Town of Hilton Head Island Program Year 2024

Annual Action Plan

For the

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Program



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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The program year 2024 Annual Action Plan represents the fifth year of the Town of Hilton Head Island Consolidated Plan for the program years 2020 – 2024 (Con Plan) as amended and approved by Town Council and accepted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Annual Action Plan is the Town of Hilton Head Island application for the HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program and identifies the proposed project or projects to be funded during the 2024 program year.

The purpose of the Town of Hilton Head Island Annual Action Plan is to preserve and revitalize primarily low and moderate income (LMI) neighborhoods, support LMI activities which enhance the quality of life for Hilton Head Island residents, and address priority community development or redevelopment needs within applicable local, state and federal statutes and regulations. According to CDBG program guidelines, an activity using LMI area benefit must meet the minimum threshold of 51% LMI qualified residents. However, according to the HUD issued program year 2023 exception grantee list, the Town of Hilton Head Island has been designated an exception grantee. This designation resulted in an LMI area percentage of 49.56% and is applied to Census tracts and blocks to determine activity eligibility on an area basis.

This Annual Action Plan outlines the priorities by which the Town of Hilton Head Island CDBG program funds will be invested over the program year 2024 to achieve specific HUD objectives. It is important to note the 2020 – 2025 Con Plan identified public facilities and improvements, public services, housing activities, and economic development benefiting LMI persons as high priorities.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The Town goal for the program year 2024 period is to focus on neighborhood revitalization efforts by providing the CDBG allocation to one on-going CDBG funded neighborhood park project. This is the Patterson Park project which was funded in 2021. The project is located on Town-owned property and a parcel that will be acquired by the Town with 2021 CDBG funds. The Patterson Park project is located on Marshland Road in census tract 110. This census tract meets the 49.56% or higher LMI requirement. This Annual Action Plan provides a guide for the Town of Hilton Head Island allocation of CDBG program funding for the program year 2024 planning period. The goals focus on priority needs and targets available resources designed to meet those need. The needs include public improvements and facilities for LMI persons. The

primary emphasis of the goals is the continuance of maintaining and improving quality of life of LMI residents. The project selected for CDBG funding in the Action Plan will be managed efficiently and in compliance with program requirements.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The Town of Hilton Head Island has participated in the HUD CDBG Entitlement Program since 2015 and continues to monitor and evaluate the performance of the program while ensuring regulatory compliance. The Town recognizes the evaluation of past performance is critical to ensuring CDBG funded activities are implemented in an effective manner and align with established strategies and goals.

During the nine years of program participation the Town met required program deadlines. Notifications of acceptable levels of program accomplishment were received from the HUD Columbia, South Carolina field office during the first seven years of program participation. In May 2023 the Town received a second-year noncompliance with timely expenditure requirement notice. An untimely expenditure notice is given when a grantee has more than 1.5 times its most recent entitlement grant. In June 2023 the Town had 3.96 times its most recent entitlement grant and submitted the required timeliness workout plan to HUD. The Town continues to submit monthly workout plan progress reports to HUD and intends to be in timeliness compliance by the next 60-day compliance test in May 2024. In April 2021 a remote monitoring session was conducted by the Columbia, South Carolina HUD field office. No findings were reported during this monitoring; however, two concerns were cited. The first concern identified the need for a local written policies and procedures manual for administration of the CDBG award. Town staff completed this manual and submitted it to HUD in June 2022. The second concern identified the need for an oversight process for subrecipients of 2020 CDBG and CDBG-CV funds. Town staff immediately conducted seven monitoring reviews of randomly selected subrecipients of 2020 CDBG and CDBG-CV funds. All subrecipient monitoring reviews resulted in no findings or concerns. In 2019 a 'No Findings or Concerns" report was issued by the Regional Environmental Officer during an onsite Environmental Review Procedures monitoring visit.

The Town intends to continue to report its progress in meeting the five-year goals in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER will be submitted in compliance with program deadlines.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The Town of Hilton Head Island conducted a public meeting on January 10, 2024, to solicit input from citizens on community development needs. A public meeting notice was published in the local newspaper, The Island Packet, seven days preceding the public meeting. The meeting notice was also posted on the Town of Hilton Head Island website and distributed via email

blast to all email addresses listed on the Town E-subscription service list, which reached 3,465 subscribers. Included in the public meeting notice was a link to a community needs survey posted on the Open Town Hall portal seeking input from citizens on needs and funding priorities for the 2024 Annual Action Plan. The Open Town Hall portal survey was open from January 3 through January 27, 2024.

