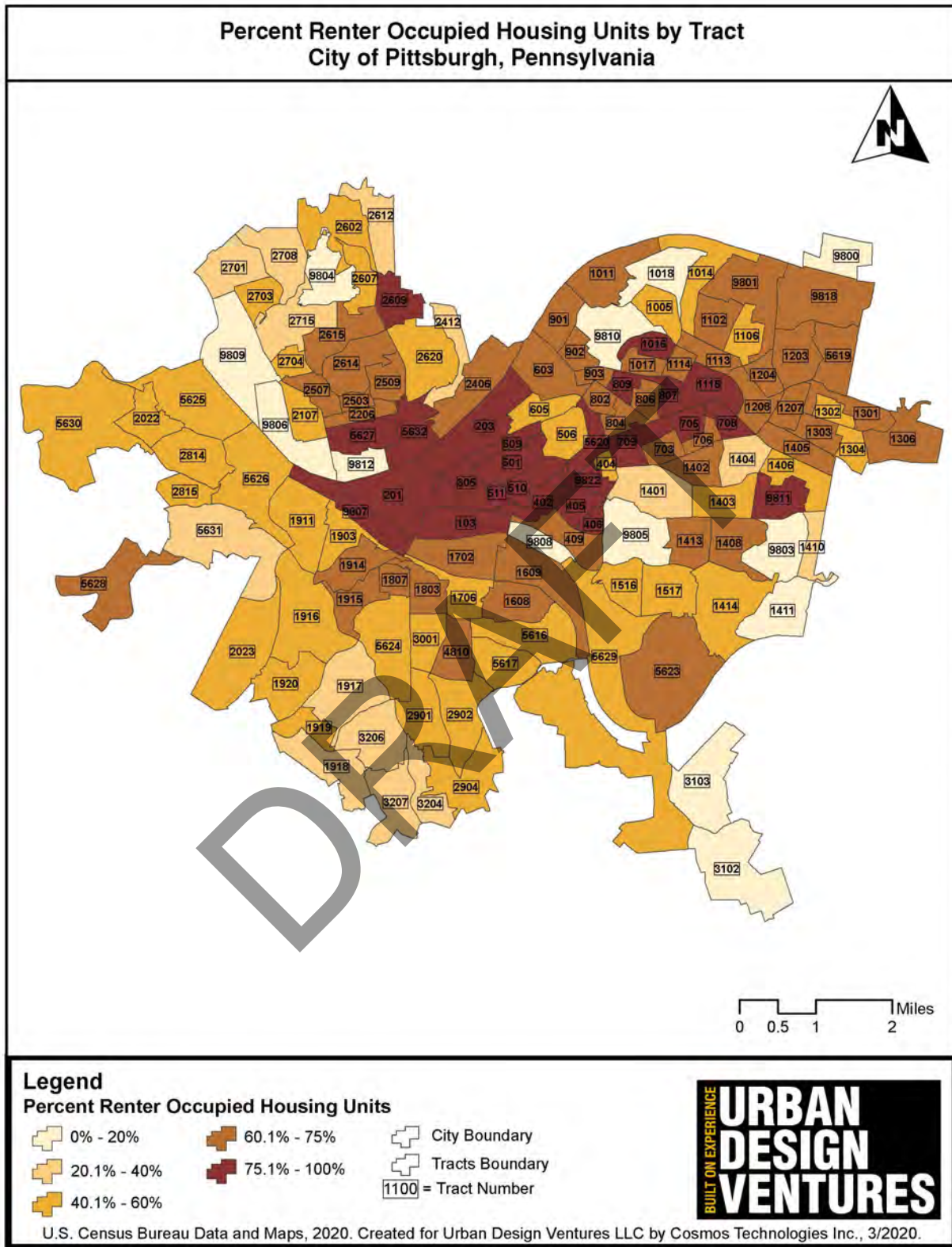
Percent Minority Population by Census Tract

**Total Housing Units by Census Tract**

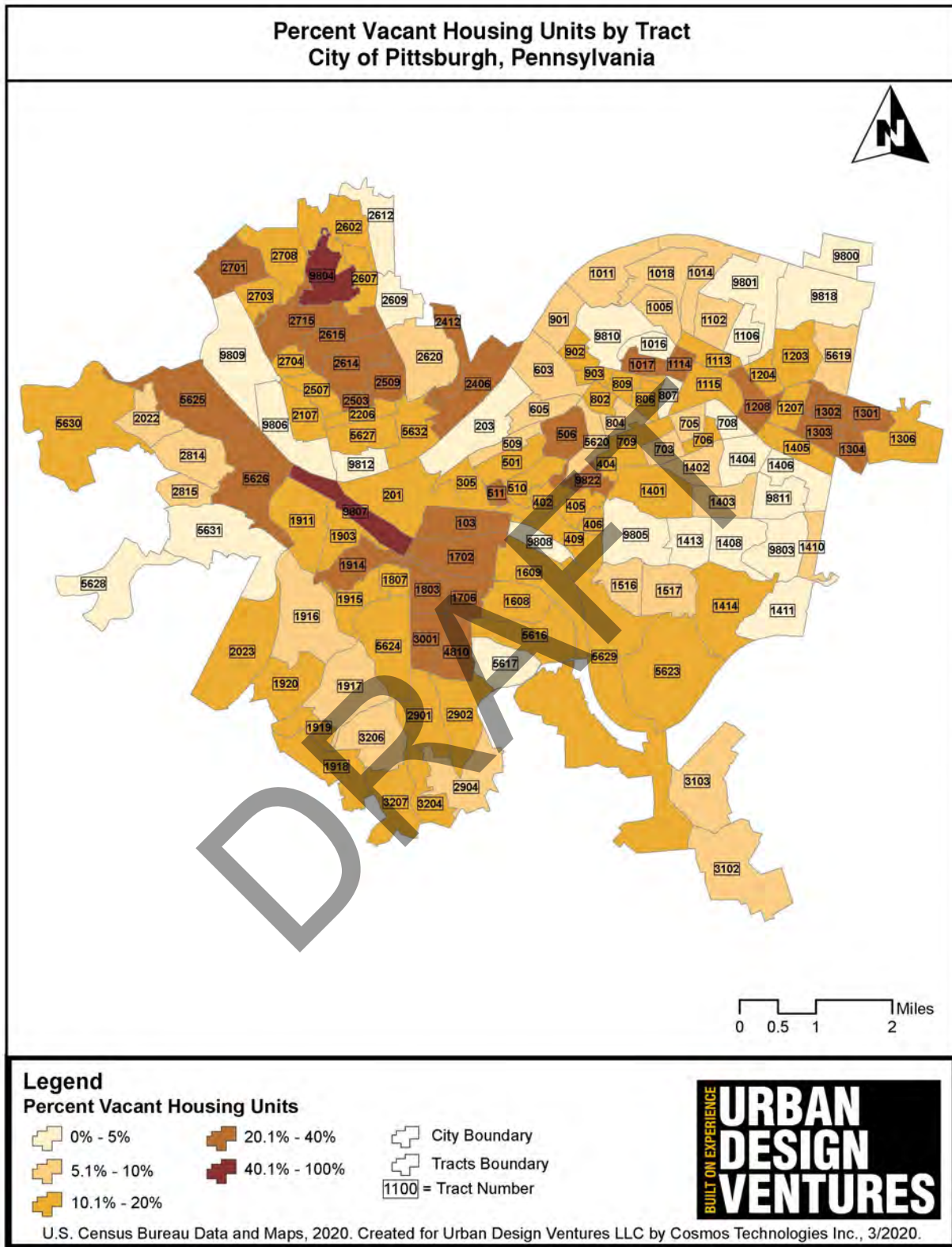
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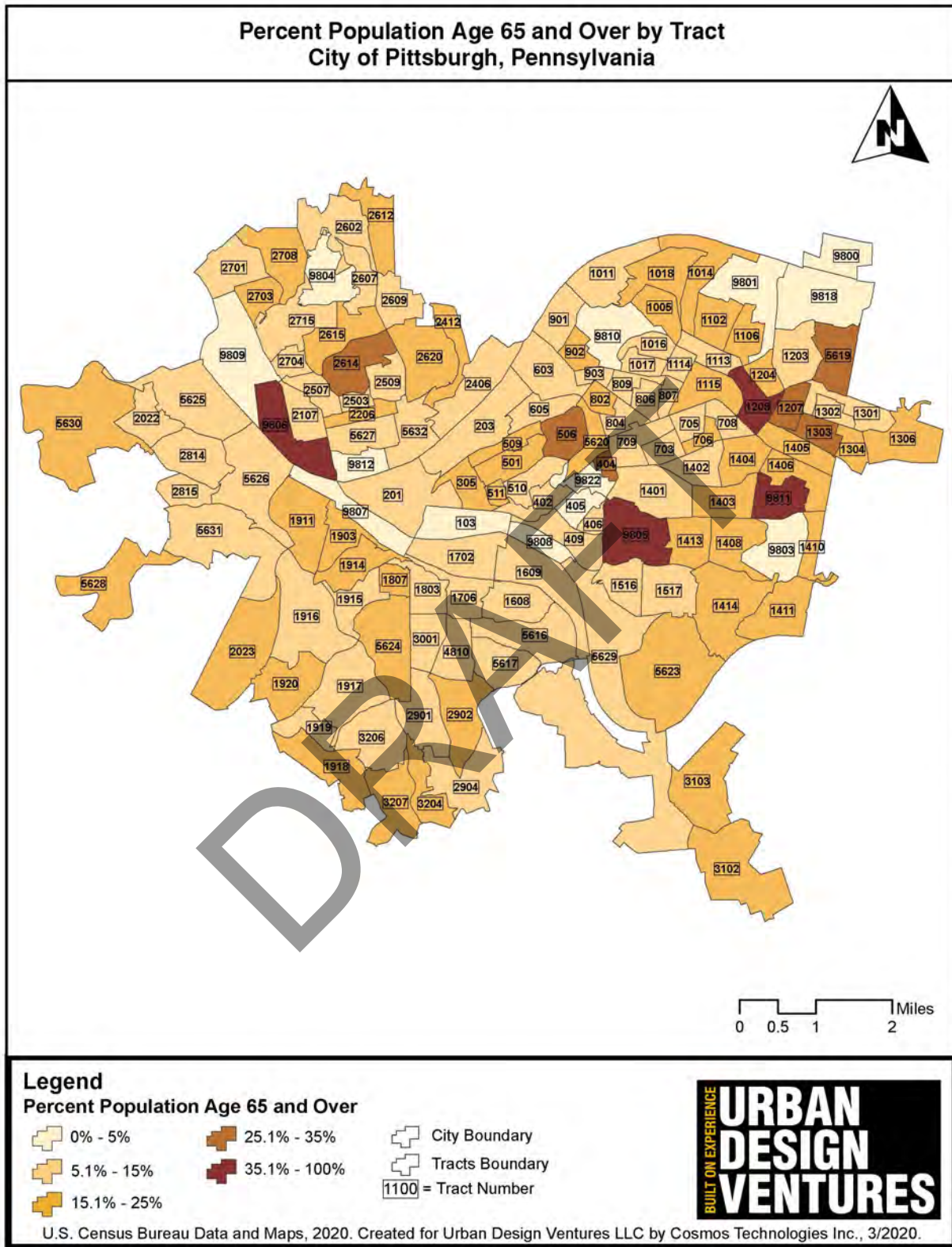
Percent Owner-Occupied Housing Units by Census Tract



Percent Renter-Occupied Housing Units by Census Tract

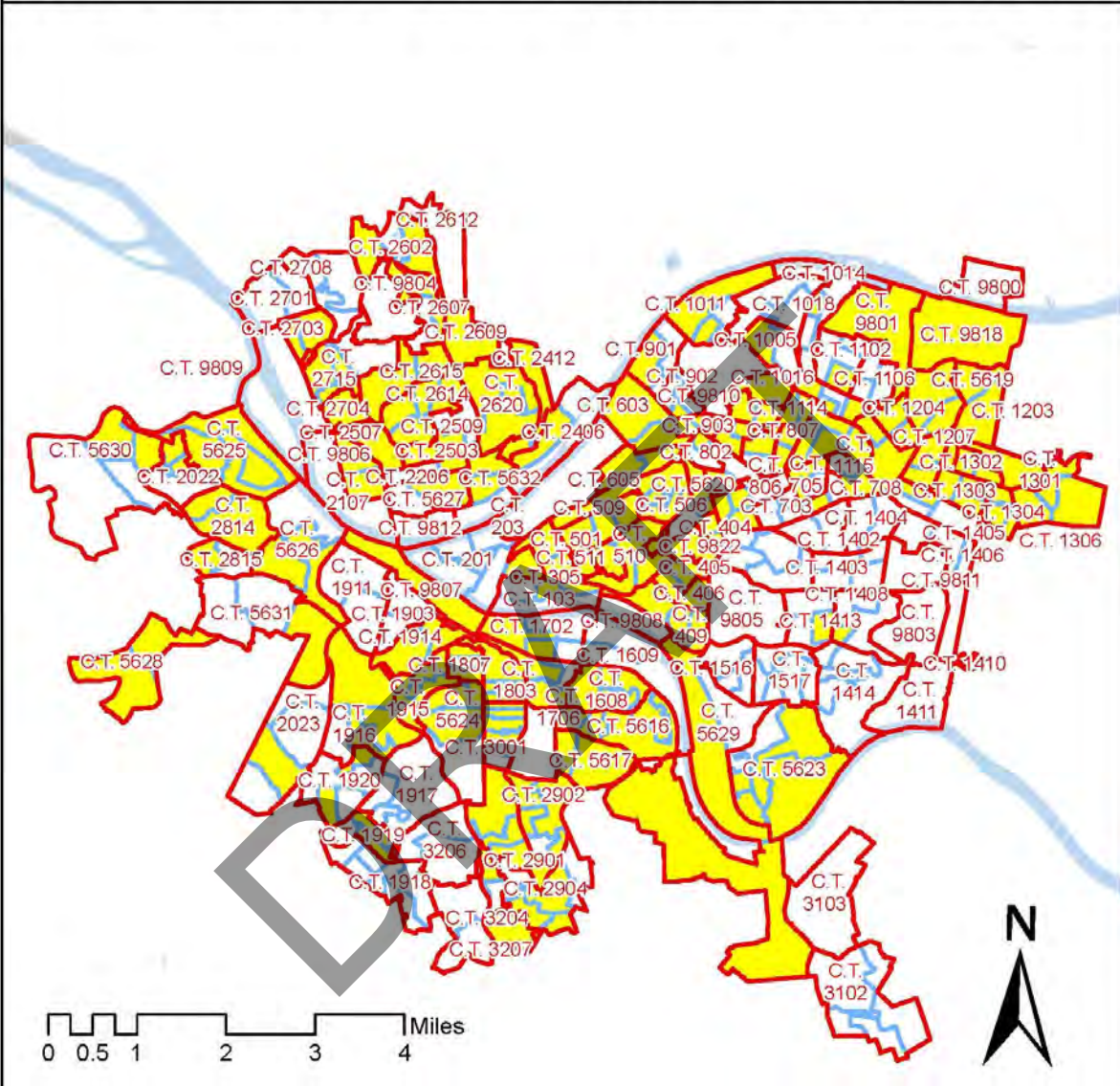


Percent Vacant Housing Units by Census Tract



Percent Population Age 65+ by Census Tract

CITY OF PITTSBURGH, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME BLOCK GROUPS



LEGEND:

