

CITY OF PAWTUCKET



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Annual Action Plan

FY 2022-2023

(July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023)

for the

Community Development Block Grant Program

HOME Investment Partnership Program

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE PAWTUCKET
CITY COUNCIL ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022 – 7:00 PM

FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Citizen Comments on the Plan will be
Accepted until June 22, 2022

Comments may be mailed to: Edward G. Soares, Community Development Program Manager
Pawtucket Department of Planning and Redevelopment, City Hall, 137 Roosevelt Avenue
Or Email – ESOARES@PAWTUCKETRI.COM
(401) 728-0500 ext. 430

May 23, 2022

Bianca Policastro, Director

Donald R. Grebien, Mayor

**CITY OF PAWTUCKET
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Housing and Community Development
Annual Action Plan
Availability/Opportunity for Citizen Comment**

The City of Pawtucket, RI, would like to announce the availability of its 2022-2023 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan for public review and comment. The Annual Action Plan lays out the spending priorities for federal housing and community development resources in the upcoming year and includes this year's funding allocations for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Housing Programs and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs. Citizens are invited to pick up a copy of the Annual Action Plan at the following locations during business hours:

**Department of Planning and Redevelopment,
137 Roosevelt Avenue
Pawtucket Public Library,
13 Summer Street
City Clerk, Pawtucket City Hall,
137 Roosevelt Avenue
www.pawtucketri.com > departments >
planning**

All locations are accessible to the disabled. Individuals requiring special assistance to take part in the review of these documents are requested to contact the Pawtucket Dept. of Planning and Redevelopment at the number shown below.

Citizen comments on the plan will be accepted until Wednesday, June 22, 2022. Comments should be addressed to:

**2022-2023 Annual Action Plan Comments
Pawt. Dept. of Planning and Redevelopment
137 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone: (401) 728-0500, Ext.430**

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2022-2023 Annual Action Plan Executive Summary

1. Introduction

The City of Pawtucket is an Entitlement Community that expects to receive funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to invest in local solutions to address housing and community development needs. The funds include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

The primary objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable communities through the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. HOME funds are dedicated to preserving and creating affordable housing. ESG supports outreach and shelters for homeless persons, as well as programs that prevent or rapidly rehouse homeless individuals and families.

The City of Pawtucket is pleased to present an Executive Summary of its Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2022 from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The Annual Action Plan serves several functions:

1. Utilizing data and community input, it prioritizes housing and community development needs, delineates a one-year strategy for addressing those needs, and establishes performance measures by which progress can be assessed in response to the City of Pawtucket's Consolidated Plan 2020-2024.
2. It describes recommendations for specific projects and services to address housing, community development, emergency shelter, and homeless needs which were identified through public meetings, needs assessments, coalition meetings, consultations with community groups (e.g. neighborhood associations, linguistic minority organizations, etc.), and proposals solicited through both public meetings and the Request for Proposals (RFP) process.
3. It outlines activities that will be funded utilizing Federal Block Grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91.220 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

The City's Annual Action Plan has been prepared in accordance with guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The 2022 Annual Action Plan includes the goals and objectives outlined below, all targeting community needs related to affordable housing, economic development and employment, and strengthening neighborhoods.

- Provide essential Public Services –
- Improve Public Infrastructure –
- Expand Economic Development opportunities through business assistance–
- Improve availability and access to Public Facilities and Parks–
- Increase Affordable Housing through Rehabilitation and new construction –
- Increase the quality of life through Neighborhood Stabilization efforts–
- Decrease the incidence of Homelessness and provide services to the homeless –
- Planning and Administration –

Funding Disbursement. The 2022 Annual Action Plan represents a single application for federal funding that incorporates three (3) HUD formula programs, for a total allocation of \$2,648,675 in FY 2022-2023 funds. The three (3) HUD programs are as follows:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$1,754,625
- HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) \$615,933
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) \$158,117
- Anticipated Program Income (Loan repayment) \$120,000

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Pawtucket has demonstrated modest progress in meeting the goals and objectives identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and the most recently completed its first year of the five-year Consolidated Plan cycle. The city's successful efforts focused on activities that have positively impacted the quality of life for low and moderate income residents. These efforts have included increasing the amount of decent, safe and affordable housing; expanding homeownership opportunities; investment in public infrastructure, facilities and parks; and providing essential public services.