At the January 10, 2024, public meeting a presentation including an overview of the CDBG Entitlement Program, purpose of the Action Plan, anticipated funding allocation amount, and staff recommended project was presented to the meeting attendees. Eight members of the public attended this meeting. No comments on the Annual Action Plan were given during the meeting. Discussion of CDBG program requirements occurred.

On January 11, 2024, Town staff taped an interview at the local WHHI television station to be broadcast in mid-January. During the interview staff described the CDBG program and how community members can submit comments recommending the types of projects to be funded by the CDBG program.

A draft of the 2024 Annual Action Plan was released to the public on February 14, 2024, for a 30-day public comment period, which will end on March 15, 2024.

The 2024 Annual Action Plan is scheduled as an item of discussion at the March 12, 2024, Town Council Finance and Administrative Committee meeting.

5. Summary of public comments

In preparation for the January 10, 2024, public meeting to solicit input for the program year 2024 Annual Action Plan Town staff developed a presentation describing the CDBG entitlement program, the purpose of the Annual Action Plan, the anticipated funding allocation amount for program year 2024 and staff recommended projects. Eight members of the public attended the January 10, 2024, public meeting and there was discussion on the CDBG program, anticipated funding allocation and types of projects eligible for CDBG funding. No comments on the Annual Action Plan were given during the meeting. Discussion of CDBG program requirements occurred.

There were three public comments received via the community needs survey posted on the Open Town Hall portal seeking input from citizens on needs and funding priorities for the 2024 Annual Action Plan. Commenters ranked housing activities and other real property improvements as tied for the highest priority followed by public improvements receiving the second highest ranking. Public facilities ranked third and public services ranked last. Project suggestions from commenters included: drainage maintenance and improvements across all major and minor arterial roads in Native Island neighborhoods, park investments in all Native Island neighborhoods, acquisition of land and development rights in Native Island

neighborhoods, annual investments to preserve and improve quality of life in the historic Native neighborhoods, affordable workforce housing, support of the CCDC, and enforcement of existing housing codes.

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

All comments were taken into consideration in preparing this Annual Action Plan.

7. Summary

The Town of Hilton Head Island Annual Action Plan outlines priorities by which the Town CDBG program funds will be invested over the program year 2024 to achieve specific HUD objectives. The Town may use CDBG funds to leverage other public investment to address Town priority need to provide public improvements for primarily LMI neighborhoods.



PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	Town of Hilton Head Island	
CDBG Administrator	Town of Hilton Head Island	Finance Department

Table 1 - Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Town of Hilton Head Island was incorporated as a municipality in 1983 and has a Council-Manager form of government. The Town of Hilton Head Island is comprised of Executive, Administration/Legal Division, Community Development, Finance, Fire Rescue, Human Resources, and Information Technology departments.

The Town of Hilton Head Island Finance Department will be the lead department for the preparation, submission, and administration of this Annual Action Plan and the Town CDBG program. Town staff has been an integral part of development of this Annual Action Plan by assessing the CBDG program, reviewing materials, regulations, and documentation of the Annual Action Plan process. The Town Manager, Finance Director and Treasurer will oversee the preparation and administration of the Annual Action Plan.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

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 Beaufort Housing Authority services all of Beaufort County, South Carolina, including the Town of Hilton Head Island. Within the jurisdiction of the Town of Hilton Head Island the Beaufort Housing Authority operates one public housing apartment facility containing 80 units which provide housing to 187 family members.

The Town of Hilton Head Island is a member of the Beaufort County Human Services Alliance, which is an informal group whose purpose is to promote and sustain activities that improve the quality of life for all Beaufort County residents. This group provides an organizational framework that contributes to our community capacity to address societal needs. Through the Beaufort County Human Services Alliance resources are pooled and community needs are addressed in the areas of economy, education, poverty, and health and environmental issues.