- Census Tracts
- Rivers
- Block Groups

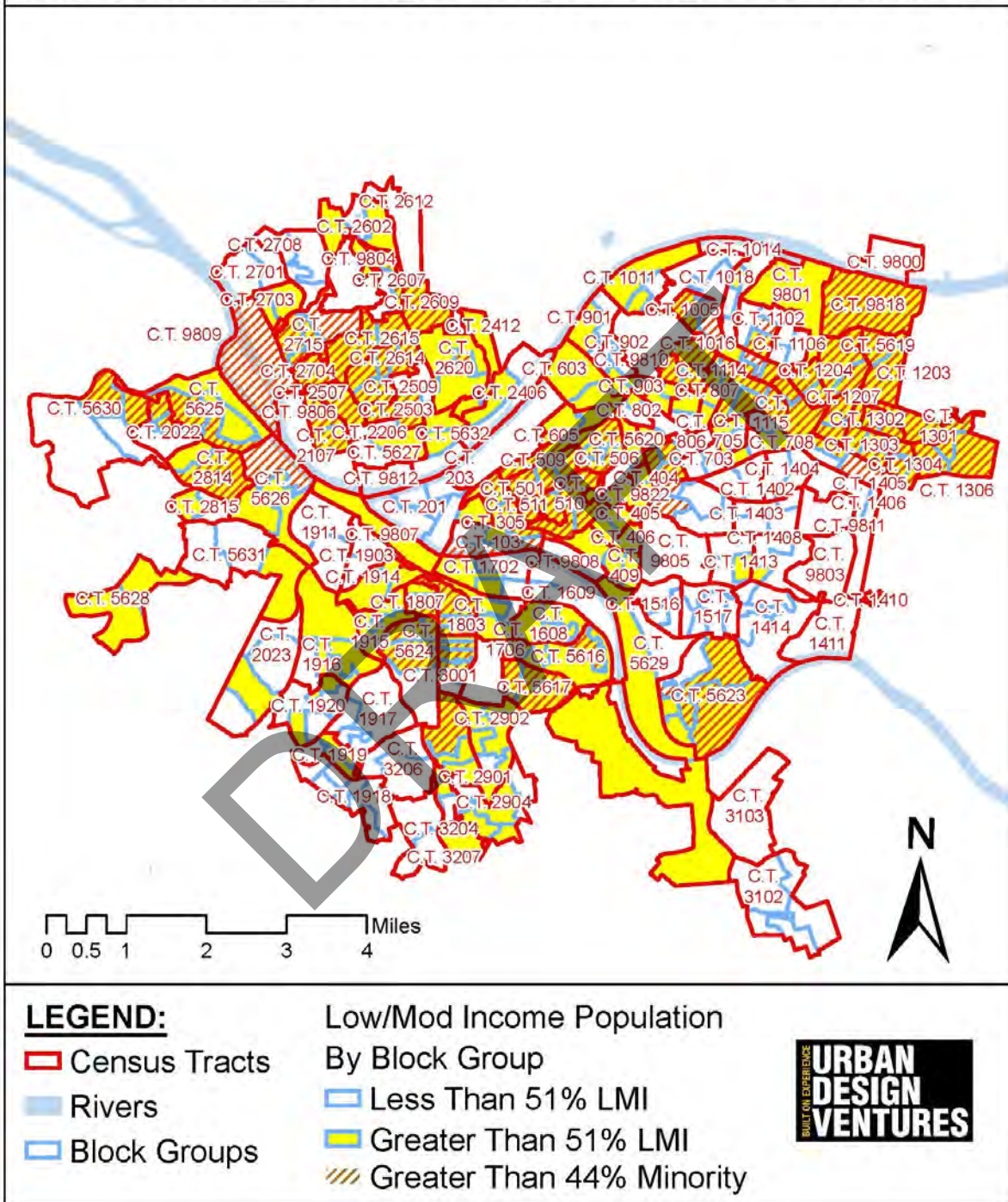
Low/Mod Income Population
By Block Group

- Less Than 51% LMI
- Greater Than 51% LMI

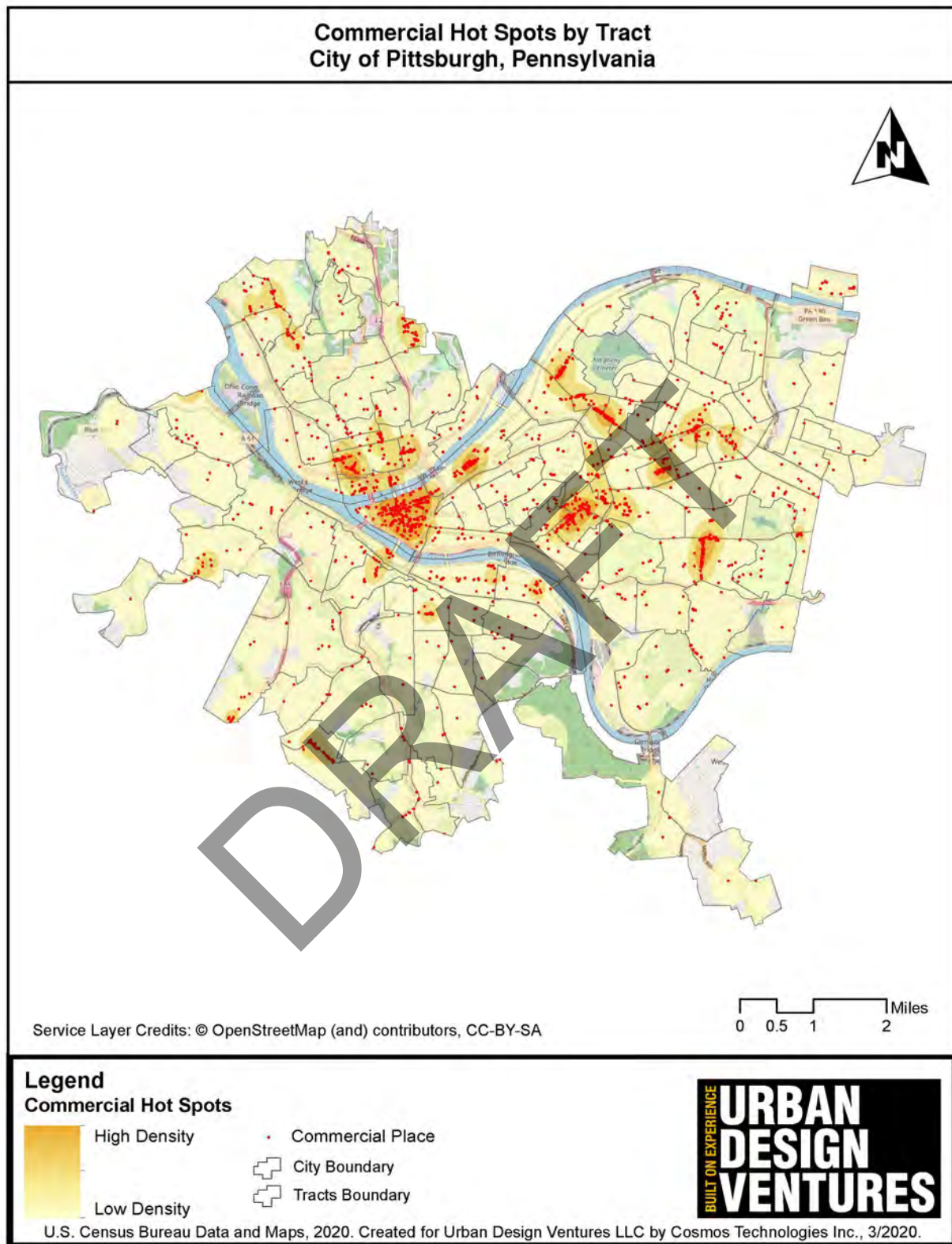


Low/Moderate Income Percentage by Block Group

CITY OF PITTSBURGH, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA MINORITY POPULATION AND LMI POPULATION

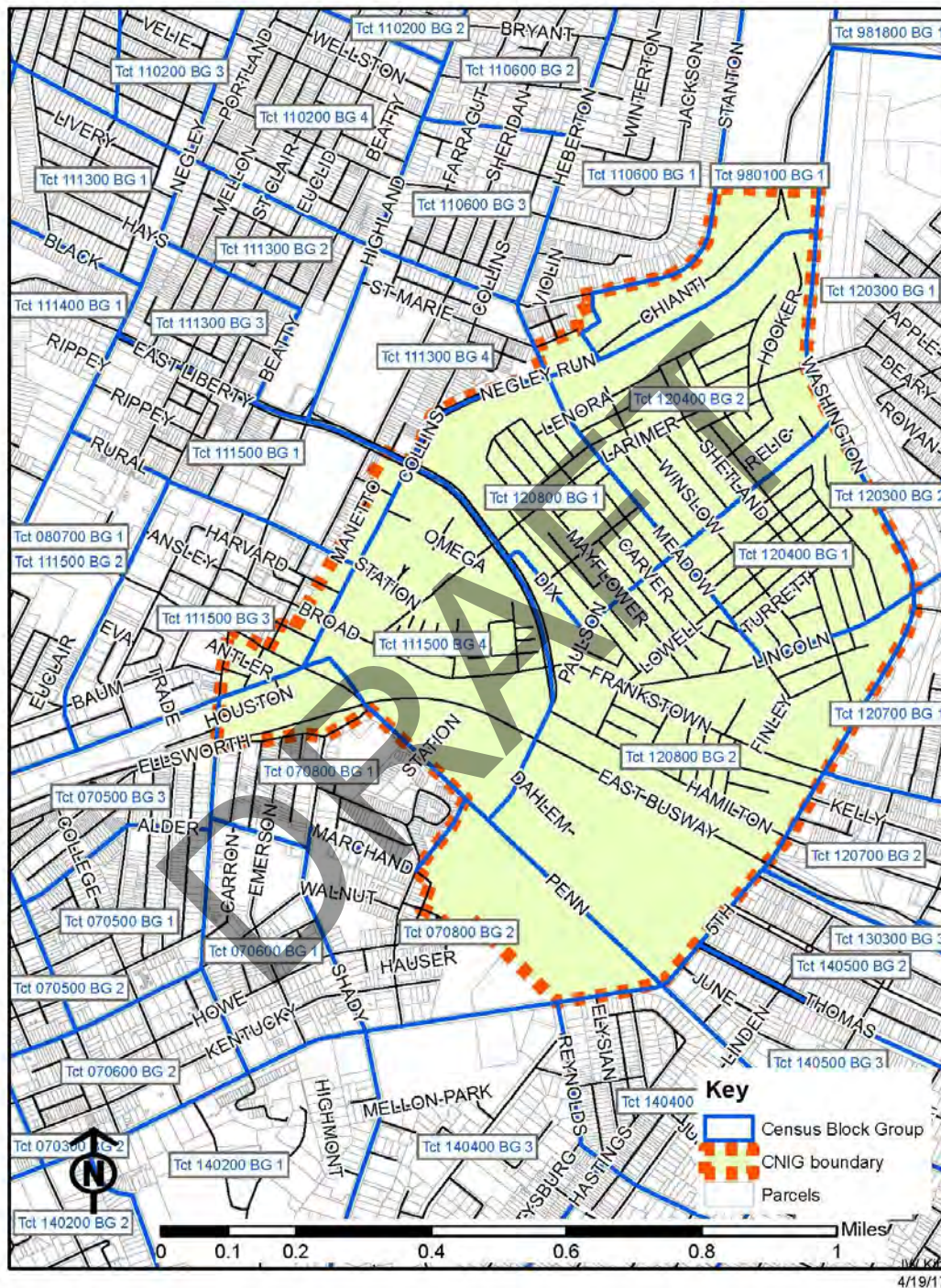


Low/Moderate Income with Minority Percentage by Block Group



Commercial Hot Spots

Larimer/East Liberty CNIG Boundary
Census Tract/Block Boundary



Larimer/East Liberty Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA)

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

During the FY 2022 CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA Program Year, the City of Pittsburgh proposes to address the following priority needs and goals/strategies from its Five Year Consolidated Plan.

Housing Strategy (High Priority)

Priority Need: There is a need to improve the quality of the housing stock in the City by increasing the supply of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing for homeowners, renters, and homebuyers, which is affordable to low- and moderate-income persons and families.

Objective: Improve, preserve, and expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income persons and households that is decent, safe, sound, and accessible.

Goals: The following housing goals are:

- **HSS-1 Homeownership** - Assist low- and moderate-income households who wish to become homeowners by providing down payment assistance, closing cost assistance, and requiring housing counseling training.
- **HSS-2 Housing Construction** - Increase the supply of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing that is affordable to owners and renters in the City through rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.
- **HSS-3 Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation** - Provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners to rehabilitate their existing owner-occupied housing.
- **HSS-4 Renter-occupied Housing Rehabilitation** - Provide financial assistance to landlords to rehabilitate housing units and support new residential development for rent to low- and moderate-income tenants.
- **HSS-5 Rental Assistance** - Provide for utilities, deposits, and rental fees for low-income households who are faced with the threat of eviction and who are at-risk of becoming homeless.
- **HSS-6 Neighborhood Revitalization** - Promote and strengthen the housing stock in residential neighborhoods throughout the City.
- **HSS-7 Fair Housing** - Promote fair housing choice and affirmatively further fair housing through education, training, and outreach throughout the City of Pittsburgh.

Homeless Strategy (High Priority)

Priority Need: There is a need for housing and support services for homeless persons and persons who are at-risk of becoming homeless.

Objective: Improve the living conditions and support services available for homeless persons, families, and those who are at-risk of becoming homeless.

Goals: The following homeless goals are:

- **HMS-1 Operation/Support** - Assist homeless providers in the operation of housing and support services for the homeless and persons who are at-risk of becoming homeless.
- **HMS-2 Prevention and Re-Housing** - Continue to support the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction activities and programs for rapid re-housing.
- **HMS-3 Housing** - Support the rehabilitation and accessibility improvements to emergency shelters and transitional housing for the homeless.
- **HMS-4 Permanent Housing** - Support the development of permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals and families.

Other Special Needs Strategy (High Priority)

There is a continuing need for affordable housing, services, and facilities for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs.

Objective: Improve the living conditions and services for those residents with other special needs, including the disabled population.

Goals: The following special needs goals are:

- **SNS-1 Housing** - Increase the supply of affordable, accessible, decent, safe, sound, and sanitary housing for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs through rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.
- **SNS-2 Social Services** - Support social service programs and facilities for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs.
- **SNS-3 Accessibility** - Promote and assist in making reasonable accommodations and accessibility improvements in housing for homeowners and renters, and bring public facilities and infrastructure into compliance with Federal, State, and local Laws.

Community Development Strategy (High Priority)

Priority Needs: There is a need to improve the public and community facilities, infrastructure, public social/welfare services, food program, public safety, clearance, and the quality of life for all residents throughout the City.

Objective: Improve the community facilities, infrastructure, public services, and public safety, along with the elimination of blighting influences in the City of Pittsburgh.

Goals: The following community development goals are:

- **CDS-1 Community Facilities** - Improve the parks, recreational facilities, trails, bikeways, and all public and community facilities in the City.
- **CDS-2 Infrastructure** - Improve the public infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of streets, sidewalks, bridges, curbs, walkways, waterlines, sewer lines, storm drainage, sanitary sewers, handicap accessibility improvements/removal of architectural barriers, etc.
- **CDS-3 Accessibility Improvements** - Remove and eliminate architectural barriers and make ADA accessibility improvements to public and community facilities.
- **CDS-4 Public Services** - Improve and enhance public services including; programs for youth, the elderly, disabled, and other public service programs for low- and moderate-income persons.
- **CDS-5 Food Programs** - Provide assistance for food and nutritional programs to address the needs of unemployed, underemployed, and homeless.
- **CDS-6 Public Safety** - Improve the public safety facilities, equipment, crime prevention programs, community policing, and ability to respond to emergency situations.
- **CDS-7 Clearance/Demolition** - Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions through demolition of vacant, abandoned, and dilapidated structures in the City.
- **CDS-8 Community Based Organizations** - Provide operating support for community based organizations involved in facilitating or developing housing and/or commercial development activities in the City.
- **CDS-9 Transportation** - Encourage the public transit authority and carriers to address the needs of low-income persons and families and the disabled to have access to employment, health care, and shopping.

Economic Development Strategy (High Priority)

Priority Need: There is a need to increase employment, job training, technical assistance, work force development, and economic empowerment of low- and moderate-income residents in the City.

Objective: Improve and expand employment opportunities in the City for low- and moderate-income persons and households.

Goals: The following economic development goals are:

- **EDS-1 Employment** - Support and encourage new job creation, job retention, workforce development, employment, and job training services for the unemployed and underemployed persons, including summer youth programs.
- **EDS-2 Financial Assistance** - Support business and commercial growth through expansion and new development through technical assistance programs and low interest loans.
- **EDS-3 Redevelopment Program** - Plan and promote the development, redevelopment and revitalization of economically distressed areas of the City.
- **EDS-4 Infrastructure** - Promote the development of open space, parking, landscaping, roads, walks, trails, and other infrastructure improvements to support new economic development projects.

Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy (High Priority)

Priority Need: There is a continuing need for sound planning, administration, management, and oversight of Federal, State, and local funded programs.

Objective: Provide sound and professional planning, administration, oversight and management of Federal, State, and local funded programs and activities.

Goals: The following administration, planning, and management goals are:

- **AMS-1 Overall Coordination** - Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federal, State, and local funded programs, including planning services for special studies, annual action plans, the five year consolidated plan, substantial amendments, consolidated annual performance and evaluation reports, environmental reviews and clearance, fair housing, and compliance with all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
- **AMS-2 Special Studies/Management** - Provide and promote funds to assist with the development of special studies, plans, and management activities related to these activities.
- **AMS-3 Fair Housing** - Provide funds for training, education, outreach, and monitoring to affirmatively further fair housing in the City of Pittsburgh.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The City of Pittsburgh has a good performance record with HUD and regularly meets its established performance standards. Each year the City prepares its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) which is submitted to HUD. This report is submitted

within ninety (90) days after the start of the new program year. Copies of the CAPER are available for review at the City of Pittsburgh's Office of Management and Budget. The FY 2020 CAPER is the first CAPER of the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan.

The City of Pittsburgh submitted its FY 2020 CAPER to HUD on June 29, 2021 and was approved by HUD. As reported in the FY 2020 CAPER, the City expended 93.08% of its CDBG funds for the benefit of low- and moderate-income persons. The City was under its 15% public services cap, expending 9.45% of its CDBG funds on public services. The City was under the administrative caps for the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs. The City was over its 1.5 drawdown ratio (3.34). Pittsburgh is carrying out its projects in a timely manner and in accordance with all HUD activity guidelines and match requirements.

The HOME Program is also being administered in a timely manner and in accordance with applicable activity limitations and match requirements. The City of Pittsburgh met its HOME Match Requirements for the FY 2020 Program. The City of Pittsburgh has an excess of matching funds in the amount of \$9,331,136.96 for the HOME Program.