An inclusive public process, community input, careful planning and a significant commitment of financial resources enabled the city to achieve modest performance across all programs and objectives despite funding constraints from HUD grants.

The City of Pawtucket remains confident that its demonstrated high level of performance will be replicated during the period covered by this Action Plan.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

In order to ensure maximum participation from the citizens of Pawtucket, the Consolidated Planning process included public meetings, and consultations with key sub-populations. In addition to consultations the City held public meetings. An additional public meeting will be held before the City Council on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 where the public could comment on the plan. The city also assisted various applicants with technical assistance in preparing applications for funding requests.

Tuesday, January 11, 2022	General Newspaper Notice/Email Meeting Invitation to non-profits, community groups and City Councilors
Thursday, January 13, 2022	Prepare presentation, stats review 2020-2021 grant year
Friday, January 21, 2022	Review 2020-2024 ConPlan Needs, restate needs
Tuesday, January 25, 2022	CDBG Public Meeting to Explain Grant Process <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Performance 2020-2021 (CAPER)• Presentation of 1 yr. Con-Plan Needs/Explanation CDBG/ESG/HOME Programs Zoom Meeting – 6:00 P.M. and in-person City Council Chambers
Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022	General Newspaper Notice/Applications Available/Applications emailed to City Council members
January 27- February 22, 2022	On-call meetings with applicants to assist with grant eligibility and preparation
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Applications Due Date 4 P.M.
February 22 – March 1, 2022	Review of all submitted applications for eligibility/status of current CDBG grant if previously funded.
Wednesday, February 22, 2022	Email list of all applications received send to Mayor and City Council in advance of public hearings
Tuesday, March 1, 2022	Zoom Meeting CDBG Public Service Application Hearing 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 3, 2022	Zoom Meeting CDBG Activities/HOME Housing Applications Hearing - 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
March 4 – March 30, 2022	Internal review of all submitted CDBG/HOME/ESG applications against City's Consolidated Plan Priorities, Initial Environmental Reviews.

March 30 – May 20, 2022	Finalize funding application to HUD
Monday, May 23, 2022	Ad in <i>The Times Newspaper</i> announcing the availability of the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan for the 30 Public Comment period and the notice for the City Council, June 8, 2022 meeting.
Wednesday, June 8, 2022	Present application to City Council for Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Submit Grant Application to HUD. Public Comments to be accepted
Wednesday, June 8, 2022	City Council Meeting
May 25 – June 22, 2022	Input finalized funding plan into HUD prescribed format, complete Environmental Reviews.
Thursday, June 23, 2022	Submit plan officially to HUD for 45-day review period
Monday, July 1, 2021	Anticipated approval date from HUD to begin PY22 Program Year funding.

All meeting locations were accessible to persons with disabilities and all meeting notices included information about how to request accommodation such as a translator or other assistance.

5. Summary of public comments

The Draft Annual Action Plan will be available for review and public comments between May 23 and June 22, 2022. Any comments received during that time period will be included here along with the City's response for the Final Action Plan.

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

All comments will be incorporated into the plan.

7. Summary

The 2020-2024 City of Pawtucket Five-Year Consolidated Plan reflects the community input received from various individuals and organizations as well as City departments. It is hoped that the priorities chosen will have the effect of improving the lives of Pawtucket's low and moderate income residents.

The following activities listed in the Draft Annual Action Plan have been proposed to receive Annual Action Plan program funds during the 2022-2023 program year.

During Program Year 2022-2023, the City of Pawtucket will make modest progress in implementing its Housing and Community Development goals and priorities as set forth in its Consolidated Plan 2020-2024 and 2022 Annual Action Plan. Many of these activities stand out as having the potential for

positively impacting the quality of life for the City's low and moderate income residents. All of these activities have come to fruition as the result of an active public process, community input, careful planning and a significant commitment of financial resources while providing tremendous opportunities for low and moderate income individuals and families, both young and old, throughout the City of Pawtucket. The Three entitlement programs are described as;

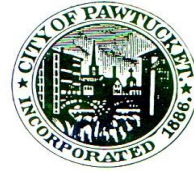
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): The CDBG Program is used to assist Pawtucket residents in a number of ways including: providing low cost loans to fix-up single and multi-family homes, installing new streets and sidewalks, making loans to local businesses, funding for neighborhood and senior centers, assisting families with child care, and many other activities directed at improving the lives of Pawtucket residents.