In 2022 the Town of Hilton Head Island approved a resolution establishing the Beaufort-Jasper Housing Trust Fund. This regional organization was created to address the need for affordable housing in Beaufort and Jasper Counties. The Housing Trust Fund goal is to create new housing units or rehabilitate existing housing units for households at or below 100 percent of Area Median Income with a strong focus on households at or below 60 percent of Area Median Income.

In November 2022 the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island adopted a Workforce Housing Framework, which commits the Town to work with the community to plan, manage, and fund home initiatives. The resolution approving the Framework authorizes the Town manager to take necessary steps to develop, implement and carry out strategies identified in the Workforce Housing Framework. The resolution also directs the Town manager to make an annual allocation of \$1 million for workforce housing beginning in the current fiscal year.

In May 2023, the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island authorized the creation of the Housing Action Committee, which will advise and recommend to the Town various housing strategies for consideration, adoption, and implementation.

In September 2023 the Town of Hilton Head Island entered into formal development negotiations with OneStreet Residential to establish a workforce housing community on an 11-acre tract of Town-owned property on the north end of the island. It is anticipated when completed this community will feature 150-170 residences including a combination of one-,

two-, and three-bedroom apartments with 50% serving households between 60 and 80 percent of the Area Median Income.

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 Lowcountry Continuum of Care, based in Charleston, South Carolina is the Continuum of Care working to address the needs of the homeless in a seven-county region of the South Carolina lowcountry. Annual point in time counts are conducted in the area; however, due to no homeless shelters operating in the Town of Hilton Head Island, there is no homeless data specific to the Town of Hilton Head Island.

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.

The Town of Hilton Head Island program year 2024 Annual Action Plan intends to use HUD resources to fund only CDBG program projects and will not fund Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program projects; therefore, no consultation related to the allocation of ESG funds was conducted.

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

	Agency/Group/Organization	Beaufort Housing Authority
1	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Beaufort Housing Authority was consulted on housing needs via email correspondence.
	Agency/Group/Organization	Lowcountry Continuum of Care
2	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Lowcountry Continuum of Care was consulted on homeless needs via website research.
	Agency/Group/Organization	Beaufort County Human Services Alliance

	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
		Services - Housing
		Services-Children
3		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
		Other government - County
		Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
	consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children
	Briefly describe how the	The Beaufort County Human Services Alliance
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted.	was consulted on homeless needs via online
	What are the anticipated outcomes of the	data gathering.
	consultation or areas for improved	
	coordination?	
	A garant Current Overagination	
	Agency/Group/Organization	Lowcountry Council of Governments
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
4		Planning organization
'	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Public Housing Needs
	consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
		Homeless Needs - Families with children
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans
		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
		Economic Development
		Non-housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the	The Lowcountry Council of Governments was
1	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted.	consulted on housing, homeless and non-
		_
	What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved	housing community development needs via online data gathering.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

Efforts were made to consult as broadly as possible with community stakeholders. No particular agency types were excluded from participation. Those that did not participate did so of their own volition.

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	Lowcountry Continuum of Care	The Lowcountry Continuum of Care, based in Charleston, South Carolina is the Continuum of Care working to address the needs of the homeless in a seven-county region of the South Carolina lowcountry. Annual point in time counts are conducted in the area; however, due to no homeless shelters operating in the Town of Hilton Head Island, there is no homeless data specific to the Town of Hilton Head Island.
Town of Hilton Head Island Comprehensive Plan	Town of Hilton Head Island	Developed Consolidated Plan goals in conjunction with elements of the Town of Hilton Head Island Comprehensive Plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The Town of Hilton Head Island coordinates with public entities and other bodies of government to develop the Annual Action Plan. Town of Hilton Head Island Finance department staff works closely with the Town Community Development staff to collaborate on improvement projects. These efforts include but are not limited to plans for infrastructure and other improvements in the community through CDBG funded activities.

When necessary, the Town of Hilton Head Island will establish collaborative efforts and partnerships with state and local government entities such as Beaufort County, the Lowcountry Council of Governments, and various State of South Carolina offices to ensure complete implementation of the Annual Action Plan.