The ESG Program is also being administered in a timely manner and in accordance with applicable activity limitations and match requirements. The City has met its ESG Match Requirements for the FY 2020 Program. A separate ESG CAPER was submitted for FY 2020 on June 28, 2021 in the Sage HMIS Reporting System.

The HOPWA Program is also being administered in a timely manner and in accordance with applicable activity limitations. A separate HOPWA CAPER was submitted on June 29, 2021 to the HOPWA@hud.gov email address.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Annual Action Plan has many opportunities to gather citizen participation which includes: the citizen participation plan; requests for proposals for funding (RFP's) from agencies/organizations; the citizen participation process; the consultation process; and the development of the annual action plan. Each component of this plan principally serves the needs of the low- and moderate-income population in the City.

The City mailed out CDBG funding applications to its list of agencies/organizations. This list is updated regularly.

The City developed the plan based on resident input, the information obtained from agencies/organizations, and meetings with other City staff and departments. A "draft plan" and budget are annually prepared and placed on public display for a 30-day review and comment period. This is advertised in two (2) local newspapers of general circulation in the City, with the

times, dates, and locations where the plan may be examined. A second public hearing on the application and plan was also advertised and conducted. Resident, agency, and organization comments were either incorporated into the plan or if not included the reason why the comments were not accepted, are included in the plan.

The City of Pittsburgh held a needs public hearings to seek input from interested residents and community organizations for the FY 2022 funds. The City of Pittsburgh advertised in two (2) local newspapers. The ads appeared in the "The New Pittsburgh Courier" on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 and in the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette" on Thursday, November 25, 2021. The City held its Needs Public Hearing on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM, allowing residents to provide the needs in the community concerning the FY 2022 Federal allocations.

The City of Pittsburgh held six (6) Community Priorities Public Hearings at the following locations and times:

- Monday, March 14 at 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM at Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania
- Friday, March 18 at 1:00 PM at the City County Building, 5th Floor, City Council Chambers
- Monday, March 21 at 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM at Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers
- Wednesday, April 13 at 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM at Allegheny Branch of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
- Thursday, April 14 at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM held virtually through Zoom
- Wednesday, April 27 at 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM at West End Healthy Living Active Center

Five of the six hearings were held both in person and virtually through Zoom. One hearing was held only virtually through Zoom.

On Wednesday, June 8, 2022 the City of Pittsburgh published the Second Public Hearing Notice in the "The New Pittsburgh Courier" and in the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette" on Thursday, June 9, 2022. The Virtual Second Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 1:00 P.M., allowing residents to give their input on the draft version of the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan before the submission of the Plan to HUD on or before Friday, July 22, 2022.

Display:

The "FY 2022 Annual Action Plan" was on display for a 30-day period beginning June 10, 2022. The availability for review of the "draft plan" was advertised in the local newspapers and the plan was on public display at the City of Pittsburgh website <http://pittsburghpa.gov/omb/community-development-documents>.

Schedule:

The following schedule was used in the preparation of the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan:

- **Extensive citizen, provider, and stakeholder consultation** – November 2021 – July 2022
- **The Notice for the Needs Public Hearings Published in the New Pittsburgh Courier and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette** – November 24, 2021 and November 25, 2021
- **Needs Public Hearing held** – December 9, 2021
- **Publish final notice in the newspapers, the Annual Action Plan is on display** – Wednesday June 8, 2022 and Thursday, June 9, 2022 (New Pittsburgh Courier and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)
- **Final Virtual Public Hearing held** – Wednesday, July 6, 2022
- **End of 30-day public comment period** – Monday, July 11, 2022
- **Submission of Annual Action Plan to HUD on or before** – Friday, July 22, 2022

5. Summary of public comments

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The Citizen Participation includes the newspaper ads, meeting flyers, social media postings, the sign-in sheets, agenda, and the minutes from the public hearings.

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

All of the comments were accepted and the requests for funding were incorporated into the FY 2022 CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA Programs.

7. Summary

The FY 2022 Annual Action Plan for CD Program Year 48 for the City of Pittsburgh includes the City's CDBG Program and outlines which activities the City will undertake during the program year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2022. In addition, the Plan includes the HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds that the City will receive in FY 2022. This is the City's third year of the FY 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

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- Housing Strategy
- Homeless Strategy
- Other Special Needs Strategy
- Community Development Strategy
- Economic Development Strategy
- Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy

A "draft" of the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan was placed on display on the City's website at <http://pittsburghpa.gov/omb/community-development-documents>. The display period started on Friday, June 10, 2022 through Monday, July 11, 2022 for a 30-day display period. The Final Virtual Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 to discuss the proposed activities and solicit resident comments. Upon completion of the 30-day comment period, the City of Pittsburgh submitted the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Pittsburgh Office on or before Friday, July 22, 2022.

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
CDBG Administrator	Pittsburgh	Office of Management and Budget
HOPWA Administrator	Pittsburgh	Office of Management and Budget
HOME Administrator	Pittsburgh	Office of Management and Budget
ESG Administrator	Pittsburgh	Office of Management and Budget

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Community Development Division of the City of Pittsburgh's Office of Management and Budget is the overall administering agency for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Programs. The City of Pittsburgh has a sub-recipient agreement with the URA of Pittsburgh to administer the HOME Program. The City of Pittsburgh has a sub-recipient agreement with the Jewish Health Care Foundation to administer the HOPWA Program. The Community Development Division prepares the Five Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Environmental Review Records (ERRs), and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER), processes pay requests, monitors contracts, and oversees the programs on a day to day basis. In addition, the City has a private planning consulting firm to provide technical assistance to the City on an as needed basis.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**1. Introduction**

While preparing the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan, the City of Pittsburgh consulted with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA), the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP), the Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF), the Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County Continuum of Care, and social service and housing agencies.

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 City of Pittsburgh works with the following agencies to enhance coordination:

- **Urban Redevelopment Authority of the City of Pittsburgh** - oversees the HOME program, other non-federally funded housing programs and economic development programs.
- **Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh** - Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, improvements to public housing communities, the Choice Neighborhood Program, and scattered site housing developments.
- **Social Services Agencies/Organizations** - funds to improve services to low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Pittsburgh.
- **Housing Providers** - funds to rehab and develop affordable housing, funds to assist in homeownership, funds to improve housing options for low- and moderate-income families and individuals, and funds to make accessibility improvements.
- **Allegheny County Department of Human Services** - oversees the Continuum of Care.
- **Jewish Health Care Foundation** - oversees the HOPWA program.

As part of the CDBG, HOME, and ESG application planning process, local agencies/organizations are invited to submit proposals for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds for eligible activities. These groups participate in the planning process by attending the public hearings, consultation via phone and/or email, and submission of funding applications.

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 City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County are committed to working with the Continuum of Care to determine the allocation of ESG program funds each year, develop the performance and evaluation standards for activities, and developing the policies and procedures related to the administration and operation of HMIS. The past experience of the Homeless Prevention and Rapid

Re-Housing Program (HPRP) has served as a baseline for this partnership. Representatives of the City and County serve on the Continuum of Care Board and attend the meetings regularly. In addition, the City and County are on the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) subcommittee of the CoC, and are Board Members of the Homeless Advisory Board, which oversees the strategy of the Continuum of Care. The Continuum of Care is consulted for each jurisdiction's Five Year Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans.

Moving forward, the City will continue to consult with the Continuum of Care to determine broad funding priorities to assist homeless persons. The CoC is part of the decision-making process for the development of the ESG program. The City works with the Continuum of Care by using its performance standards for projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, including reviewing the standards that the CoC has established for their sub grantees. They established CoC standards, which are applicable and easily transferrable to ESG projects and activities, are used in an effort to apply a standard set of criteria for various homeless programs. The City of Pittsburgh also works with the CoC, through their representatives on the Homeless Advisory Board, to evaluate the outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds. Lastly, the City continues to work with the CoC to develop policies, and procedures for the administration and operation of the HMIS.

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

ESG funds are divided by the PA-600 CoC Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County CoC between Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. Both the City and County, through their participation in the CoC, jointly discuss how ESG funds will be utilized and they participate in the evaluation process of sub-recipients. The City and County announce the availability of funds through advertising and notifying potential applicants from an existing list of providers. Once proposals are received they are catalogued by agency, dollar request, and types of activities. The Evaluation Committee reviews the proposals to determine funding levels. The funding is divided between Rapid Re-Housing, Prevention, and other ESG allowable expenditures, such as Emergency Shelters and HMIS.

In addition, other state funds are utilized for prevention, with the focus on threat of Children and Youth Services (CYS) involvement, if families lose their housing. The CoC Committee establishes priorities, reviews and monitors programs and goals for the CoC, and any changes under Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH). The City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County are both part of the CoC Committee. The Evaluation Committee reviews and ranks all new projects and outcome data from HMIS/APRs for renewal of project funding. The committee meets as necessary to make recommendations on renewal and the ranking of new projects. These recommendations are then reviewed and voted on by the entire Homeless

Advisory Board. The Homeless Advisory Board (HAB) receives quarterly updates on data from HMIS. The committee will meet more frequently, if needed. ESG providers, the City of Pittsburgh, Penn Hills, McKeesport, CoC providers, the Veterans Administration, United Way, Mental Health providers, and Allegheny County Department of Human Services are all members of the Evaluation Committee. The ranking process is approved by the CoC and Evaluation Committee and meetings are held with all parties prior to the application process. Each renewal project is evaluated on their performance in utilization of beds/units, meeting HUD performance standards for transitional housing, supportive housing, permanent supportive housing, employment, and maintaining income from the last Annual Performance Report (APR), which is reviewed for each project. Each applicant has an opportunity to comment on their specific performance. The report with comments on the project is given to the Evaluation Committee for review. The Evaluation Committee reviews each report card and APR data to score each project. Combined scores are based upon serving the chronically homeless, type of housing, and performance.

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a mandated computer system implemented to track homeless consumers through the Continuum of Care System and provide the continuum with an unduplicated count of those experiencing homelessness within Allegheny County. The Allegheny County system is linked to the Allegheny County Department of Human Services (ACDHS) eCAPS system that tracks the delivery of human services within the county. ACDHS staff are both the HMIS and CoC Lead Agency. As a part of the ACDHS oversight, the HMIS falls under the strict guidelines and requirements of county government that includes an assigned compliance officer. Privacy and security plans are reviewed at least yearly or as needed. HIPPA standards have been reviewed and revised based upon new requirements. Sub-recipients and ACDHS staff are required to have a quarterly review of data and report issues to the service desk. ACDHS staff works closely with the technical side of HMIS to ensure that policies and procedures are in place. Issues related to data quality are resolved within a timely manner. Providers with many missing values or errors are provided technical assistance.

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	Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders

<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy</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>URA was contacted and submitted funding requests. The City reviewed the requests and provided funds.</p>
<p>2. Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Allegheny County Department of Human Services</p>
<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>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 - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Other government - County Regional organization Planning organization</p>
<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy</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 Allegheny County Department of Human Services was consulted for the homeless and non-homeless special needs in the City and the CoC Area.</p>
<p>3. Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh</p>
<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing PHA Other government - Local</p>

What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh was consulted for affordable housing and public housing needs in the City.
4. Agency/Group/Organization	Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County Continuum of Care
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 Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - County Other government - Local Regional organization Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders Correctional Facilities
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated	The Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County Continuum of Care was consulted for the housing and homeless needs in the City and the CoC Area.

outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
5. Agency/Group/Organization	Commission on Human Relations
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local Planning organization
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Fair Housing
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Commission on Human Relations of the City of Pittsburgh was consulted for Fair Housing needs in the City. The Commission submitted a funding request. The City reviewed the request and provided funds to support fair housing activities in the City.
6. Agency/Group/Organization	Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Urban League of Pittsburgh was consulted for the housing needs in the City. The Urban League submitted a funding request. The City reviewed the request and provided funds for housing counseling services to Low/Mod income residents.
7. Agency/Group/Organization	Jewish Healthcare Foundation
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Health Agency Regional organization

<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</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>	Planning organization Foundation
	Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy
	The Jewish Healthcare Foundation helps administer the HOPWA program for the City. They were consulted on the needs for persons with HIV/AIDS.
8. Agency/Group/Organization	Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Regional organization Planning organization
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh was consulted for Fair Housing needs in the City.
13. Agency/Group/Organization	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Health Services-Education Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - State Regional organization Planning organization
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Lead-based Paint Strategy
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Pennsylvania Department of Health was consulted to determine the lead-based paint strategy for the City of Pittsburgh. The Childhood Lead Surveillance Annual Reports were reviewed, as well.
14. Agency/Group/Organization	Allegheny County Health Department

Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - County Regional organization Planning organization
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Homelessness Strategy HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Allegheny County Health Department was consulted to determine the Housing Needs, Homeless Strategy, HOPWA Strategy, Lead-based Paint Strategy, and Community Development Priorities in the City.
15. Agency/Group/Organization	Comcast/Xfinity
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Business Leaders
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Other – Community Development Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Xfinity/Comcast internet plans were examined to see the services they offer for City residents.
14. Agency/Group/Organization	Verizon
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Business Leaders

What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Other – Community Development Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Verizon internet plans were examined to see the services they offer for City residents.
15. Agency/Group/Organization Agency/Group/Organization Type	City of Pittsburgh 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 Services-Fair Housing Services-Victims Services-Broadband Internet Service Providers Services-Narrowing the Digital Divide Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Other government - Local Planning organization Other – Recreation

What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Other - Community Development Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Pittsburgh consulted with the following Departments: City Planning, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Mobility and Infrastructure, and Office of Management and Budget for the housing, homeless, other special needs, community development, economic development, and fair housing priorities in the City.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

All agency types were consulted and contacted during the planning process.

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	Allegheny County Department of Human Services	They are incorporated in the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
PHA Moving to Work Plan	Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh	They are incorporated in the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
City of Pittsburgh Comprehensive Plan	City of Pittsburgh, Department of City Planning	They are incorporated in the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	City of Pittsburgh, Department of City Planning	They are incorporated in the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Allegheny County 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan	Allegheny County, Department of Economic Development	They are incorporated in the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
2020 Childhood Lead Surveillance Annual Report	Pennsylvania Department of Health	They are incorporated in the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Policy Recommendation of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Task Force	Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Task Force	They are incorporated in the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plans, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.
Close the Digital Divide	Inclusive Innovation PGH	The Broadband Access Plan is incorporated into the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Pittsburgh's Inequality Across Gender and Race	City of Pittsburgh's Gender Equity Commission	They are incorporated in the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Emergency Management Operations Plan for the City of Pittsburgh	City of Pittsburgh, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS)	The Emergency Management Operations Plan is incorporated in the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Broadband Enhancement Plan	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	They are incorporated in the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City of Pittsburgh's Office of Management and Budget, Community Development Division is the overall administrating agency for the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs. The City of Pittsburgh has a sub-recipient agreement with the URA of Pittsburgh to administer the HOME Program. The City of Pittsburgh also has a sub-recipient agreement with the Jewish Health Care Foundation to administer the HOPWA Program. A Close coordination is maintained with City departments to carry out the projects/activities funded with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA projects.

The City works closely with the Allegheny County Council and county staff to address projects/activities that extend beyond the City limits. The City and the County have a good working relationship in carrying out projects and programs. The City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, City of McKeesport, and the Municipality of Penn Hills have come together to form the PA-600 CoC Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County Continuum of Care (CoC). The City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, in their participation with the CoC, jointly discuss how ESG funds will be utilized, and they participate in the evaluation process of the sub-recipients.

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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**

This Annual Action Plan was developed in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. The City of Pittsburgh held one (1) needs public hearing on the needs of the City and requested input from the residents of the City of Pittsburgh.

A "draft" of the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan was placed on display on the City's website <http://pittsburghpa.gov/omb/community-development-documents>. The display period started on Friday, June 10, 2022 through Monday, July 11, 2022 for a 30-day display period. A virtual second public hearing was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 1:00 P.M., to discuss the proposed activities and solicit resident comments. Upon completion of the 30-day comment period, the City of Pittsburgh submitted the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Pittsburgh Office on or before Friday, July 22, 2022.

In order to broaden citizen participation, the City's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) placed the Draft FY 2022 Annual Action Plan on its website and used social media to solicit public comments.

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.	Newspaper Ad # 1	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Agencies/Organizations	The City of Pittsburgh published the Needs Public Hearing Notice in the "The New Pittsburgh Courier" on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 and in the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette" on Thursday, November 25, 2021.	None.	None.	https://pittsburghpa.gov/omb/omb-public-notice
2.	Internet Outreach	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Citywide Agencies/Organizations	The City posted the Needs Public Hearing on the following social medias: City's Facebook page, Twitter, and the City's CDBG Notice webpage.	None.	None.	https://pittsburghpa.gov/omb/omb-public-notice https://twitter.com/CityPGH https://www.facebook.com/city.of.pittsburgh/

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.	Public Meeting	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Agencies/Organizations	The Public Hearing was held on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM to discuss the needs over the next year and the FY 2022 Budgets.	Meeting minutes can be found in the appendix section of this Annual Action Plan.	All comments were accepted.	Not Applicable.