HOME Housing Investment Partnership (HOME): The HOME Program is used to assist Pawtucket residents with their housing needs. Programs funded with HOME dollars include: the non-profit development of affordable housing and affordable rental housing units, a first-time homebuyers' program, and rental assistance to tenants.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): The ESG Program assists emergency shelters and homeless prevention activities, emphasizes rapid re-housing, and assists people quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis.

See funding allocations charts on the following pages;

City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island



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**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
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BASED ON ANTICIPATED 2022 - 2023 FEDERAL FUNDING

City of Pawtucket, RI 2022-2023 Housing and Community Development Action Plan
for Program Year 48 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

I. Community Development Block Grant Program

Anticipated 2022-2023 Federal CDBG Allocation Amount	\$1,754,625
Anticipated Program Income for Upcoming 2022-2023 Year*	\$120,000
TOTAL CDBG ALLOCATION	\$1,874,625

II. HOME Housing Investment Partnership Program

Anticipated 2022-2023 Federal HOME Allocation Amount	\$615,933
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III. Emergency Solutions Grant Program

Anticipated 2022-2023 Federal ESG Allocation	\$158,117
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TOTAL EST. FED. FUNDING BUDGET FOR 2022-2023	\$2,648,675
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I. 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant Summary

Anticipated 2022-2023 Federal CDBG Allocation	\$1,754,625
Anticipated CDBG Program Income for 2022-2023*	\$120,000
Anticipated 2022-2023 CDBG Total Budget	\$1,874,625

*This figure is a projection based upon anticipated loan repayments in the upcoming 2022-2023 program year (see accompanying detail).

2022-2023 CDBG BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY PROGRAM AREA

Anticipated 2022-2023 CDBG BUDGET

	\$1,874,625
1. Public Service Allocation	\$368,925
2. Comm. Dev. Activities Allocation	\$1,130,775
3. Administrative and Planning Allocation (20%)	\$374,925

2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant Detail Notes

Anticipated CDBG Program Income for 2022-2023 Program Year	
Pawt. Redev. Agency Residential Rehab Loan Payments	\$45,000
Pawt. Bus. Dev. Loan Corp. Business Loan Payments	\$75,000
TOTAL PROGRAM INCOME ANTICIPATED	\$120,000

2022-2023 Proposed CDBG Budget Allocations

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

DESCRIPTION

I. Senior Services

Pawt. Senior Services/Senior Transportation

BUDGET

\$170,000

Operation and Programming of the Leon Mathieu Senior Center

New Horizons Adult Day Care

\$30,000

Adult Day Care for Low/Moderate Income Pawtucket Seniors

II. Counseling Services

Day One (Sexual Assault & Trauma Resource Ctr. Of RI)

\$7,000

Services to Victims/Families of Sexual Assault

Family Service of Rhode Island

\$5,000

Police Go Team to Assist Victims of Violence

III. Summer Youth Programs

Camp Ramsbottom (Boys & Girls Club)

\$4,800

Provide Summer Camperships at Camp Ramsbottom.

Summer Teen Program (Boys & Girls Club)

\$7,500

Teen Summer Program.

The Empowerment Factory

\$5,000

Plan to Assist Elementary School Students Over the Summer

IV. Youth Initiatives

Puerto Rican Institute for Arts and Advocacy

\$5,000

Caribbean Island Arts Afterschool Program

Pawtucket School Department

\$10,000

Robotics Program at Shea and Slater to focus on STEM

Pawtucket Public Library

\$5,000

Library Gif-O-Graph Autism Program

V. Assistance To The Disabled/Homeless

Project Weber/RENEW

\$10,000

Assistance to homeless persons and those threatened with homelessness

The Pawtucket Housing Authority

\$5,625

Wellness Resource Center to Assist Previously Homeless Clients

VI. Assistance To The Hungry

Pawtucket Soup Kitchen

\$25,000

Operation of the Pawtucket Soup Kitchen

Blackstone Valley Emergency Food Center

\$15,000

Operations of a Food Pantry

VII. Neighborhood Initiatives

SER Jobs for Progress, Inc.