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

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Citizen Participation Outreach



Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of Comments received	Summary of c omments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	The Open Town Hall Portal survey was announced via posting on the Town of Hilton Head Island website and via email blast to all email addresses listed on the Town E- subscription service list on Jan. 3, 2024. Comments were accepted until Jan. 27, 2024. There were 3 responses to the survey.	Commenters ranked housing activities and other real property improvements as tied for the highest priority followed by public improvements receiving the second highest ranking. Public facilities ranked third and public services ranked last. Project suggestions from commenters included: drainage maintenance and improvements across all major and minor arterial roads in Native Island neighborhoods, park investments in all Native Island neighborhoods, acquisition of land and development rights in Native Island neighborhoods, annual investments to preserve and improve quality of life in the historic Native neighborhoods, affordable workforce housing, support of the CCDC, and enforcement of existing housing codes.	All comments were accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of	Summary of	Summary of comments not	URL (If applicable)
			response/ attendance	Comments received	accepted and reasons	
2	Public	Non-	At the Jan. 10,	No comments on the	All comments	
_	Meeting	targeted/	2024, Annual	Annual Action Plan	were	
	Wiccing	broad	Action Plan	were given during	accepted.	
		community	public meeting	the meeting.	accepted.	
		Community	8 members of	Discussion of CDBG		
			the public	program		
			attended.	requirements		
			accerraca.	occurred.		
3	Other	Non-	On January 11,	No comments taken	No comments	
		targeted/	2024, Town	during interview.	taken during	
		broad	staff taped an		interview.	
		community	interview at			
			the local			
			WHHI			
			television			
			station to be			
			broadcast in			
			mid-January.			
			Staff			
			described the			
			CDBG program			
			and how			
			community			
			members can			
			submit			
			comments			
			recommend-			
			ing the types			
			of projects to			
			be funded by			
			the CDBG			
			program.			

Sort	Mode of	Target of	Summary	Summary	Summary of c	URL (If
Order	Outreach	Outreach	of	of	omments not	applicable)
			response/	Comments	accepted	
			attendance	received	and reasons	
4	Internet	Non-	The draft 2024		All comments	
	Outreach	targeted/	Annual Action		will be	
		broad	Plan was		accepted.	
		community	posted on the			
			Town of Hilton			
			Head Island			
			website from			
			Feb. 14, 2024,			
			through Mar.			
			15, 2024. A			
			dedicated			
			public			
			comment link			
			was posted on			
			the front page			
			of the website			
			where the			
			public could			
			directly			
			submit			
			comments. A			
			notification of			
			the Annual			
			Action Plan			
			30-day public			
			comment			
			period was			
			sent via email			
			blast to all email			
			addresses			
			listed on the			
			Town E-			
			subscription			
			service list.			

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The following table outlines the expected estimated resources from the HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program the Town of Hilton Head Island expects to have available during the 2024 program year covered by this Annual Action Plan. The annual allocation column reflects an estimated 2024 funding amount level with the 2023 funding allocation or \$185,250. The funding dollar amount will be updated when final 2024 allocations are announced by HUD. The prior year resources column reflects the remaining 2020 funds that will be moved to 2024 activities. The distribution of allocated funds will be in the following two use categories: program administration will be allocated \$2,500 and public improvements and facilities will be allocated all remaining funds.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source	Uses of Funds	Expe	cted Amour	nt Available Yo	ear 1	Expected	Narrative
	of Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Description
CDBG	Public - Federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$185,250	\$0.00	\$364	\$185,614	\$0.00	2024 is the final program year for the current five-year Consolidated Plan, therefore the allocation amount for the remaining years of the Consolidated Plan time frame is zero.

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.

It is anticipated the federal funding listed above will be received annually to support activities outlined in the Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan. While the CDBG program does not require leveraging, other Town of Hilton Head Island resources may be used in combination with these funds to complete the project listed in this Annual Action Plan. Leveraging is a way to increase project efficiencies which often come with combining sources of funding. Funds may be considered leveraged if financial commitments to the cost of a project from a source other than Community Development Block Grant funds are documented. Town staff may identify and explore additional leveraging opportunities such as other federal, state, and local resources.