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4.	Community Priorities Public Hearings	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Agencies/Organizations</p>	<p>The first Community Priorities Public Hearing was held on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM at Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania to discuss the needs over the next year and the FY 2022 Budgets.</p> <p>The second Community Priorities Public Hearing was held on Friday, March 18, 2022 at 1:00 PM at the City County Building, 5th Floor, City Council Chambers to discuss the needs over the next year and the FY 2022 Budgets.</p> <p>The third Community Priorities Public Hearing was held on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM at Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers to discuss the needs over the next year and the FY 2022 Budgets.</p> <p>The fourth Community Priorities Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM at Allegheny Branch of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to discuss the needs</p>	Meeting minutes can be found in the appendix section of this Annual Action Plan.	All comments were accepted.	<p>https://pittsburghpa.gov/omb/omb-public-notice</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/814808001</p>
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			<p>over the next year and the FY 2022 Budgets.</p> <p>The fifth Community Priorities Public Hearing was held on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM held virtually through Zoom to discuss the needs over the next year and the FY 2022 Budgets.</p> <p>The fifth Community Priorities Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM at West End Healthy Living Active Center to discuss the needs over the next year and the FY 2022 Budgets.</p>			
5.	Resident Survey	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Citywide	The resident survey was posted on the City website.	The tabulations of the resident surveys are in the Exhibit section of the Annual Action Plan.	All comments were accepted.	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PGH-CDBGinput

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)
6.	Newspaper Ad # 2	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Agencies/Organizations	The City of Pittsburgh published the Needs Public Hearing Notice in the "The New Pittsburgh Courier" on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 and in the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette" on Thursday, June 9, 2022.	None.	None.	https://pittsburghpa.gov/omb/omb-public-notice
7.	Internet Outreach	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Agencies/Organizations	The City posted the Second Public Hearing Notice and that the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan was on public display. This was done through the following social medias: City's Facebook page, Twitter, and the City's CDBG Notice webpage.	None.	None.	https://pittsburghpa.gov/omb/omb-public-notice https://twitter.com/CityPGH https://www.facebook.com/city.of.pittsburgh/
8.	Public Meeting	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Agencies/Organizations	The Virtual Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 1:00 PM to discuss the draft Annual Action Plan.	Meeting minutes are in the Appendix section of the Annual Action Plan.	All comments were accepted.	https://www.facebook.com/ocapgh/?epa=SEARCH_BOX

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The following financial resources are identified for the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan to address the priority needs and goals/strategies identified in the City of Pittsburgh's Five Year Consolidated Plan.

The City of Pittsburgh is receiving \$13,733,662 in CDBG funds, \$1,500,000 in CDBG Program Income, \$2,533,403 in HOME funds, \$400,000 in HOME Program Income, \$1,198,946 in ESG funds, and \$1,275,737 in HOPWA funds for the FY 2022 program year. The program year goes from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. These funds will be used to address the following strategies:

- Housing Strategy (HSS);
- Homeless Strategy (HMS);
- Other Special Needs Strategy (SNS);
- Community Development Strategy (CDS);
- Economic Development Strategy (EDS); and
- Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy (AMS).

The accomplishments of these projects/activities will be reported in the FY 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of Con Plan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	13,733,662	1,500,000	0	15,233,662	39,260,272	30 projects/activities were funded based on the FY 2022 CDBG allocations.

HOME	public - federal	Acquisition						
		Homebuyer assistance						
		Homeowner rehab						
		Multifamily rental new construction	2,533,403	400,000	0	2,933,403	6,047,123	3 projects/activities were funded based on the FY 2022 HOME allocations.
		Multifamily rental rehab						
		New construction for ownership						
		TBRA						

HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities						
		Permanent housing placement or Short term transitional housing facilities	1,275,737	0	0	1,275,737	2,083,136	1 Project/Activity were funded based on the FY 2022 HOPWA allocations.
		STRMU Supportive services						
		TBRA						

ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing						
		Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	1,198,946	0	0	1,198,946	2,451,168	1 Project/Activity were funded based on the FY 2022 ESG allocations.

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

The following public (non-federal) and private financial resources are anticipated to be available to the City of Pittsburgh to address the needs identified in the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

The City of Pittsburgh anticipates that it will be receiving State Grant Funds during the 2022 Program Year. It is unknown at this time what the amounts will be since the State has not released notification of awards and only recently approved the State Budget.

Tax Incremental Financing (TIF):

The City of Pittsburgh and the URA are working on several new housing, community, and economic development initiatives. The URA will continue to prepare TIF Plans and the TIF funding will be used for infrastructure improvements and loans to private developers.

Other Public Funds:

The City of Pittsburgh is anticipating that it will receive additional financial resources to address the needs identified in the Five Year Consolidated Plan.

HOME and ESG Match Requirements:

The City of Pittsburgh has excess HOME match funds from previous years in the amount of \$9,331,136.96. The City will have additional HOME Match during this program year from PHFA financing, bond funds, and Federal Home Loan Bank funds.

ESG Program anticipates that it will have a match of \$1,198,946 in local and state funds. The ESG Match will come from local and state funds, as well as donations and grants to the ESG sub-grantees. These funding sources to the ESG sub-grantees include FEMA, Allegheny County, private foundations, donations, the United Way, and PCSI.

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 URA has numerous site available for new development to address the needs of the City of Pittsburgh. Major sites are located in the following neighborhoods:

- **Strip District** - The Produce Terminal Site
- **Larimer** - Numerous Sites
- **East Liberty** - Numerous Sites
- **Hill District** - Numerous Sites
- **Hazelwood** - Numerous Sites

- **Other** - Scattered sites throughout the City

The City and the URA will cooperate with private and/or non-profit developers to promote new development throughout the City.

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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.	HSS-2 Housing Construction	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Housing Strategy	CDBG: \$2,400,000 HOME: \$2,640,000	Rental units constructed: 330 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 15 Household Housing Unit
2.	HSS-3 Owner-occupied Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Housing Strategy	CDBG: \$1,600,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 90 Household Housing Unit
3.	HSS-4 Renter-occupied Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Housing Strategy	CDBG: \$0 HOME: \$0	Rental units constructed: 0 Household Housing Unit Other: 0 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4.	HSS-7 Fair Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Housing Strategy	CDBG: \$0	Other: 1 Other
5.	HMS-1 Operation/Support	2020	2024	Homeless	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Homeless Strategy	ESG: \$1,198,946	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 0 Households Assisted Other: 12 Other
6.	HMS-2 Prevention and Re-Housing	2020	2024	Homeless	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Homeless Strategy	ESG: \$1,198,946	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 20 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 20 Persons Assisted Other: 12 Other
7.	SNS-1 Housing	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Other Special Needs Strategy	HOPWA: \$1,275,737	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 200 Households Assisted Other: 1 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
8.	SNS-2 Social Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Other Special Needs Strategy	CDBG: \$100,000	Other: 1 Other
9.	CDS-1 Community Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Community Development Strategy	CDBG: \$595,000	Other: 4 Others
10.	CDS-2 Infrastructure	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Community Development Strategy	CDBG: \$240,000	Other: 1 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
11.	CDS-4 Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Community Development Strategy	CDBG: \$1,500,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3,600 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 665 Households Assisted Other: 2 Others
12.	CDS-5 Food Programs	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Community Development Strategy	CDBG: \$200,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10,000 Persons Assisted
13.	CDS-7 Clearance/Demolition	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Community Development Strategy	CDBG: \$2,855,000	Buildings Demolished: 138 Buildings

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
14.	CDS-8 Community Based Organizations	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Community Development Strategy	CDBG: \$500,000	Other: 25 Other
15.	EDS-1 Employment	2020	2024	Economic Development	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Economic Development Strategy	CDBG: \$685,000	Jobs created/retained: 20 Jobs Businesses assisted: 8 Businesses Assisted Other: 6 Other
16.	EDS-2 Financial Assistance	2020	2024	Economic Development	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Economic Development Strategy	CDBG: \$1,200,000	Jobs created/retained: 15 Jobs Businesses assisted: 18 Businesses Assisted
17.	EDS-3 Redevelopment Program	2020	2024	Economic Development	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Economic Development Strategy	CDBG: \$500,000	Jobs created/retained: 14 Jobs

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
18.	AMS-1 Overall Coordination	2020	2024	Administration, Planning, and Management	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy	CDBG: \$3,060,000 HOME: \$293,340	Other: 5 Other
19.	AMS-3 Fair Housing	2020	2024	Administration, Planning, and Management	Citywide Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA Low/Mod Areas	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy	CDBG: \$64,750	Other: 3 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1.	Goal Name	HSS-2 Housing Construction
	Goal Description	Increase the supply of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing that is affordable to owners and renters in the City through rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.
2.	Goal Name	HSS-3 Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners to rehabilitate their existing owner-occupied housing.
3.	Goal Name	HSS-4 Renter-occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Provide financial assistance to landlords to rehabilitate housing units and support new residential development for rent to low- and moderate-income tenants.

4.	Goal Name	HSS-7 Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Promote fair housing choice and affirmatively further fair housing through education, training, and outreach throughout the City of Pittsburgh.
5.	Goal Name	HMS-1 Operation/Support
	Goal Description	Assist homeless providers in the operation of housing and support services for the homeless and persons who are at-risk of becoming homeless.
6.	Goal Name	HMS-2 Prevention and Re-Housing
	Goal Description	Continue to support the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction activities and programs for rapid re-housing.
7.	Goal Name	SNS-1 Housing
	Goal Description	Increase the supply of affordable, accessible, decent, safe, sound, and sanitary housing for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs through rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.
8.	Goal Name	SNS-2 Social Services
	Goal Description	Support social service programs and facilities for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs.
9.	Goal Name	CDS-1 Community Facilities
	Goal Description	Improve the parks, recreational facilities, trails, bikeways, and all public and community facilities in the City.

10.	Goal Name	CDS-2 Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Improve the public infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of streets, sidewalks, bridges, curbs, walkways, waterlines, sewer lines, storm drainage, sanitary sewers, handicap accessibility improvements/removal of architectural barriers, etc.
11.	Goal Name	CDS-4 Public Services
	Goal Description	Improve and enhance public services including; programs for youth, the elderly, disabled, and other public service programs for low- and moderate-income persons.
12.	Goal Name	CDS-5 Food Programs
	Goal Description	Provide assistance for food and nutritional programs to address the needs of unemployed, underemployed, and homeless.
13.	Goal Name	CDS-7 Clearance/Demolition
	Goal Description	Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions through demolition of vacant, abandoned, and dilapidated structures in the City.
14.	Goal Name	CDS-8 Community Based Organizations
	Goal Description	Provide operating support for community based organizations involved in facilitating or developing housing and/or commercial development activities in the City.
15.	Goal Name	EDS-1 Employment
	Goal Description	Support and encourage new job creation, job retention, workforce development, employment, and job training services for the unemployed and underemployed persons, including summer youth programs.
16.	Goal Name	EDS-2 Financial Assistance
	Goal Description	Support business and commercial growth through expansion and new development through technical assistance programs and low interest loans.
17.	Goal Name	EDS-3 Redevelopment Program
	Goal Description	Plan and promote the development, redevelopment and revitalization of economically distressed areas of the City.

18.	Goal Name	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Goal Description	Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federal, State, and local funded programs, including planning services for special studies, annual action plans, the five year consolidated plan, substantial amendments, consolidated annual performance and evaluation reports, environmental reviews and clearance, fair housing, and compliance with all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
19.	Goal Name	AMS-3 Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Provide funds for training, education, outreach, and monitoring to affirmatively further fair housing in the City of Pittsburgh.

Table 7 – Goals Summary

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)

Through its CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds, the City of Pittsburgh proposes to assist the following:

- **Extremely Low-Income** - 90 families
- **Low-Income** - 150 families
- **Moderate-Income** - 195 families

In addition, the City, through its ESG funds, proposes to assist 20 households through its Rapid Re-Housing Program and 20 extremely low-income households through its Homeless Prevention Program.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Pittsburgh proposes to undertake the following activities with the FY 2022 CDBG, CDBG Program Income, HOME, HOME Program Income, ESG, and HOPWA funds:

#	Project Name
1.	City Council - Unspecified Local Option
2.	Pittsburgh Community Services - Hunger
3.	ADA Compliance
4.	Fair Housing Partnership Training and Testing
5.	Neighborhood Employment Centers
6.	Pittsburgh Employment Program
7.	Mayor's Office Unspecified Local Option
8.	Energy Efficiency Upgrade Citywide
9.	Restroom Upgrades Citywide
10.	Brownsville & McKinley-Signal Upgrades
11.	CDBG Administration
12.	CDBG Personnel
13.	Neighborhood Economic Development
14.	Urban League - Housing Counseling
15.	Senior Community Program
16.	Remediation of Condemned Buildings
17.	Deconstruction of Dangerous Buildings
18.	Owner Occupied Accessible Repairs / Housing Accessibility Program for Independence (HAPI)
19.	Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP)
20.	Affordable Homeownership / For-Sale Development Program (FSDP)
21.	Affordable and Workforce Rental Development
22.	Workforce Development
23.	Business Technical Assistance
24.	Equitable Empowerment
25.	Business Assistance and Development
26.	Neighborhood Business District Assistance
27.	Affordable Unit Activation
28.	URA Personnel
29.	Economic Development and Housing Program Income (CLRA/HRLF)
30.	HOME Program Administration
31.	Affordable Rental/Rental Gap Program (RGP)
32.	Affordable Homeownership/For Sale Development Program (FSDP)

#	Project Name
33.	Emergency Solutions Grant
34.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

Table 6 - Project Information**Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs**

The City of Pittsburgh will allocate its CDBG funds to those geographic areas whose population is over 51% low- and moderate-income and/or to low- and moderate-income clientele. At least 70% of all the City's CDBG funds are budgeted for activities which principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The following guidelines for allocating CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds will be used by the City for the FY 2022 Program Year:

- The public services projects/activities are for social service organizations whose clientele are low-income or in certain cases, a limited type of clientele with a presumed low- and moderate-income status.
- The homeless projects/activities are for homeless agencies/organization that serve a specific type of clientele with a presumed low- and moderate-income status.
- The other special needs projects/activities are limited to a clientele with a presumed low- and moderate-income status.
- The community and public facilities projects/activities are either located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group or have a low- and moderate-income service area benefit or a limited clientele which is low- and moderate-income.
- The infrastructure improvement projects/activities are either located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group or have a low- and moderate-income service area benefit or a limited clientele which is low- and moderate-income.
- The acquisition and demolition of structures are either located in a low- and moderate-income census area or these activities are eligible by preventing or eliminating slums and blight on a spot or area basis.
- The housing projects/activities have income eligibility criteria; therefore, the income requirement limits funds to low- and moderate-income households throughout the City.
- Economic development projects/activities will either be located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group, or a poverty census tract greater than 20%, or part of a redevelopment plan, or makes 51% of the jobs available to low- and moderate-income persons.

The City allocates CDBG funds to areas or projects/activities which predominantly benefit low- and moderate-income persons to rehabilitate or construct new housing for low- and moderate-income

households; to create low- and moderate-income jobs; to projects/activities that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons; and/or slum and blight removal on a spot or area basis.

The HOME funds will be used for administration and for housing projects/activities. These funds will be targeted to low-income households and projects/activities designed to provide affordable housing to low-income households. The disbursement is based on needs of low- and moderate-income households, not by geographic area.

The HOPWA funds will be used for housing related services for those with HIV/AIDS, such as tenant based rental assistance (TBRA), emergency short-term mortgage assistance, utility assistance, and information referrals. The disbursement is based on the needs of each client, not by geographic area.

The ESG funds will go to street outreach, emergency shelters, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, and the homeless management information system (HMIS). Funding will be used for renovations, operating expenses, and essential services such as child care, drug and alcohol abuse education, job training, and counseling for homeless individuals and organizations that serve the homeless population. The disbursement is based on need of each shelter or agency, not by geographic area.