\$23,000

Plan to assist 5 businesses with office space and business plans

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, Inc.

\$6,000

Fair Housing Advocate

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, Inc.

\$35,000

Woodlawn Community Center Programing

TOTAL CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES

\$368,925

2022-2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**DESCRIPTION****I. Facility Improvement Projects:**

Pawtucket Housing Authority	\$50,000
Leon Mathieu Senior Center Improvements	\$55,775
Curvin-McCabe Elementary School	\$50,000

Playground Improvements at Galego Court
 Facility Improvements
 Additional funds to complete New Playground

II. DPR Sponsored Improvement Projects:

Blackstone Valley Bikeway- Pawtucket Portion	\$225,000
Town Landing Tidewater Park	\$100,000
Barton Street/Pine Street Streetscape Improvements	\$150,000
Recreation Improvements in CDBG Eligible Census Tracts	\$100,000
Passive Park at Park Place	\$5,000
Pocket Parks - Woodlawn CT 151, 161, and 164	\$100,000
Citywide Street Tree Planting	\$30,000

Pawtucket Portion of the Blackstone Valley Bikeway
 New City Park Town Landing
 Street Trees, Sidewalk and Pedestrian Safety Improvements
 Recreation Improvements in Eligible Neighborhoods
 Passive Park
 New Pocket Parks
 Street Trees in CDBG Eligible Neighborhoods

III. Economic Development:

Pawtucket's Business Development Corp. Business Loans	\$100,000
Progreso Latino	\$5,000
Downtown Small Business Rental Subsidy Program	\$50,000

Program Income Repayments to be Recycled for Lending Activity
 Minority Small Business Outreach Program
 Small Business Rental Subsidy Program in the Downtown

IV. Pawtucket Redevelopment Agency Renewal:

Pawt. Redevelopment Agency Property Mgmt.	\$5,000
Pawt. Redevelopment Agency Spot Acquisition	\$55,000
Pawt. Redevelopment Agency Spot Demolition	\$50,000

Property Disposition of PRA-Owned Properties.
 Acquisition of Blighted Properties
 Demolition for Removing Blighted Properties

TOTAL CDBG ACTIVITIES **\$1,130,775**

2022-2023 CDBG ADMINISTRATION/PLANNING

I. Dept. of Planning and Redevelopment Administration	\$300,000
II. Pawtucket Redevelopment Agency Administration	\$50,000
III. Pawtucket Business Development Corporation	\$24,925

DESCRIPTION
 Administration Costs for CDBG Grant Management.
 Administration Costs for Agency Programs.

TOTAL CDBG ADMINISTRATION **\$374,925**

TOTAL ALL CDBG CATEGORIES **\$1,874,625**

2022-2023 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
I. Emergency Shelter Operations	\$34,389	Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center - Emergency Shelter Operations.
II. PHA Emergency Shelter Operations	\$60,481	Operating Funds Emergency Homeless Shelter
III. Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing	\$51,389	Rapid Rehousing Homeless Prevention
IV. Dept. of Planning Admin. Set-Aside (7.5%)	\$11,858	Administration costs for ESG Grant management.
TOTAL ESG	\$158,117	

2022-2023 HOME HOUSING PROGRAM

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
I. HOME Administration Set-Aside (10% cap)		
City Administrative Reimbursement	\$61,593	Administration costs for HOME Grant management.
II. Administration for Housing Non-Profits (5% cap)		
Pawtucket Citizens Dev. Corp. Administration	\$20,000	Administrative funds to carry-out HOME projects.
III. Available for Projects		
Pawtucket Central Falls Development - 390 Pine Street-Phase II	\$154,340	Two Rental Units 1(BR) each -30 Year Deed Restricted Affordable
Pawtucket Central Falls Development - 305 Owen Avenue	\$225,000	Single Family Dwelling Substantial Rehabilitation to be sold to a FTHB
Pawtucket Central Falls Development - 390 Pine Street-Phase I	\$155,000	Three Rental Units 1(BR) Deed Restricted Affordable 30 Years
TOTAL HOME HOUSING GRANT	\$615,933	