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 Town of Hilton Head Island owns the Patterson Park property and adjacent property will be acquired with 2021 CDBG funds to complete this park project. The Patterson Park project is located on Marshland Road in census tract 110. This census tract meets the 49.56% or higher LMI requirement. This project is currently funded with a previous years CDBG allocation and is in the park project development process. The Patterson Park project was listed in the 2021 annual action plan.

One of the community needs identified during a previous needs assessment meeting was public improvements and facilities. It is anticipated a portion of the remaining funds in the 2020 CDBG allocation, which were not used for program administration, coupled with the 2024 CDBG allocation will provide leverage for project completion.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs	Funding	Goal Outcome
Order		Year	Year		Area	Addressed		Indicator
1	Facilities,	2024	2025	Non-Housing	Census	Public	\$185,614	Public Facility or
	Housing,			Community	Tract 110	Facilities &		Infrastructure
	Public			Development		Improvements		Activities other
	Services,			or Affordable				than
	Economic			Housing				Low/Moderate
	Development							Income Housing
	Year 5							Benefit: 1,733

Table 6 - Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 5
	Goal	Provide funding for public facilities & improvements, or housing activities or economic
	Description	development initiative, or public services in LMI neighborhoods or to LMI clientele.

Table 7 - Goal Description

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):

In November 2022 the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island adopted a Workforce Housing Framework, which commits the Town to work with the community to plan, manage, and fund home initiatives. The resolution approving the Framework authorizes the Town manager to take necessary steps to develop, implement and carry out strategies identified in the Workforce Housing Framework. The resolution also directs the Town manager to make an annual allocation of \$1 million for workforce housing beginning in the current fiscal year.

In May 2023, the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island authorized the creation of the Housing Action Committee, which will advise and recommend to the Town various housing strategies for consideration, adoption, and implementation. In September 2023 the Town of Hilton Head Island entered into formal development negotiations with OneStreet Residential to establish a workforce housing community on an 11-acre tract of Town-owned property on the north end of the island. It is anticipated that when completed this community will feature 150 – 170 residences including a combination of one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments with 50% serving households between 60 and 80 percent of the Area Median Income.

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Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Town of Hilton Head Island activities funded by the 2024 CDBG program are designed to benefit LMI persons. The following table outlines the projects to be carried out by the Town of Hilton Head Island during the 2024 program year covered by this Action Plan.

Projects

#	Project Name	
1	Patterson Park	
2	Program Administration	

Table 8 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs.

The primary objective of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds received by the Town of Hilton Head Island is to preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, enhance quality of life for residents and address priority community public services, community development, economic development, and redevelopment needs within applicable local, state, and federal statutes and regulations. For the 2024 program year, CDBG funds were allocated based on project readiness in a census tract with low- and moderate-income households comprising 49.56% or more of the population.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

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1	Project Name	Patterson Park			
	Target Area	Census Tract 110			
	Goals Supported	Facilities, Housing, Public Svcs., Econ Dev. Yr. 5			
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities & Improvements			
	Funding	CDBG: \$183,114			
	Description	Provide funding for public facilities & improvements, or			
		housing activities or economic development initiative, or			
		public services in LMI neighborhoods or to LMI clientele.			
	Target Date	06/30/2025			
	Estimate the number and	It is estimated approximately 1,733 persons living in			
	type of families that will	Census tract 110 will benefit from the proposed activity.			
	benefit from the proposed				
	activities				
	Location Description	Town-owned property at 23 Marshland Road, Hilton Head Island, SC (former Patterson property) and adjacent			
		acquired property.			
	Planned Activities	Neighborhood Park			
2	Project Name	Program Administration			
	Target Area	Town-Wide			
	Goals Supported	Facilities, Housing, Public Svcs., Econ Dev. Yr. 5			
	Needs Addressed	Administrative and Planning			
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,500			
	Description	Program Administration			
	Target Date	06/30/2025			
	Estimate the number and	All town residents and families will benefit from the			
	type of families that will	proposed activity.			
	benefit from the proposed				
	activities				
	Location Description	Town of Hilton Head Island Town Hall.			
	Planned Activities	Drafting and submitting the Annual Action Plan, CAPER,			
		related reports, and program administration.			