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AP-38 Project Summary**Project Summary Information**

1.	Project Name	City Council – Unspecified Local Option
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	-
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$450,000.00
	Description	Unallocated.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 1 organization will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	-
2.	Project Name	Pittsburgh Community Services - Hunger
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDS-5 Food Programs
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000.00
	Description	Provide funding with community-based organizations to provide food & nutritional programs & services that affect the lives of low and moderate-income residents living in the City.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 10,000 individuals will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The project matrix code is 05W, Food Banks.
3.	Project Name	ADA Compliance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	SN-2 Social Services
	Needs Addressed	Other Special Needs Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000.00

4.	Description	Provide funding for Brailing forms, brochures and signs, first responder guide, interpretive services, rug tiles for active living centers.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 1 organization will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 21A, General Program Admin. - 570.206.
	Project Name	Fair Housing Partnership - Training and Testing
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	AMS-3 Fair Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$64,250.00
5.	Description	Provide funding for training and testing within the City to further fair housing.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 1 organization will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Area Benefit (LMA). The project matrix code is 05J, Fair Housing Activities-Subject to Public Service Cap.
	Project Name	Neighborhood Employment Centers
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	EDS-1 Employment
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000.00
	Description	Provide funding for six neighborhood employment centers located in various parts of the City. These centers are charged with providing job opportunities for City residents but creating a network of neighborhood employment projects.
	Target Date	3/31/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 6 organizations will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The project matrix code is 18B, Economic Development: Technical Assistance.
6.	Project Name	Pittsburgh Employment Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	EDS-1 Employment
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$235,000.00
	Description	Provide funding to support job development & employment services with various community agencies in the form of staffing, skills training, outreach for business recruiting, and hiring of City residents.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 8 businesses will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The project matrix code is 18B, Economic Development: Technical Assistance.
7.	Project Name	Mayor's Office - Unspecified Local Option
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	-
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000.00
	Description	Unallocated.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 1 organization will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	-

8.	Project Name	Energy Efficiency Upgrades Citywide
	Target Area	Low/Mod Areas
	Goals Supported	CDS-1 Community Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$298,000.00
	Description	Provide funds to assist with energy efficiency upgrades to neighborhood facilities in low/mod areas of the City
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 2 public facilities will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Area Benefit (LMA). The project matrix code is 03E, Neighborhood Facilities
9.	Project Name	Restroom Upgrades City-Wide
	Target Area	Low/Mod Area
	Goals Supported	CDS-1 Community Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$297,000
	Description	Provide funds to assist with restroom upgrades to neighborhood facilities in low/mod areas of the City.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 2 public facilities will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 03E, Neighborhood Facilities.
10.	Project Name	Brownsville & McKinley – Signal Upgrades
	Target Area	Low/Mod Area
	Goals Supported	CDS-2 Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$240,000.00
	Description	Provide funding for street signal upgrades along Brownsville Road and McKinley Street
	Target Date	3/31/2023

11.	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 1 public facility will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 03K, Street Improvements.
	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000.00
	Description	Provide funding for administrative support for the operations of the CDBG Program.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
12.	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 1 organization will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 21A, General Program Administration.
	Project Name	CDBG Personnel
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,000,000.00
	Description	Provide funding for the salaries & benefits necessary for the operation of the CDBG Program.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
13.	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 1 organization will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 21A, General Program Administration.
	Project Name	Neighborhood Economic Development
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDS-8 Community Based Organizations
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority

	Funding	CDBG: \$500,000.00
	Description	Provide funding to neighborhood groups & community development corporations for economic activities in CDBG eligible areas (to be determined).
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 25 organization will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The National Objective is Low Mod Area Benefit (LMA). The HUD Matrix Code is 19C, Nonprofit Capacity Building.
	14. Project Name	Urban League - Housing Counseling
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDS-4 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000.00
	Description	Provide funding for comprehensive housing counseling services to low- and moderate-income City residents.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 665 individuals will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The project matrix code is 05U, Housing Counseling Only, under 24 CFR 5.100.
	15. Project Name	Senior Community Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDS-4 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: 850,000.00
	Description	Provide funding to a Healthy Active Living Center personnel and programs.
	Target Date	3/31/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 3,600 individuals will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The project matrix code is 03A, Senior Services.
16.	Project Name	Remediation of Condemned Buildings
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDS-7 Clearance/Demolition
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,605,250.00
	Description	Provide Funding to Raze condemned buildings within eligible areas TBD.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 125 structures will be demolished from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The National Objective is Slum and Blight Removal on a Spot Basis (SBS). The HUD Matrix Code is 04, Clearance and Demolition.
17.	Project Name	Deconstruction of Dangerous Buildings
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDS-7 Clearance/Demolition
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$250,000.00
	Description	Provide funding to Raze condemned buildings within eligible areas TBD.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 13 structures will be demolished from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 04, Clearance and Demolition.

18. Project Name	Owner-occupied Accessible Repairs/Housing Accessibility Program for Independence (HAPI)
	Target Area Citywide
	Goals Supported HSS-3 Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed Housing Strategy
	Funding CDBG: \$500,000.00
	Description Funding for Home Accessibility for Independence (HAPI) - a grant program to assist homeowners with permanent disabilities make accessibility modifications to their homes (20 units); funding for Residential Façade Program (RFP) - a matching grant program intended to improve the exterior physical appearance of homes (10 units).
	Target Date 3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities It is estimated that 50 households will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description Community Wide.
	Planned Activities The national objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The project matrix code is 14A, Rehab; Single-Unit Residential.
19. Project Name	Homeowner Assistance Program
	Target Area Citywide
	Goals Supported HSS-3 Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed Housing Strategy
	Funding CDBG: \$1,100,000.00
	Description Funding to provide homeowners with financial assistance up to \$35,000 for rehabilitating and improving residential owner-occupied properties
	Target Date 3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities It is estimated that 40 households will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description Community Wide.
	Planned Activities The national objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The project matrix code is 14A, Rehab; Single-Unit Residential.
20. Project Name	Affordable and Workforce for Sale Development
	Target Area Citywide
	Goals Supported HSS-2 Housing Construction
	Needs Addressed Housing Strategy

21.	Funding	CDBG: \$900,000.00
	Description	Source of loan and grant gap financing for the development of new or substantially rehabilitated for-sale housing units to be sold to households with incomes at or below 80% area median income.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 12 households will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The project matrix code is 12, Construction of Housing
	Project Name	Affordable and Workforce Rental Development
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Construction HSS-4 Renter-occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy
22.	Funding	CDBG: \$1,500,000.00
	Description	Source of gap financing to non-profit and for-profit developers for the acquisition and rehabilitation of new construction of rental housing primary for low and moderate income households and/or special needs populations. Funds are allocated to units rented to households with incomes at or below 60% of area median income.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 180 households will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The National Objective is Low Mod Housing Benefit (LMH). The HUD Matrix Code is 12 Construction of Housing.
	Project Name	Workforce Development
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	EDS-1 Employment
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000.00
	Description	Developing a program that connects those in need of employment, specifically within URA-related projects, to employment opportunities.
	Target Date	3/31/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 20 low and moderate income jobs will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The National Objective is Low Mod Jobs Benefit (LMJ). The HUD Matrix Code is 05H, Employment Training.
23.	Project Name	Business Technical Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	EDS-2 Financial Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000.00
	Description	Direct technical assistance to URA small business clients
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 3 low and moderate income jobs will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 18B, Economic Development: Technical Assistance.
24.	Project Name	Equitable Empowerment
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	EDS-2 Financial Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000.00
	Description	Direct technical assistance to small and emerging local developers in Avenues of Hope districts
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 5 businesses assisted in CDBG-eligible areas will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 18A.
25.	Project Name	Business Assistance and Development
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	EDS-2 Financial Assistance

26.	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$410,000.00
	Description	Direct technical assistance to URA small business clients
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 12 retained/created jobs will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 18A.
	Project Name	Neighborhood Business District Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	EDS-2 Financial Assistance
27.	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$390,000.00
	Description	Investing in Pittsburgh neighborhood business district, place-based and entrepreneurship initiatives.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 13 businesses will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 18A/18B/14E
	Project Name	Affordable Unit Activation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	EDS-3 Redevelopment Program
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$500,000.00
	Description	Activation of various structures owned by URA throughout the City. Focus on affordability for mixed-use unit activation with a targeted focus on commercial development
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 14 LMI will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.

28.	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 17C
	Project Name	URA Personnel
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$800,000.00
	Description	Provide funding for URA personnel to administer and comply with the CDBG program regulations.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 1 organization will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
29.	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 21A, General Program Administration.
	Project Name	Economic Development and Housing Program Income (CLRA/HRLF)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy
	Funding	HOME: \$1,200,000.00
	Description	Provide funding for URA personnel to administer and comply with the CDBG program regulations. (CDBG Program Income \$1,200,000.)
	Target Date	3/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 1 organization will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
30.	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 21A, General Program Administration.
	Project Name	HOME Program Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy
	Funding	HOME: \$293,340.00
	Description	URA administration and program delivery costs for the HOME Program. (HOME Program income: \$40,000)
	Target Date	3/31/2023

31.	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 1 organization will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 21H, HOME Admin/Planning Costs of PJ.
	Project Name	Affordable Rental/Rental Gap Program (RGP)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Construction HSS-4 Renter-occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy
	Funding	HOME: \$2,440,063.00
	Description	Source of gap financing to non-profit and for-profit developers for the acquisition and rehabilitation or new construction of rental housing primary for low- and moderate-income households and/or special needs populations. HOME funds are allocated to units rented to households with incomes at or below 50% and 60% of area median income. (HOME Program Income: \$360,000)
	Target Date	3/31/2023
32.	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 150 households will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The project matrix code is 12, Construction of Housing.
	Project Name	Affordable Homeownership/For Sale Development Program (FSDP)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Construction
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy
	Funding	HOME: \$200,000.00
	Description	Source of loan and grant gap financing for the development of new or substantially rehabilitated for-sale housing units to be sold to households with incomes at or below 80% area median income.
	Target Date	3/31/2023

33.	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 3 households will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The project matrix code is 12, Construction of Housing.
	Project Name	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HMS-1 Operation/Support HMS-2 Prevention and Re-Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Strategy
	Funding	ESG: \$ 1,198,946.00
	Description	Provide funding for the renovations, operating expenses, and essential services such as childcare, drug & alcohol abuse education, job training, and counseling for homeless individuals & organizations that serve the homeless.
	Target Date	3/31/2023
34.	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 12 organizations will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Community Wide.
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The project matrix code is 05Q (Subsistence Payments), 05S (Rental Housing Subsidies), and 05T (Security Deposit).
	Project Name	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	SNS-1 Housing
	Needs Addressed	Other Special Needs Priority
	Funding	HOPWA: \$1,275,737.00
	Description	Provide funding for housing related services for those with HIV/AIDS in the City of Pittsburgh. Funding is also provided for tenant based rental assistance, emergency short-term mortgage assistance, utility assistance, and information referrals.
	Target Date	3/31/2023

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 1 organization and 200 household will benefit from this activity.
Location Description	Community Wide.
Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The project matrix codes are 05Q (Subsistence Payment), 05S (Rental Housing Subsidies); and 05T (Security Deposit).

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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 following information provides a profile of the population age, and racial/ethnic composition of the City of Pittsburgh. This information was obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau American Factfinder website, <http://data.census.gov>. The 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates were used to analyze the social, economic, housing, and general demographic characteristics of the City of Pittsburgh. The 5-year estimates are the most recent data available for the City. The 2010 U.S. Census data is included where possible.

Population:

The following illustrates the population trends for the City of Pittsburgh:

- The 2016-2020 American Community Survey reports a population of 301,286 people, or a loss of 6,717 people since the 2010 U.S. Census.
- In 2020, the City's male population was 146,123, or 47.4% of the total population and the City's female population was 161,880, or 52.6% of the population.

Age:

The following illustrates the age breakdown of the population in the City of Pittsburgh at the time of the 2016-2020 American Community Survey.

- Median age in the City of Pittsburgh was 33.4 years, compared to 40.8 years in Allegheny County, and 40.9 years for Pennsylvania.
- Youth under the age of 18 accounted for 14.6% of the City's population.
- Seniors age 65 or over make up 15.0% of the City's population. This is below the County's percentage of 18.9% of the population and Pennsylvania's 18.3% of the population.

Race/Ethnicity:

Racial/ethnic composition of the City of Pittsburgh from the 2016-2020 American Community Survey:

- 62.7% are White
- 22.8% are Black or African American
- 6.5% are Asian
- 5.9% are Two or More Races
- 2.8% are Hispanic or Latino

Income Profile:

The Median Family Household Income for a family of four is \$95,422 in the Pittsburgh Metro Area according to HUD's FY 2022 Income Limits. The following is a summary of income statistics for the City of

Pittsburgh:

- 28.1% of households with earnings received Social Security income.
- 4.3% of households with earnings received public assistance.
- 16.8% of households with earnings, received retirement income.
- 42.0% of female-headed households with children were living in poverty.
- 26.2% of all youth under 18 years of age were living in poverty.
- Per the 2016-2020 American Community Survey, the median household income in the City of Pittsburgh was \$50,536 which was lower than Allegheny County (\$62,320), and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (\$63,627).

Economic Profile:

The following illustrates the economic profile for the City of Pittsburgh as of the 2016-2020 American Community Survey:

- 51.1% of the employed civilian population had occupations classified as management, professional, or related.
- 18.5% of the employed civilian population had occupations classified as sales and office.
- 18.6% were in the service sector.
- The education, health, and social service industry represented 32.7% of those employed.
- 86.1% of workers were considered in private wage and salary workers class.
- 4.2% of workers were considered in the self-employed workers in own not incorporated business.

According to the U.S. Labor Department, the preliminary unemployment rate for the City of Pittsburgh in March of 2022 was 4.0% compared to 4.3% in Allegheny County, 4.9% for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and a national unemployment rate of 3.6%.

Low/Mod Income Profile:

The low- and moderate-income profile for City of Pittsburgh is a measurement of the area's needs. City of Pittsburgh has an overall low- and moderate-income percentage of 55.61%.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	96%
Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods NRSA	0%
Low/Mod Areas	4%

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Pittsburgh will allocate its CDBG funds to those geographic areas whose population is over 51% low- and moderate-income and/or to low- and moderate-income clientele. At least 70% of all the City's CDBG funds are budgeted for activities which principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The following guidelines for allocating CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds will be used by the City for the FY 2022 Program Year:

- The public services projects/activities are for social service organizations whose clientele are low-income or in certain cases, a limited type of clientele with a presumed low- and moderate-income status.
- The homeless projects/activities are for homeless agencies/organization that serve a specific type of clientele with a presumed low- and moderate-income status.
- The other special needs projects/activities are limited to a clientele with a presumed low- and moderate-income status.
- The community and public facilities projects/activities are either located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group or have a low- and moderate-income service area benefit or a limited clientele which is low- and moderate-income.
- The infrastructure improvement projects/activities are either located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group or have a low- and moderate-income service area benefit or a limited clientele which is low- and moderate-income.
- The acquisition and demolition of structures are either located in a low- and moderate-income census area or these activities are eligible by preventing or eliminating slums and blight on a spot or area basis.
- The housing projects/activities have income eligibility criteria; therefore, the income requirement limits funds to low- and moderate-income households throughout the City.
- Economic development projects/activities will either be located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group, or a poverty census tract greater than 20%, or part of a redevelopment plan, or makes 51% of the jobs available to low- and moderate-income persons.

The City allocates CDBG funds to areas or projects/activities which predominantly benefit low- and moderate-income persons to rehabilitate or construct new housing for low- and moderate-income households; to create low- and moderate-income jobs; to projects/activities that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons; and/or slum and blight removal on a spot or area basis.

The HOME funds will be used for administration and for housing projects/activities. These funds will be targeted to low-income households and projects/activities designed to provide affordable housing to low-income households. The disbursement is based on needs of low- and moderate-income households, not by geographic area.

The HOPWA funds will be used for housing related services for those with HIV/AIDS, such as tenant based rental assistance (TBRA), emergency short-term mortgage assistance, utility assistance, and information referrals. The disbursement is based on the needs of each client, not by geographic area.

The ESG funds will go to street outreach, emergency shelters, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, and the homeless management information system (HMIS). Funding will be used for renovations, operating expenses, and essential services such as child care, drug and alcohol abuse education, job training, and counseling for homeless individuals and organizations that serve the homeless population. The disbursement is based on need of each shelter or agency, not by geographic area.

Discussion

The City is allocating its CDBG funds to areas or projects/activities which predominantly benefit low- and moderate-income persons to rehabilitate or construct new housing for low- and moderate-income households; to create low- and moderate-income jobs; and to projects/activities that benefit the low- and moderate-income population.

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Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Pittsburgh will utilize its CDBG, CDBG Program Income, HOME, HOME Program Income, ESG, and HOPWA funds to rehabilitate and support the construction of new affordable housing units. The one year goals for affordable housing in the City of Pittsburgh for FY 2022 are as follows:

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	240
Non-Homeless	435
Special-Needs	0
Total:	675

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	240
The Production of New Units	345
Rehab of Existing Units	90
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total:	675

Table 8 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City of Pittsburgh will fund the following projects with FY 2022 CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds:

- **Owner Occupied Accessible Repairs/Housing Accessibility Program for Independence (HAPI)** - Funding for a grant program to assist homeowners with permanent disabilities make accessibility modifications to their homes (50 units).
- **Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP)** - Funding to provide homeowners with financial assistance up to \$35,000 for rehabilitating and improving residential owner-occupied properties (40 units).
- **Affordable and Workforce For-Sale Development** - Source of loan and grant gap financing for the development of new or substantially rehabilitated for-sale housing units to be sold to households with incomes at or below 80% area median income (12 units).

- **Affordable and Workforce Rental Development** - Source of gap financing to non-profit and for profit developers for the acquisition and rehabilitation of new construction of rental housing primary for low and moderate income households and/or special needs populations. Funds are allocated to units rented to households with incomes at or below 60% of area median income. (180 units)
- **Affordable Homeownership/For Sale Development Program (FSDP)** - Source of loan and grant gap financing for the development of new or substantially rehabilitated for-sale housing units to be sold to households with incomes at or below 80% area median income. (3 units)
- **Affordable Rental/Rental Gap Program (RGP)** - Source of gap financing to non-profit and for profit developers for the acquisition and rehabilitation or new construction of rental housing primary for low and moderate income households and/or special needs populations. HOME funds are allocated to units rented to households with incomes at or below 50% and 60% of area median income. (150 units)
- **Emergency Solutions Grant** - Provide funding for the renovations, operating expenses, and essential services such as childcare, drug & alcohol abuse education, job training, and counseling for homeless individuals & organizations that serve the homeless. (Rapid Re-Housing: 20 households and Homeless Prevention: 20 households)
- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA)** - Provide funding for housing related services for those with HIV/Aids in the City of Pittsburgh. Funding is also provided for tenant based rental assistance, emergency short-term mortgage assistance, utility assistance, and information referrals. (200 Households)

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Pittsburgh has its own public housing authority to provide public housing for low-income city residents. The mission of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) is to be the flagship agency providing property management and real estate development services in the City of Pittsburgh, thereby creating environments that improve the quality of life for HACP customers.

