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National Community Development Association Winter Conference Highlights

Department of Planning and Economic Development



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About the National Community Development Association

- Membership organization of cities and counties across the country who are recipients of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grants through the US Dept of Housing and Urban Development.
- Organization offers the City:
 - crucial legislative updates and action alerts,
 - technical assistance through regulatory analysis,
 - discounted training opportunities, (15 Saint Paul city employees recently have had CDBG, HOME and related training sessions in person or virtually with NCDA),
 - And, peer to peer networking and sharing of best practices with other communities.
- City member, hosted conference in 2022, Beth Ulrich currently serves on Association board of directors.
- Full focus on NCDA is on HUD Community Planning and Development funding of Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grants



NCDA Winter Conference Highlights

- **Federal spending updates**
 - Fiscal Year 25 Budget Still in Continuing Resolution (March)
 - Conference attendees reported business as usual with existing federal grants
 - Some jurisdictions, including Ramsey County locally, are pausing future spending and contracting until budget passes
- **NCDA Leadership Institute**
- **Regulatory updates and informational sessions**
 - HOME rule final, delayed implementation
 - CDBG Rulemaking uncertain
 - 2 CFR 200 updates and implementation
- **Program/Policy sessions**
 - Trends in homeless assistance, disaster response, technology, housing



Thank you!

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What is the Consolidated Plan?



**5-Year Plan
required by U.S.
Dept. of Housing
& Urban
Development
(HUD)**



**Assessment of
City's housing
and community
development
needs**

- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Public services
- ✓ Economic development
- ✓ Public facilities and infrastructure

**Identifies
priorities for
investment**

CDBG Funds

HOME Funds

ESG Funds

**Outlines how
HUD funds
will be used**



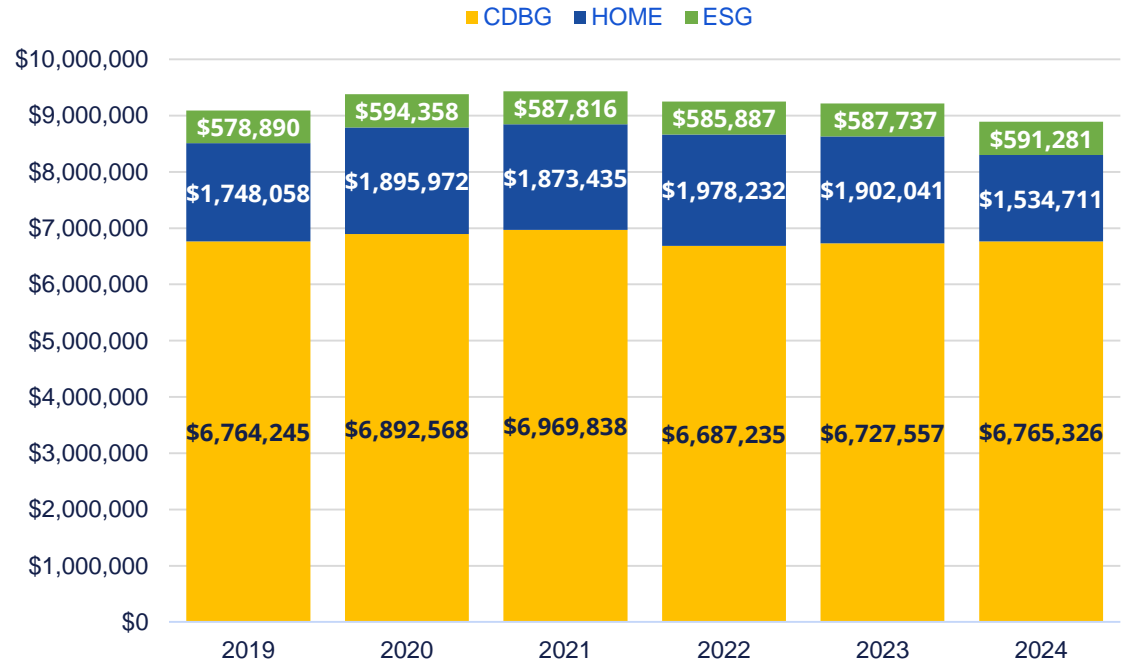
**Consistent with
the 2040
Comprehensive
Plan policies**



What HUD funding does Saint Paul receive?

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** - Housing, public facilities and services, economic development, planning
- **HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)** - Expanding the supply of affordable housing for low- and very low-income persons
- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)** - Preventing homelessness and assisting those already homeless

Annual Funding Received





What are the HUD funds used for?

- Distributed to City programs and activities, Community Development Corporations, District Councils, and other nonprofit organizations
- Highest receiving goals:



Housing Rehabilitation



Development of New Housing



Homeless Prevention



Economic Development

Public Improvements

What Have HUD Funds Been Used For?

The funds received by the City have been used to address needs identified during the Consolidated Plan Process. The needs in the last plan are categorized into nine goals, below. Goals for the upcoming plan are under development.

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| 1. HOMELESS PREVENTION | 2. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW HOUSING | 3. HOUSING REHABILITATION | 4. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS |
| 5. PUBLIC SERVICES | 6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | 7. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT | 8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT |
| 9. REMEDIATION OF SUBSTANDARD PROPERTIES | | | |

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

2. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW HOUSING

- Assist in the financing of new rental housing units and homeowner housing
- Rehabilitation of vacant structures (acquisition/rehab) or construction of new units - may include acquisition, demolition, and relocation

3. HOUSING REHABILITATION

- Carried out by the City and its Community Development Corporation partners
- Rehabilitation of affordable rental housing
- Rehabilitation of affordable homeowner housing

4. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

- Renovation of existing public facility servicing low/moderate income neighborhoods (51% at/below 80% AMI)
- Ex Upgrades to a park or stormwater mitigation work

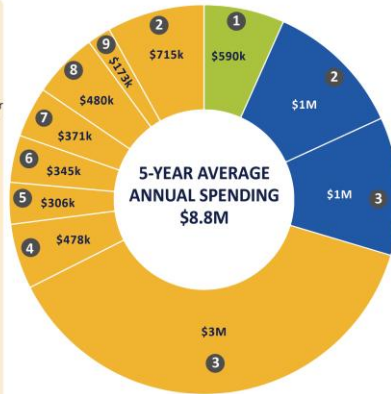
5. PUBLIC SERVICES

- Activities include fair housing activities, community engagement, domestic violence prevention, criminal restorative justice, health care, employment training, conflict resolution, emergency shelter

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Funding for District Councils in Planning Districts 1-8, 11, and 17 (low/moderate income areas of the City)
- Activities include crime prevention, community outreach and development, and policy development

AVERAGE ANNUAL SPENDING 2020-2024



EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

1. HOMELESS PREVENTION

- Assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness
- Providing tenant-based rental assistance/rapid rehousing
- Providing overnight shelter
- homeless prevention
- street outreach

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME)

2. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW HOUSING

- Assist in the financing of new rental housing units and homeowner housing
- Rehabilitation of vacant structures (acquisition/rehab) or construction of new units - may include acquisition, demolition, and relocation.

3. HOUSING REHABILITATION

- Carried out by the City and its Community Development Corporation partners
- Rehabilitation of affordable rental housing
- Rehabilitation of affordable homeowner housing

7. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

- Provides economically disadvantaged youth with educational and employment opportunities through remedial education, classroom and occupational skills training, and part-time employment

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Carried out by the City or its Community Development Partners
- Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation
- Create/retain jobs
- Provide business assistance
- Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate income housing

9. REMEDIATION OF SUBSTANDARD PROPERTIES

- Demolishing nuisance or slum/blight properties

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