Table 9 – Project Summary Information

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 geographic area within the Town of Hilton Head Island where assistance will be directed is Census tract 110. Community development activities may include infrastructure improvements, new or improved public facilities, acquisition, housing activities, economic development, or public services in LMI neighborhoods.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds			
Census Tract 105	0			
Census Tract 108	0			
Census Tract 110	98			
Census Tract 111	0			
Census Tract 113	0			
Town-Wide	2			

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be used to address the needs of lowand moderate-income areas. These areas are determined using Census tracts which have a lowand moderate-income population of 49.56% or higher. CDBG funds will be designated for use on a project located in a low- and moderate-income Census tract 110 within the boundaries of the Town of Hilton Head Island.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Housing Choice Voucher Program, commonly known as Section 8 housing, is subsidized by the Federal government and provides Federal assistance to families and individuals in the private rental market. The Beaufort Housing Authority program is tenant-based therefore eligible families receive assistance based on income for housing units meeting general program requirements. There are currently eight (8) units within the Town of Hilton Head Island participating in the voucher program which are scattered throughout the Town. Tenants identify and choose their own units and the landlord agrees to participate in the housing choice voucher program.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported			
Homeless	0		
Non-Homeless	8		
Special-Needs	0		
Total	8		

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through			
Rental Assistance	8		
The Production of New Units	0		
Rehab of Existing Units	0		
Acquisition of Existing Units	0		
Total	8		

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

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

The Town of Hilton Head Island does not own or operate any public housing developments or units. The Beaufort Housing Authority is the agency providing public housing and Section 8 vouchers to approximately 2,408 residents in Beaufort County, South Carolina and there are 293 public housing units located throughout the county. In the Town of Hilton Head Island, the Beaufort Housing Authority operates 80 public housing units at the Sandalwood Terrace Apartments.

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

The Beaufort Housing Authority provides resident councils at every public housing development they operate. There is also a Resident Advisory Board that is comprised of resident leaders from each development and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) representatives. The Housing Authority works with resident services at each of the public housing developments and through this collaboration promotes programs and activities for residents. Some of the programs offered include: the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, which is a five-year homeownership education program, Sandalwood Terrace Resident Council, free budgeting classes, community garden clubs, and college scholarships for graduating high school student through the Housing Authority's professional associations.

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

Not applicable.

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

Introduction

The Lowcountry Continuum of Care, based in Charleston, South Carolina, is the continuum of care working to address the needs of homeless in a seven-county region of the South Carolina lowcountry. Annual point in time counts are conducted in the Beaufort County area; however, due to no homeless shelters operating in the Town of Hilton Head Island, there is no homeless data for the Town. Anecdotal evidence indicates there is a homeless population within the jurisdiction, however, no definite statistics are available on the total homeless population in the Town of Hilton Head Island.

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 results from the 2023 point in time count conducted by the Lowcountry Continuum of Care in January 2023 indicated a total of 404 persons experiencing homelessness in the continuum's seven county service area, which includes Beaufort County. The 2023 results do not show a break-out of individual municipalities or counties. Of the 404 persons 92 were living in emergency shelters, 215 were unsheltered, and 97 were living in transitional housing. The results also indicate 37 persons were chronically experiencing homelessness, 84 were veterans, and 13 were unaccompanied youth. It is important to note, since the Town does not have any homeless shelters, the figures reflected in the point in time count data pertain to homeless persons counted in the Lowcountry Continuum of Care seven county service area and are not specific to the Town.

The most current South Carolina Interagency Council on Homelessness (SCICH) State of Homelessness Report available is from January 2022. The SCICH released the state-wide report that focused on Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data. The South Carolina 2022 State of Homelessness Report indicated while the statewide count for 2022 shows a 15% reduction in persons counted on a single night (point in time count), when compared to 2020, the annual data shows an increase in individuals receiving homeless services in fiscal year 2021. Overall, males remained the dominate gender receiving homeless services across the state. More than 50% of those receiving services reported as Black or African American. Of the 13,399 persons receiving homelessness services three percent reported Hispanic/Latino ethnicity. Adults ages 55 to 64 made up 19% of those served, ages 45 to 54 made up 17% of those served, and ages 35 to 44 made up 17% of those served. The average age of adults

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receiving services was 45 and the average age of children receiving services was eight.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Currently there are no emergency and transitional housing shelters operating in the Town of Hilton Head Island. At this time there is no future plan to own or operate emergency shelters or transitional housing in the Town of Hilton Head Island.