HACP is a participant in HUD's Moving To Work Demonstration Program. HACP's overarching Moving To Work Goals are as follows:

- To reposition HACP's housing stock to preserve and expand affordable housing options and stabilize neighborhoods. These efforts are designed to result in housing that it is competitive in the local housing market, is cost-effective to operate, provides a positive environment for residents, and provides broader options of high-quality housing for low-income families.
- To promote independence for residents via programs and policies that promote work and self-sufficiency for those able, and promote independent living for the elderly and disabled.
- To increase housing choices for low-income families through initiatives designed to increase the quality and quantity of housing available to households utilizing tenant-based rental assistance and other available resources.

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

The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) is the public housing agency that serves the City of Pittsburgh. The Housing Authority owns and manages 2,520 units of public housing. In addition, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh administers 5,175 Moving To Work Housing Choice Vouchers. As of May 2022, there were 5,281 households on the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list and the waiting list was closed since December 2018. There were also 21,804 applicants for Project-Based Vouchers, and that waiting list were open at some locations and closed at other locations.

Additionally, there are 643 public housing units managed privately or by the Housing Authority. The Public Housing waiting list is currently open. There are currently 3,171 households on the public housing waiting list, and the waiting list is partially open.

The Housing Authority's proposed FY 2022 Budget is the following:

- **Administrative** - \$43,536,463.00
- **Tenant Services** - \$10,170,834.00
- **Utilities** - \$7,750,744.00
- **Maintenance** - \$23,077,864.00
- **Protective Services** - \$7,419,050.00

- **General** - \$8,144,756.00
- **Housing Assistance Payments/Modernize Housing Development** - \$81,296,847.00
- **Total Expenses = \$181,396,558.00**

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

The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh will continue to hold monthly Tenant Council Forum meetings for the officers of the tenant councils, and monthly meetings of the Resident Advisory Board to encourage resident participation in the Housing Authority's management. The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh will continue its Voucher Participant Advisory Council to get more input from Housing Choice Voucher participants. The Voucher Participant Advisory Council selects representatives to serve on the Resident Advisory Board.

The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh's (HACP) Resident Self-Sufficiency (RSS) Department is responsible for providing supportive service coordination and case management programming for their residents, whether the residents live in an HACP housing community, or use their Housing Choice Voucher to live in a private development. The RSS staff is responsible for identifying community needs and gaps in service delivery, and they build relationships with the HACP Tenant Councils.

The Housing Authority encourages tenants to participate in the HACP's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program and the Resident Employment Program (REP). These programs are part of its Moving to Work (MTW) Program to promote self-sufficiency and independent living. Moving to Work is a demonstration program for public housing authorities that enables them to design and test innovative, locally-designed strategies that use Federal dollars more efficiently, incentivizes residents to become more self-sufficient, and expands housing choice for low income households. Moving residents in to the Homeownership Program is one of the goals of the HACP.

The FSS and REP Programs assist residents in preparing for and seeking gainful employment. The FSS Program provides case management and referral services for tenants who enroll in the program.

To enable residents to gain employable skills, the Resident Employment Program (Section 3) offers a variety of classes and training programs, including an on-site technology and learning center, GED preparation, job search and training, and employment seminars. The program helps to connect families to information and opportunities leading to life enhancing skills and to connect skilled workers with potential employers.

The Homeownership Program assists residents who want to own a home through financial counseling and mortgage assistance programs. HACP has recently increased its second soft mortgage maximum amount

to \$52,000 and closing cost assistance to \$8,000.

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

The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh is not classified as “troubled” by HUD and is performing satisfactorily according to HUD guidelines and standards. Therefore, no assistance is needed to improve operations of this Public Housing Authority.

Discussion

Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhoods Initiative –

In June 2014, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) and the City of Pittsburgh received a \$30 million award of FY 2013 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) Implementation funds for the comprehensive revitalization of Larimer/East Liberty. HUD received 48 applications for FY 2013 CNI Implementation funds; four awards were made.

The Larimer/East Liberty Choice Neighborhood boundaries are Washington Boulevard to the east and northeast, Negley Run Boulevard to the northwest and west, and Penn Avenue to the south. The Larimer/East Liberty area is poised on the edge of change. Adjacent to the revitalized and thriving East Liberty Business District, Larimer/East Liberty stands in direct contrast to the hustle and bustle next door. Scarred by the vestiges of urban renewal, Larimer/East Liberty is comprised of large-scale subsidized housing complexes, disconnected superblocks, a divisive four-lane arterial road (East Liberty Boulevard), and a deteriorating stock of single-family housing. But there are bright spots of hope. Regional anchor institutions (like Carnegie Mellon University, University of Pittsburgh, and Chatham University) as well as locally significant institutions and partners like the Kingsley Association (which operates a recreational complex), East Liberty Development, Inc. (a particularly strong and active community development corporation), the Larimer Consensus Group (a group representing a broad spectrum of neighborhood interests and stakeholders), Larimer Community Watchers (an organized group of Larimer homeowners), East Liberty Housing, Inc. (a non-profit founded by area churches that owns the East Liberty Gardens) in addition to neighborhood residents and business owners are passionately committed to seeing the neighborhood revitalized.

Together the stakeholders created a \$401 million Transformation Plan called the Vision-to-Action Plan. The Transformation Plan has a goal of a “21st Century Green Neighborhood that Works” and contemplates a comprehensive effort to address the needs of the disinvested and impoverished community.

The **neighborhood strategies** focus on: Developing physical and social connections between the isolated

community and mixed income housing; transit investment; economic development activities occurring on the edge of the community; addressing the expanding problem of vacant lots and properties; “greening” the community with green stormwater infrastructure, greenspace, parks and recreational opportunities; supporting existing homeowners to improve the facades of their homes; promoting commercial areas as green business and technology districts with incentives for sustainable businesses and improvements; and making the environment safe and secure for all residents. The Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) of the City of Pittsburgh serves as the Neighborhood Implementation Entity. Critical Community Improvement (CCI) activities being implemented by the URA are as follows:

- **Liberty Green Park:** The URA constructed a new three-acre park called Liberty Green Park. The new neighborhood park features a community plaza, open lawn and picnic areas, and dynamic playground elements. Liberty Green Park also features significant green infrastructure with the capacity to manage up to 4 million gallons of stormwater annually. The green infrastructure will culminate in a community driven art exhibit, River Roots, that showcases innovative solutions for stormwater management and is a visible and functional celebration of a decade of Larimer citizens working together for a sustainable future. The Park improvements were publicly bid in early 2019 and a contractor was selected. Work was delayed due to COVID-19, but construction is complete, and the park is expected to be open to the public by June 2021. The Liberty Green was featured on a Larimer Walking Tour, hosted by the URA and attended by representatives from the Mayor’s Office and City Councilperson’s Office, in November 2020.
- **Larimer Village Green:** The Village Green was intended to be a new focal point for the community—a place for organized and spontaneous gatherings, for farmers’ markets and performances, for quiet strolls and kids play. The plan was to develop an active public space as a hub connected to all of the new residential development (both the Choice multifamily on Larimer Avenue and the existing and new single-family on the radiating side streets). The multiple land parcels making up the Village Green site were consolidated into a single lot under URA ownership and leased at no cost to the Larimer Consensus Group for programming of year-round activities, promotion, and maintenance. A trial farmers’ market was launched last summer by the Larimer Consensus Group and the City Parks Department, to some success. The new Village Green is designed with parking, electrical service, and other amenities on Indiana Way to make the farmers’ market a permanent feature. An informal performance venue was constructed at the corner of Larimer and Mayflower, with seating created from the natural contours of the site and hardscape that re-uses bricks from Larimer demolitions. All plantings are native, and the current permeable surface area is preserved. Work began in June 2020 and was complete in November 2020. The Village Green was featured on a Larimer Walking Tour, hosted by the URA and attended by representatives from the Mayor’s Office and City Councilperson’s Office, in November 2020.
- **Larimer Playground:** Through the engagement of many Larimer youth in the Village Green design process, the community recognized the need for additional, dedicated recreation space that did not exist in the neighborhood and that could not fit at the Village Green. The community advocated for refurbishment of the Larimer Basketball Courts and the re-use of the overgrown lots in front of the Larimer Playground for football, baseball, etc. The community also advocated for walking paths that connect to the Highland Park and future Liberty Green park systems.

Designed with a signature new entrance of permeable pavers and native plantings, the refurbished park is immediately across the street from the Larimer Phase 4 (Larimer School) residential development. Anticipating this work, the City of Pittsburgh completed the full renovation of the basketball courts, water park, and playground equipment in time for summer 2020 play. The work, contracted by the URA, is limited to the new entrance and to field improvements. The City of Pittsburgh will own and maintain all land and improvements. Plans and specifications for this URA-funded project are complete; work began in June 2020 and was completed in November 2020. The playground is open to the public.

- **Choice Neighborhood Homeowner Assistance Program:** The URA is also currently administering a Choice Neighborhood Homeowner Assistance Program (CNHAP). Choice Neighborhood funds are being used to complete work on the exterior of owner-occupied homes in the area immediately surrounding the Choice Neighborhood development. Grants in Phases I were allocated at up to \$20,000 per house. At this time, all 55 Phase I grants have closed and are completed. Although originally limited to \$12,500 per home based on funding availability, Phase 2 of CNHAP grant limits were increased to \$15,000 and additional funding through the Federal Home Loan Bank could be made available depending on the income level of the applicants and the work needed. Phase 2 CNHAP commenced in the Spring 2019. A total of 36 applications were received for Phase II. Thirty-three (33) homeowners have closed on their CNHAP grants. Of these 33 grants, 29 homes are complete. Additionally, 1 remaining unit is ready to close, 1 unit is waiting for bids, and 2 units were determined to be ineligible for the program.

The **housing strategies** targeted 2 eligible Targeted Housing Projects: the Hamilton-Larimer (HL) public housing complex and East Liberty Gardens (ELG) HUD-assisted housing project. At the time of application, the buildings were obsolete and deteriorating. One hundred percent (100%) of both buildings were rented by very low-income populations. The housing strategies replace all 155 units, one-for-one, within the neighborhood as part of a 334-unit high-quality, well-managed, mixed-income community. McCormack Baron Salazar, Inc. (MBS) is the lead Housing Implementation Entity. To prepare for the demolition of East Liberty Gardens, all residents were relocated by HACP. All residents in good standing at the time of relocation have a right to return to the new development. The first replacement housing phase, consisting of 85 units, is complete and fully occupied. The second phase, consisting of 150 units, is also complete and occupied. Twelve (12) scattered site units have been developed. The next phase of housing development, Phase IV (42 mixed income units), entails the adaptive reuse and historic preservation of the Larimer School plus the new construction of 5 residential units. Construction for this phase was delayed due to COVID-19 but began in January 2021. Phase III, the final phase of development (42-units of mixed income, mixed use development), received a 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit award from PHFA. Construction on this phase is expected to begin in Summer 2021. 3 additional scattered site rental units will be developed by the Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation (PHDC) for HACP.

Finally, the **people strategies** will result in a comprehensive case management system that will create pathways to social and economic mobility for targeted residents including access to healthcare services, proven employment and training programs, and an extensive series of educational programs supporting children from birth to college. Urban Strategies, Inc. serves as the People Implementation Entity. After

the completion of Choice, the Choice program participants (i.e., residents) will continue to be served by social service providers supported by the Allegheny County Department of Human Services.

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

Introduction

The City of Pittsburgh is part of the Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County Continuum of Care. This is a regional initiative staffed by the Allegheny County Department of Human Services. The City supports the efforts of the Continuum of Care and encourages organizations to submit applications for ESG funding requests to the City, County, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Under its Five Year Consolidated Plan, the City of Pittsburgh has developed its Strategic Plan in cooperation with the CoC to address homelessness and other special needs for FY 2020 through FY 2024. These goals are set forth in the following priorities:

- **HMS-1 Operation/Support** - Assist homeless providers in the operation of housing and support services for the homeless and persons who are at-risk of becoming homeless.
- **HMS-2 Prevention and Re-Housing** - Continue to support the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction activities and programs for rapid re-housing.
- **HMS-3 Housing** - Support the rehabilitation and accessibility improvements to emergency shelters and transitional housing for the homeless.
- **HMS-4 Permanent Housing** - Support the development of permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals and families.
- **SNS-1 Housing** - Increase the supply of affordable, accessible, decent, safe, sound, and sanitary housing for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs through rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.
- **SNS-2 Social Services** - Support social service programs and facilities for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs.
- **SNS-3 Accessibility** - Promote and assist in making reasonable accommodations and accessibility improvements in housing for homeowners and renters, and bring public facilities and infrastructure into compliance with Federal, State, and local Laws.

As part of the Continuum of Care, the Allegheny County Department of Human Services completes a regular “Point In Time Survey” each January to determine the number of homeless individuals and families in the County. Based on the “Point In Time Survey,” conducted on February 23, 2022 the following numbers of homeless persons were reported:

- **Unsheltered** - 105 individuals
- **Transitional Housing** - 132 individuals
- **Safe Haven** - 12 individuals
- **Emergency Shelter** - 631 individuals

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 Continuum of Care (CoC) reached out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) through Operation Safety Net, outreach teams (including the Veteran's Affairs (VA), Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (WPIC), and Community Human Services (CHS)), soup kitchens, day programs, drop-in centers, and hospitals. In addition, information is collected annually using the point-in-time survey form and is then summarized. The point-in-time surveys are one-on-one interviews are also held with the consumers. Additionally, outreach teams and Operation Safety Net (OSN) regularly go under bridges, visit camps, and go to other known homeless areas to tend to the needs of the homeless population. OSN has a centralized database of all street consumers who utilize their medical services.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The most recent Point In Time Survey Analysis was conducted on February 2022 and reported the following homeless counts for Transitional Housing and Emergency Shelter:

- **Transitional Housing** – 132 individuals
- **Emergency Shelter** – 631 individuals

The priority homeless needs in the City of Pittsburgh are as follows:

- **Emergency Shelters Family beds** – low priority Individual beds – medium priority
- **Transitional Housing Family beds** – low priority Individual beds – medium priority
- **Permanent Supportive Housing Family beds** – medium priority Individual beds – medium priority
- **Safe Haven Family beds** – low priority Individual beds – medium priority

The CoC has a long-term goal of increasing the number of homeless moving from transitional housing to permanent housing. In order to achieve this objective, the CoC meets regularly with providers to monitor and review their progress. The CoC also works toward strengthening relationships with affordable housing providers (such as housing authorities) to assist consumer's transitions into permanent housing. Effective services and support while in transitional housing are critical to the effective move into permanent housing.

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

The Continuum of Care has recently shifted its focus to increase the number of permanent housing units to address the unmet needs in the community. The CoC's ten-year plan includes a comprehensive approach to ending chronic homelessness. Over the past several years, the CoC has effectively increased the number of permanent housing beds available to the chronic homeless, with more beds planned to be made available in the coming years. Persons who are chronically homeless and housed in permanent housing are also connected with available public services in order to stabilize income and increase access to mental health, drug, and alcohol support services. The CoC has worked with the VA and Veteran's Leadership Program (VLP) since 1984 to reach out to veterans, provide housing, and to prevent homelessness. As a result, there are numerous beds available for homeless veterans. Efforts are made to also provide services to assist veterans in finding permanent housing. The CoC has several service providers to assist homeless youth by connecting them to employment training and other public benefits in order to stabilize and break the cycle of homelessness. The CoC has a long-term goal of increasing the number of homeless moving from transitional housing to permanent housing. In order to achieve this objective, the CoC meets regularly with providers to monitor and review their progress. The CoC also works toward strengthening relationships with affordable housing providers (such as housing authorities) to assist consumer's transitions into permanent housing. Effective services and support while living in transitional housing are critical to the effective move into permanent housing. The CoC also has a goal of maintaining or increasing the percentage of participants remaining in permanent housing for at least six months. In order to meet this objective, the CoC holds regular sessions with providers to discuss best practices to engage consumers in permanent housing, and trouble shoot as necessary. Individuals and families residing in permanent housing facilities are taught life skills in order to improve the likelihood that they will successfully retain housing and not become homeless again.

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.

The Continuum of Care has outlined its discharge policy for assisting persons aging out of foster care, and being release from health care facilities, mental health facilities, and correction facilities.

- **Foster Care:** The CoC has adopted a process to transition youth from the foster care system. This process includes life skills classes and housing options. The Housing Authority works with Allegheny County's Office of Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) to transition some youth into their system and is working with the Allegheny County Housing Authority to designate vouchers

for families. CYF provides housing for youth who choose to remain in CYF until the age of 21 and seek additional education. Transitional housing programs have been established for those who may become homeless. These programs include strong employment and training support, as well as connections to other useful services.

- **Health Care:** The Health Committee and Pittsburgh Mercy's Operational Safety Net (OSN) have developed and implemented a protocol between the major hospitals to identify homeless consumers, share information between entities, and coordinate the discharge plan. When a hospital identifies a homeless person, upon discharge, it contacts OSN to transition the person to appropriate housing.
- **Mental Health:** The Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) has developed and implemented a housing plan to ensure that consumers who are discharged from mental health facilities are placed in appropriate housing. This plan utilizes public housing, private units, and personal care homes.

Discussion

The City of Pittsburgh will continue to support and cooperate with the Continuum of Care, including applications for SuperNOFA funds, etc. The City will strive to identify programs and activities that will reduce chronic homelessness.

The City of Pittsburgh will provide funding for the following activities in FY 2022 to address the needs of individuals and families with children who are homeless or imminent at risk of becoming homeless:

- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)** - Provide funding for street outreach, emergency shelters, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, and HMIS. Funding will also be used for the renovations, operating expenses, and essential services such as child care, drug and alcohol abuse education, job training, and counseling for homeless individuals and organizations that serve the homeless population.
- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)** - Provide funding for housing related services for those with HIV/AIDS in the City of Pittsburgh. Funding is also provided for tenant based rental assistance, emergency short-term mortgage assistance, utility assistance, and information referrals.

The City of Pittsburgh will provide funding for the following activities in FY 2022 to address the housing and supportive services for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS:

- **ADA Compliance** - Provide funding for the development of Phase 1 of a Transition Plan.
- **Senior Community Program** - Provide funding to a Healthy Active Living Center personnel and

programs.

- **Owner Occupied Accessible Repairs/Housing Accessibility Program for Independence (HAPI)** - Funding for a grant program to assist homeowners with permanent disabilities make accessibility modifications to their homes.
- **Affordable and Workforce Rental Development** - Source of gap financing to non-profit and for profit developers for the acquisition and rehabilitation of new construction of rental housing primary for low and moderate income households and/or special needs populations. Funds are allocated to units rented to households with incomes at or below 60% of area median income.
- **Affordable Rental/Rental Gap Program (RGP)** - Source of gap financing to non-profit and for profit developers for the acquisition and rehabilitation or new construction of rental housing primary for low and moderate income households and/or special needs populations. HOME funds are allocated to units rented to households with incomes at or below 50% and 60% of area median income.
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AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (I)(3)

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	35
Tenant-based rental assistance	165
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
	200

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

Introduction:

The City of Pittsburgh prepared a new Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) for the five-year period of 2020-2024. The AI was submitted at the same time as the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2020 Annual Action Plan in IDIS.

The Barriers to affordable housing in Pittsburgh can be categorized, primarily, as either public policy issues or economic issues. Public policies establish practices implemented by municipal agencies or departments that can impede housing choice, increase housing costs, severely limit housing opportunities, or a combination thereof. The impact of public policy on affordable housing in the City can be intentional or inadvertent. Recognition of the impact of public policy on affordable housing is required to ameliorate its negative results.

The FY 2020 Analysis of Impediments identified the following impediments to fair housing:

- **Impediment 1: Fair Housing Education and Outreach** - There is a continuing need to educate persons about their rights under the Fair Housing Act and to raise community awareness to affirmatively further fair housing choice.
- **Impediment 2: Affordable Rental Housing** - Even though the City of Pittsburgh has a large supply of rental housing, it is not necessarily affordable to lower income households. The monthly housing cost for apartments has steadily increased to the point that over 47.3% of all renter households in Pittsburgh with incomes less than 50% AMI, are considered cost burdened.
- **Impediment 3: Affordable Housing for Sale** - The median value and cost to purchase a single family home in Pittsburgh that is decent, safe, and sound, has increased significantly to over \$108,500 (2017 dollars), which limits the choice of housing for lower income households throughout the City.
- **Impediment 4: Accessible Housing Units** - As an older, built-up urban environment, there is a lack of accessible housing units and limited developable sites in the City of Pittsburgh, since 60.5% of the City's housing units were built before 1950 and most do not contain accessibility features, and 37.6% of the City's population is classified as disabled.
- **Impediment 5: Private Lending Practices** - The HMDA data suggests that there may be a disparity between the approval rates of home mortgage loans originated from minorities and those originated from non-minority applicants.
- **Impediment 6: Approach to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing** - The housing, racial and socio-economic data, and the amount of subsidized housing in the City of Pittsburgh, illustrates that there continues to be concentrations of low- and moderate-income persons, minorities, and disabled persons living in the City.
- **Impediment 7: Economic Issues Affect Housing Choice** - There is a need to increase economic opportunities in the City to improve household income so lower income households have the ability to live outside areas with concentrations of low-income, which makes this a fair housing concern.

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

The City of Pittsburgh in its most recent Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice did not identify any negative effects of its public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing. The City had previously revised and updated its Zoning Ordinance and Land Development and Use Controls. These documents are consistent with the Fair Housing Act, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. There are no other public policies that restrict fair housing.

Discussion:

During its FY 2022 CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA Program Year the City proposes to fund activities/projects that affirmatively further fair housing. This includes:

- Assistance with rehabilitation costs for lower income owner-occupied and renter-occupied housing.
- Funds for downpayment assistance and closing costs for low income homebuyers.
- Planning and development of new affordable workforce housing in areas of opportunity.
- Funds for project financing and related costs for the development of affordable workforce housing options.
- Funds for education, outreach, and trainings for fair housing in the City.
- Funds for neighborhood community development organizations to develop housing and support services.
- Funds for housing counseling services.
- Funds for social services and health programs.
- Job training and economic development opportunities.
- Funds for six neighborhood employment centers located in various parts of the City. The centers are charged with providing job opportunities for City residents by creating a network of neighborhood employment projects.

During the FY 2022 Program Year, the City proposes to assist the following affordable rental housing activities:

- Develop 330 New Affordable Rental Units
- Provide 165 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
- Assist 35 households with Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance
- Assist 20 households through the ESG-Rapid Rehousing Program
- Assist 20 households through the ESG-Homeless Prevention Program

During the FY 2022 Program Year, the City proposes to assist the following affordable homeowner housing activities:

- Assist 665 households through housing counseling
- Assist 90 households through owner occupied housing rehabilitation
- Develop 15 new affordable owner occupied units

The City of Pittsburgh plans to undertake the following fair housing activities during the FY 2022 program year:

- Annual Proclamation of Fair Housing Month.
- Host fair housing summits with housing providers, fair housing advocates, and HUD Fair Housing officials in partnership with FHP.
- Exhibit in City-County Building during the last week of National Fair Housing Month.
- Ongoing quarterly meetings and recommendation formulation with the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Task Force.
- Pittsburgh CHR Housing Committee ongoing outreach and education via PSAs and advertisements.

The City of Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations (PCHR) will continue to provide trainings, do education and outreach, investigations, and hold Fair Housing Events with other agencies during April Fair Housing Month. The PCHR will have the City pass a resolution proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month.

For additional information, go to the Fair Housing section in the Appendix section of this Plan.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Pittsburgh has developed the following actions which addresses:

- obstacles to meeting underserved needs;
- fosters affordable housing;
- reduces lead-based hazards;
- reduced the number of poverty-level families;
- develops institutional structures, and
- enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City under its FY 2022 CDBG Program Year will take the following actions to address obstacles to meeting the underserved needs:

- Provide funds for workforce housing options for owner occupied and renter occupied housing units.
- Provide funds for new housing construction of owner occupied and renter occupied housing units that are decent, safe, sound, affordable, and assessable.
- Provide funds for rehabilitation to help bring the older existing housing stock up to code standards and make accessibility improvements as needed.
- Provide funds to assist business, employment training, and career counseling.
- Provide funds for clearance and demolition projects to remove blighting influences in the City.
- The City will continue to leverage its financial resources and apply for additional public and private funds.

The City of Pittsburgh will work to address these obstacles through the agencies and programs to be funded in FY 2022. Some of the activities to address these obstacles include:

- Neighborhood Employment Centers
- Pittsburgh Employment Program
- Neighborhood Economic Development
- Remediation of Condemned Buildings
- Deconstruction of Dangerous Buildings
- Owner Occupied Accessible Repairs/Housing
- Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP)
- Affordable and Workforce For-sale
- Affordable and Workforce Rental Development
- Affordable Rental/Rental Gap Program (RGP)

- Affordable Homeownership/For Sale Development Program (FSDP)
- Workforce Development
- Economic Development and Housing Program Income (CLRA/HRLF)
- Business Technical Assistance
- Equitable Empowerment
- Business Assistance and Development
- Neighborhood Business District Assistance
- Affordable Unit Activation

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City is proposing the following goals and strategies to foster and maintain affordable housing:

- **HSS-1 Homeownership** - Assist low- and moderate-income households who wish to become homeowners by providing down payment assistance, closing cost assistance, and requiring housing counseling training.
- **HSS-2 Housing Construction** - Increase the supply of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing that is affordable to owners and renters in the City through rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.
- **HSS-3 Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation** - Provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners to rehabilitate their existing owner-occupied housing.
- **HSS-4 Renter-occupied Housing Rehabilitation** - Provide financial assistance to landlords to rehabilitate housing units and support new residential development for rent to low- and moderate-income tenants.
- **HSS-5 Rental Assistance** - Provide for utilities, deposits, and rental fees for low-income households who are faced with the threat of eviction and who are at-risk of becoming homeless.
- **HSS-6 Neighborhood Revitalization** - Promote and strengthen the housing stock in residential neighborhoods throughout the City.
- **HSS-7 Fair Housing** - Promote fair housing choice and affirmatively further fair housing through education, training, and outreach throughout the City of Pittsburgh.
- **HMS-2 Prevention and Re-Housing** - Continue to support the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction activities and programs for rapid re-housing.
- **HMS-3 Housing** - Support the rehabilitation and accessibility improvements to emergency shelters and transitional housing for the homeless.
- **HMS-4 Permanent Housing** - Support the development of permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals and families.
- **SNS-1 Housing** - Increase the supply of affordable, accessible, decent, safe, sound, and sanitary housing for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs through rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.

- **SNS-3 Accessibility** - Promote and assist in making reasonable accommodations and accessibility improvements in housing for homeowners and renters, and bring public facilities and infrastructure into compliance with Federal, State, and local Laws.
- **CDS-8 Community Based Organizations** - Provide operating support for community based organizations involved in facilitating or developing housing and/or commercial development activities in the City.
- **AMS-3 Fair Housing** - Provide funds for training, education, outreach, and monitoring to affirmatively further fair housing in the City of Pittsburgh.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City is working to reduce potential lead-based paint hazards. Below are the City's activities to reduce lead-based paint hazards are related to rehabilitation and homeownership programs.

Rehabilitation Programs

The City of Pittsburgh will continue to ensure that:

- Applicants for rehabilitation funding receive the required lead-based paint information and understand their responsibilities.
- Staff properly determines whether proposed projects are exempt from some or all lead-based paint requirements.
- The level of Federal rehabilitation assistance is properly calculated and the applicable lead-based paint requirements determined.
- Properly qualified personnel perform risk management, paint testing, lead hazard reduction, and clearance services when required.
- Required lead hazard reduction work and protective measures are incorporated into project rehabilitation specifications.
- Risk assessment, paint testing, lead hazard reduction, and clearance work are performed in accordance with the applicable standards established in 24 CFR Part 35, Subpart R.
- Required notices regarding lead-based paint evaluation, presumption, and hazard reduction are provided to occupants and documented.
- Program documents establish the rental property owner's responsibility to perform and adhere to ongoing lead-based paint maintenance activities, when applicable.
- Program staff monitors owner compliance with ongoing lead-based paint maintenance activities.

Homeownership Programs

The City of Pittsburgh will continue to ensure that:

- Applicants for homeownership assistance receive adequate information about lead-based paint requirements.
- City staff properly determine whether proposed projects are exempt from some or all lead based paint requirements.
- A visual assessment is performed to identify deteriorated paint in the dwelling unit, any common areas servicing the unit, and exterior surfaces of the building.
- Prior to occupancy, properly qualified personnel perform paint stabilization and the dwelling passes a clearance exam in accordance with the standards established in 24 CFR Part 35, Subpart R.
- The home buyer receives the required lead-based paint pamphlet and notices.

Lead reduction involves the implementation of a lead-based paint treatment program which will be carried out in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh's CDBG and HOME funded housing projects/activities. The City of Pittsburgh, through its sub-recipient agreement with the URA, receives applications for rehabilitation assistance on a regular basis. The applications are processed in the order in which they are received. The goal of the lead based paint treatment program is the reduction of lead based paint hazards in the City's housing stock.

The 2020 Childhood Lead Surveillance Annual Report from the Pennsylvania Department of Health reported that 2,709 children two (2) years of age or younger were tested for elevated blood lead levels in the City of Pittsburgh. Of those tested, 83 (3.06%) tested positive for blood lead levels above 5 µg/dL. This is 1.40% of the population of children two (2) years of age or younger.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

According to the 2016-2020 American Community Survey, approximately 19.7% of the City of Pittsburgh's residents live in poverty, while only 11.3% of Allegheny County residents live in poverty and 12.0% of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania residents live in poverty. Female-headed City households with children are particularly affected by poverty at 42.0%. The City's goal is to reduce the extent of poverty by 5%, based on actions the City can control and work with other agencies/organizations.

The City funded projects/activities under the following goals and strategies to reduce the number of families living in poverty:

- HMS-1 Operation/Support
- HMS-2 Prevention and Re-Housing
- SNS-2 Social Services
- CDS-4 Public Services
- CDS-5 Food Programs
- EDS-1 Employment
- EDS-2 Financial Assistance

- EDS-3 Redevelopment Program

From FY 2020 to FY 2024, City of Pittsburgh's goal is to reduce the poverty rate by 5%. This could be achieved if the national economy stabilizes:

- The City of Pittsburgh will continue to pursue new economic development opportunities to create jobs for the unemployed and underemployed in the City.
- The City is willing to use the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, Brownfield Economic Development Initiatives (BEDI), and other Federal Programs and Initiatives to promote economic development.
- CDBG funds are available for public service programs for job training, education, health, and social services to raise the standard of living of families above the poverty level.
- The City through the various community and economic development agencies will fund different loan programs to attract new businesses and/or assist existing businesses to expand in the City.
- The City will continue to partner with the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) and the City's Neighborhood-based Community Development Corporations (CDCs) to develop economic opportunities throughout the City.
- The City will continue to partner with the URA Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship to revitalize neighborhood business districts which will then assist in the creation of new job opportunities in the City.
- The City will continue to work with its partners to help develop Minority & Women Owned Businesses Enterprises (M/WBE).

The City with its FY 2022 CDBG funds plans to fund the following types of economic development and anti-poverty programs include:

- Workforce development, including job training services
- Support services for new employees
- Assist in job creation and retention
- Assistance for food, shelter, and training programs
- Assistance to small businesses to start-up or expand
- Revitalize areas for economic development
- Promote new job opportunities
- Provide commercial/industrial infrastructure development
- Assist new commercial/industrial development

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

To effectively implement the Annual Action Plans, the City needs to collaborate with a variety of agencies located in the City of Pittsburgh and also in Allegheny County. Coordination and collaboration between

agencies is important to ensuring that the priorities identified in the Five Year Consolidated Plan within the City are adequately addressed. The key agencies that are involved in the implementation of the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan, as well as additional resources that may be available are described below.

Public Institutions –

- The City of Pittsburgh, through its Office of Management and Budget, is responsible for the overall administration for the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs, including some of the local programs that assist target income residents. The Office's responsibilities include managing and implementation of the City's affordable housing policies, including the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans, and other related documents. The Office of Management and Budget annually submits for CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funding through the Annual Action Plan.
- The Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA) is a sub-recipient for the administration of the City's housing and economic development programs. The URA has extensive experience in the development of new housing and the rehabilitation of the City's existing housing stock. The URA operates the City's economic development programs to promote new investment and the revitalization of distressed neighborhoods. The URA is the lead entity and administrator for the HOME funds.
- The Housing Authority of the City Pittsburgh (HACP) administers public housing and the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The HACP will continue to modernize units, develop and support new and/or rehabilitated affordable units, and redevelop distressed and obsolete properties into new mixed-income neighborhoods.
- The Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) administers the City's HOPWA grant. Services provided include housing related activities such as short-term and tenant-based rental assistance, rental/mortgage/utility assistance, and housing information and referral.

Non-Profit Organizations –

- Non-profit developers play a role in the implementation of the Annual Action Plan. These developers access funding from the URA, Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA), and financial institutions. These developers do both new construction and rehabilitation of existing housing units.
- Three (3) organizations have been recertified as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's) operating in the City of Pittsburgh.
- Through the community-based organization (CBO) fund, the City provides funds for operating support to CDC. The CDC's pursue the planning and/or implementation of community economic

development projects.

Private Industry –

- The private sector is an important partner in the services and programs associated with the Annual Action Plan. The private sector brings additional resources and expertise that can be used to supplement existing services or fill in gaps in the system. Several lending institutions provide first-time mortgage financing and financing for rehabilitation. Lenders, affordable housing developers, business and economic development organizations, and private service providers offer a variety of assistance to residents such as health care, small business assistance, home loan programs, and assisted housing, among others.

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

The City is committed to continuing its participation and coordination with public, housing, and social service agencies. The City solicits application for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. In addition, the City sends out applications to a list of agencies, organizations, and housing providers that have previously submitted an application or has expressed an interest in submitting an application. The application is reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget and the City discusses any questions with the applicant. For economic development projects the City follows the same procedures, whereby the applicant completes an application, discusses the project with the City or the URA depending on the request. The City or the URA provides help and assistance to its public and private agencies that they fund.

Discussion:

Monitoring:

The City's Office of Management and Budget, Community Development office has a "Monitoring Process" that is directed towards the following:

- Program Performance
- Financial Performance
- Regulatory Compliance

The City of Pittsburgh's Office of Management and Budget has developed a "monitoring checklist" that it utilizes when programs and activities are reviewed. This checklist, approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, was developed in accordance with Sub-Part J of 24 CFR, Part 85 "Uniform Administrative Requirement for Grants and Cooperative Agreements of State and Local

Governments” and the HUD Community Planning and Development Monitoring Handbook (HUD 6509.2)

The Office of Management and Budget staff conducts monitoring of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and other Federal programs. Project and program managers are assigned various activities and sub-recipients to monitor, including non-profit (social service) agencies, the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (rehabilitation, economic development, and housing) and the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (public housing).

In the planning stage, sub-recipients (non-profit agencies) are required to submit “proposals for funding.” These proposals are reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget staff for eligibility, and recommendations are then forwarded to the City’s administration and City Council for final approval of funds. After a sub-recipient is approved for funding, the Office of Management and Budget staff conducts “orientation” meetings (either individually or a group meeting) to provide agencies information on their regulatory, financial and performance responsibilities. In addition, the monitoring process of the Office of Management and Budget is outlined for the groups who are then enter into the “implementation” phase of the project. A scope of services and budget are finalized and the contract with each agency is executed.

During the time when the project or program is underway, the Office of Management and Budget staff may conduct an “on-site” monitoring visit where technical assistance is provided, files are reviewed and “corrective actions” are taken to resolve any potential deficiencies or problems.

The following procedures are included in the financial monitoring process: letters of transmittal from the sub-recipient accompany each “Requisition for Reimbursement” with supportive expenditure documentation and a project activity progress report.

Internal monitoring review of each Requisition for Reimbursement by the project manager for compliance with 2 CFR Part 200 "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements." On-site financial monitoring of non-profit groups and the Urban Redevelopment Authority is conducted as needed.

The City requests copies of independent audits or use of auditing procedures as outlined in 2 CFR Part 200, for all sub-recipients with Federal contracts over \$750,000.

In the expenditure of CDBG and HOME funds for housing construction or project improvements, the City’s inspectors make periodic on-site inspections to ensure compliance with the local housing codes. The City also requires submittal of architectural drawings, site plans, and work specifications for this work. These are reviewed prior to issuance of building permits and the distribution of CDBG or HOME funds.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City of Pittsburgh receives an annual allocation of CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds. Since the City receives these federal allocations the questions below have been completed, as they are applicable.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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	\$1,500,000.00
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.	\$0.00
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	\$0.00
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	\$0.00
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	\$0.00
Total Program Income:	\$1,500,000.00

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	\$0.00
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.	76.35%

**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)**

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh does not intend to use any other forms of investment other those described in 24 CFR 92.205(b). Not Applicable.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA) has prepared the following policy which addresses the issues of sale or transfer of ownership of property financed with HOME assisted funding. This policy is in accordance with the HUD Regulations found in 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(i). The URA and the City of Pittsburgh have opted to use the resale provisions, rather than the recapture provisions of the regulations. The Resale provision ensures that HOME-assisted units remain affordable over the entire affordability period.

Resale Policy:

The Resale Policy is enforced through the use of a Restrictive Covenant signed by the homebuyer at closing. This covenant specifies:

1. The period of affordability, which is based on the total amount of HOME funds invested in the housing;
2. The home must remain the Homebuyer's principal residence throughout the affordability period; and
3. In the event of the sale or otherwise transfer of the HOME financed property prior to the expiration of the period of affordability, the Resale Policy requires compliance with the following:
 - If the housing does **not** continue to be the principal residence of the family for the duration of the period of affordability, then the housing will be made available for subsequent purchase **only** to a buyer whose family qualifies as a low-income family and will use the property as the family's principal residence.
 - The price at resale must provide the original HOME-assisted owner a **fair return on investment** (including the homeowner's investment and any capital improvement) and ensure that the housing will remain affordable to a reasonable range of low- income homebuyers. The URA has defined these terms in the attachments section.

- The affordability restrictions shall remain with the property according to the original terms. If during the affordability period a new owner of record obtains ownership of the property before the end of the initial period of affordability, the balance of the time will remain on the property.

4. **Deed Restrictions:** Covenants running with the property will be used as the mechanism to impose the resale requirements.

3. **A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:**

Not Applicable.

4. **Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:**

The Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh does not intend to refinance any existing debt for multifamily housing that will be rehabilitated with HOME Funds. Not Applicable.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

The City of Pittsburgh in conjunction with Allegheny County have developed these initial written standards for providing ESG assistance to meet the requirements of the grant. This includes the following:

- **Coordination** – Each proposed grant recipient is a member of the Continuum of Care and uses the HMIS system for recording client data and information. This coordination will help to determine the services that are needed to address the needs of clients.
- **Prioritizing Assistance and Rapid Re-housing** – The City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County support a network of shelters through the ESG funding that provides services to most homeless, including men, women, families, youth, etc. Coordination with the Continuum of Care will enable gaps in service to be identified and any necessary changes in funding priorities to be made.
- **Rental Assistance** – Funds will be used to pay security deposits and rental assistance up to a maximum of twelve (12) months. The first nine (9) months will be paid at a maximum of 100% and the last three (3) months as a maximum of 75%. Rental and/or utility arrearages will be paid up to six (6) months of costs. Future utility costs (a maximum of 12 months) will be allowed.
- **Standards and Procedures Evaluation** – Each individual or family will receive a full evaluation of their needs and case management services that are necessary to stabilize their lives.
- **Street Outreach/Essential Services** – Agencies with the appropriate experience and skilled staff will provide street outreach as needed.
- **Admission, Referral, Discharge, and Length of Stay** – No person will be denied services based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or familial status. All shelters will meet local safety regulations. Accessibility for the handicapped will be provided where possible. A list of rules and regulations for each shelter will be provided to all residents. A grievance policy and procedures will also be in place in each shelter. Length of stay will be determined by the case managers and residents can remain in the shelter as long as the meet program requirements.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

Allegheny Department of Human Services operates a call center called Allegheny Link (or “The Link”), providing referrals to services for persons experiencing a housing crisis. The Link assesses for need and matches persons to services through the VI-SPDAT (Vulnerability Index- Service

Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool). The Link has real-time access to vacancies in programs, and will send information about the caller directly to homeless services providers, who will then make contact with those persons in need of services, so that the caller does not have to make multiple phone calls just to find an opening for services. The phone number for Allegheny Link is 1-866-730-2368, and persons may also email the link or walk-in to their location at One Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh PA, 15222.

Persons in need of emergency shelter do not need to contact the Link before going to shelter, but shelter personnel are to ensure that those persons have contacted Allegheny Link within a certain time frame of entering the shelter, so that those persons may be referred to other (permanent) housing resources. This process (regarding Emergency Shelter intake and referral to the Link) is currently under review by Allegheny County Department of Human Services and Emergency Solutions Grant program administrators.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The consortium of the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, and the Continuum of Care serves as the ad hoc committee to allocate funding from the ESG program that is awarded to both the City and the County. This committee is comprised of members from the following governmental agencies:

- City of Pittsburgh Office of Management and Budget
- Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
- Allegheny County Department of Human Services
- Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County Continuum of Care
- Formerly Homeless Person(s)

Once the City of Pittsburgh receives its allocation amount, the City and the County will announce the availability of funds through advertising in the local newspaper and notifying potential applicants from an existing list of shelters and programs. When proposals are received, they will be catalogued by agency, dollar request, and types of activities proposed. The selection committee will review the proposals to determine funding awards and decide if the City or County will fund the proposed projects.

Each application will be evaluated on the basis of need, demonstrated ability to provide assistance, financial accountability, and existing/potential additional funding sources.

The City will submit its list of proposed projects for approval to HUD as part of the Annual Action Plan. Once that approval is received, agencies will be notified of their awards, a general

orientation session will be held with these groups, if needed, and the contract process will be initiated by the City.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The City of Pittsburgh meets the homeless participation requirement found in 24 CFR 576.405(a). A former homeless person is active on the Homeless Advisory Board and also serves on the Continuum of Care's sub-committee. Several organizations representing the homeless population were contacted for input during the planning process and the public meeting was advertised.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Based on past experience and after consultation with the Continuum of Care the following evaluation standards for ESG activities will be utilized:

- the organization's prior performance
- quality of services provided

Continuum of Care (such as youth, persons fleeing Domestic Violence, or families)

- ability to draw down funds in a timely manner
- number of people served
- ability to leverage other funds

The City of Pittsburgh ESG program is developing performance benchmarks, in coordination with the Continuum of Care sub-committee of the Homeless Advisory Board, for ESG programs which may be used to evaluate renewing applicants for Program Year 2022 ESG funds. A committee which consists of representatives from the City of Pittsburgh's Office of Management and Budget, Allegheny County Economic Development, the Continuum of Care, and Allegheny County Department of Human Services will review and select ESG activities. The composition and procedures of this committee will be reviewed and modified as necessary as the ESG program guidelines are finalized.

Standards for evaluating individuals and families eligibility for assistance.

Initial Evaluation:

The Lead Agency must conduct an initial evaluation to determine the eligibility of each Program Applicant's eligibility for ESG assistance. The case file must clearly document the date and content of this initial evaluation. The evaluation of eligibility must include a review and documentation of the following areas:

- Household composition;
- Housing status;
- Income (if the Program Applicant would be receiving Homelessness Prevention);
- Resources and support networks; and
- Potential to achieve stability.

Per HUD, this initial evaluation must also include a determination of the amount and types of assistance the Program Applicant needs to regain stability in permanent housing. The case file must document this determination, with the understanding that a Program Participant's needs may change as they progress through the ESG Program.

Policies and procedures for assessing, prioritizing and reassessing individual and family needs for essential services related to emergency shelter:

There are separate processes as it relates to accessing emergency shelter within the Allegheny County Continuum of Care. Most of the emergency shelters (Bethlehem Haven, East End Cooperative Ministry, Familylinks DOCS, Light of Life, McKeesport Downtown Housing, and Pleasant Valley) that serve single individuals do not have their beds prioritized or accessed via Coordinated Entry. Single individuals reach out directly to the single emergency shelters for access to their beds. Coordinated Entry (CE) staff at the Allegheny Link and within the OCS Field Unit is able to provide the individual with a targeted plan on how to access shelter based on their needs and preferences. They will also advocate on their behalf to specific shelters when that type of assistance is required. CE staff also request that each single emergency shelter provide their vacancies each morning and these vacancies are sent via email to a community partners distribution list which provides the best contact info and process to get into each shelter.

There are 2 non-traditional shelters that serves singles that are managed within CE. One is located at Wood Street Commons and the other is Home2020. These shelters are viewed within the CoC as "non-traditional" in which clients have access to supports and services within these shelters that are not available within the others. There are also scattered site shelter spaces, known as HAP Crisis spaces, that serve individuals who the typical facility based, communal shelter, is not appropriate for a multitude of reasons specific to each client. The OCS Field Unit, in partnership with the broader outreach community, works to identify people for referrals to these non-traditional shelter spaces every Monday morning during a formal case conferencing session, with the decisions ultimately lying with the OCS Field Unit/CE.

Emergency shelters that serve families with minor children (Allegheny Valley Association of Churches, Auberle Duquesne, Auberle McKeesport, Community Human Services McKeesport Family Shelter, Salvation Army Family Caring Center, and Womanspace East) do have their beds prioritized and accessed through CE. Households reach out to the Allegheny Link to report their need for shelter. Once an

assessment is completed on ability to divert via accessing natural supports, if found to still be in need of shelter, CE Family Placement lead then reviews the vacancies available for the day to ensure that the family composition can be accommodated. At that time CE staff reaches back out to the family to offer the family emergency shelter space and offers Homeless Supports and Service Coordination (HSSC). HSSC will provide the family with a service coordinator once enrolled in shelter to assist with any and all needs the family has to end their homeless episode as quick as possible. Families are prioritized based on vulnerability and access to natural supports. The vulnerability assessment is through conversation rather than a formal assessment initially. The majority of the time households will self-resolve until a space that can accommodate them opens. Households are expected to reach out to the Allegheny Link daily to request access to emergency shelter. This can be done via email, phone, or in person.

Coordinated Entry also does not manage access to the emergency shelters that provide domestic violence related shelter options. These shelters serve both families with minor children and single individuals. For access to these shelter spaces, households are advised to reach out directly to the domestic violence shelter and we warm transfer to ensure connection when appropriate. We work to connect those fleeing domestic violence to these specific population serving shelters first as they are the safest option for the households, but we will also review any other shelter spaces that are of interest to the household.

During times that the Allegheny Link is not operational, there is a triage system that directs callers to a variety of options based on their situation. All the programs listed can assist people during off-hours as space is available, independently from the operational hours of Allegheny Link. As households present to shelter during times outside of the normal hours of operation of the Allegheny Link, shelters are asked to serve the households, as capacity allows, and connect the households to the Allegheny Link the next business day.

For all our processes Coordinated Entry does leave space and flexibility for case conferencing and advocacy by the households themselves or the providers/supports working most closely with them. This case conferences can lead to reassessment of housing options available to a household whether that be how they access emergency shelter or the longer term homeless housing programs.

Policies and procedures for determining which families receive homeless prevention and which receive rapid rehousing

Households that are experiencing a near eviction due to back rent being owed are given a prevention assessment that will target that household to ESG when they meet the pre-screened eligibility for the program. This pre-screening allows for placement on the prevention waitlist. Households are placed on the waitlist on a first come, first serve basis. As programs within our ESG providers have capacity to serve households for homeless prevention waitlist they make a request within HMIS and we then refer the household to the vacancy.

Households that meet Category 1 or Category 4 (while also literally homeless) are eligible to be assessed for rapid rehousing. This assessment utilized within the Allegheny County CoC is called the Allegheny

Housing Assessment (AHA). The AHA is a decision support tool designed to help prioritize housing services individuals or families experiencing homelessness. The tool uses administrative data from Allegheny County's data warehouse to predict events that serve as the indicators of harm if a person remains unhoused. The AHA screens for these types of vulnerabilities and then indicates most appropriate level of housing support. If a household qualifies to receive the assessment and scores within the rapid rehousing range they are placed on the homeless housing waitlist. As programs within our ESG providers have capacity to serve households for rapid rehousing they make a request within HMIS and CE refers the next most vulnerable household on the homeless housing waitlist.

The Allegheny County CoC prioritizes households experiencing homelessness within the CoC's geographic area for referral to housing and services. The Allegheny County CoC has adopted CPD-16-11, HUD's Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing, as well as the accompanying update CPD-17-01. Additionally, the CoC has expanded the prioritization practices to the Rapid Rehousing, Bridge and Transitional Housing programs. Therefore, households designated as Chronically Homeless are prioritized throughout the entire system.

Discussion:

HOPWA Program:

The Jewish Healthcare Foundation administers the HOPWA funds for the City of Pittsburgh. This agency distributes funds to "grassroots" faith-based, and other agencies for housing support services. The program selections are made in cooperation with the Housing Committee of the Southwestern PA AIDS Planning Coalition. The Housing Committee of the Southwestern PA AIDS Planning Coalitions brings together individuals and organizations that work in the areas of helping the homeless population, assisted living and long-term care facilities, Section 8 housing, local Housing Authorities and City and County governments. The Committee is responsible for assessing the housing needs of persons with HIV/AIDS planning to meet those needs and selecting project sponsors.

HOME and ESG Match Requirements:

The City of Pittsburgh has excess HOME match funds from previous years in the amount of \$9,331,136.96. The City will have additional HOME Match during this program year from PHFA financing, bond funds, and Federal Home Loan Bank funds.

ESG Program anticipates that it will have a match of \$1,198,946 in local and state funds. The ESG Match will come from local and state funds, as well as donations and grants to the ESG sub-grantees. These funding sources to the ESG sub-grantees include FEMA, Allegheny County, private foundations, donations, the United Way, and PCSI.

HOME Program Income:

- The City of Pittsburgh anticipates it will receive \$400,000 in HOME Program Income during this program year.

CHDO Organizations:

- Three (3) organizations have been certified or recertified as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's) operating in the City of Pittsburgh.

CDBG Program Income:

- The City of Pittsburgh anticipates it will receive \$1,500,000 in CDBG Program Income during this program year.

CDBG Percentages:

- Administrative Percentage: 10.90%
- Public Service Percentage: 11.58%
- Slum and Blight Percentage: 23.65%
- Low and Moderate-Income Percentage: 76.35%

HOME Percentages:

- Administrative Percentage: 10.0%
- CHDO Set Aside: 15.0%

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