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

There are no homeless shelters located within the jurisdiction of the Town of Hilton Head Island and no homeless population count data available from the Lowcountry Continuum of Care, the regional continuum of care servicing the Town. There is a non-profit organization, Family Promise of Beaufort, located in neighboring Bluffton, South Carolina, which provides a 90-day program of temporary shelter for families. This program includes case management and other services to assist families in sustaining independence. The program capacity is four families, or 14 individuals.

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 Town of Hilton Head Island anticipates continued collaboration with the Beaufort County Human Services Alliance, which is an informal group whose purpose is to promote and sustain activities that improve the quality of life for all Beaufort County residents. This group provides an organizational framework that contributes to our community capacity to address societal needs. Through the Beaufort County Human Services Alliance resources are pooled and community needs are addressed in the areas of economy, education, poverty, and health and environmental issues.

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

Introduction:

A variety of barriers exist which make increasing affordable housing stock in the Town of Hilton Head Island difficult. The following list highlights some affordable housing issues; however, this list should not be considered exhaustive. Many other circumstances may occur which prevent the market from providing affordable housing.

- Land costs are a limiting factor in the construction of affordable housing units.
- Land supply is a finite resource as the Town approaches build-out.
- Construction costs which continue to increase are a factor in development of affordable housing.
- Much of the housing located in the Town of Hilton Head Island and land available for housing is subject to floodplain insurance requirements in addition to other insurance requirements, such as wind and hail.
- Marketability and potential profit is a factor for developers because of the challenges faced with construction in a coastal area.
- The "NIMBY" syndrome, "Not in My Backyard", is a common sentiment toward affordable housing within the Town of Hilton Head Island.

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.

In 2017 the Town Council Public Planning Committee began studying various aspects of affordable housing on Hilton Head Island. During 2017 the committee met with local developers, business owners, employers, and service organizations for discussions on providing affordable housing to the local workforce. In 2018 strategies were developed to further address fostering affordable housing within the Town of Hilton Head Island. In 2019 the Town's housing consultant presented a workforce housing strategic plan. Town staff prepared an approach to implement the recommendations included in the strategic plan and the Town Council Public Planning Committee made a recommendation to Town Council to adopt the strategic plan. In 2020 Town staff developed workforce housing amendments for the Town of Hilton Head Island Land Management Ordinance (LMO). The amendments created a policy which uses incentives to promote conversion of commercial space into workforce housing units. These amendments moved through the approval process and the commercial conversion LMO amendment was adopted by Town Council in November 2020. In February 2021, a second set of LMO amendments related to work force housing were adopted by Town Council allowing

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bonus density for work force housing units under certain conditions.

In 2022 the Town of Hilton Head Island approved a resolution establishing the Beaufort-Jasper Housing Trust Fund. This regional organization was created to address the need for affordable housing in Beaufort and Jasper Counties. The Housing Trust Fund goal is to create new housing units or rehabilitate existing housing units for households at or below 100 percent of Area Median Income with a strong focus on households at or below 60 percent of Area Median Income.

In November 2022 the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island adopted a Workforce Housing Framework, which commits the Town to work with the community to plan, manage, and fund home initiatives. The resolution approving the Framework authorizes the Town manager to take necessary steps to develop, implement and carry out strategies identified in the Workforce Housing Framework. The resolution also directs the Town manager to make an annual allocation of \$1 million for workforce housing beginning in the current fiscal year. In May 2023, the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island authorized the creation of the Housing Action Committee, which will advise and recommend to the Town various housing strategies for consideration, adoption, and implementation.

In September 2023 the Town of Hilton Head Island entered into formal development negotiations with OneStreet Residential to establish a workforce housing community on an 11-acre tract of Town-owned property on the north end of the island. It is anticipated that when completed this community will feature 150 – 170 residences including a combination of one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments with 50% serving households between 60 and 80 percent of the Area Median Income.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The Town of Hilton Head Island anticipates taking the following actions throughout the program year 2024 to address the challenges listed below.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

As part of the 2024 program year, the Town of Hilton Head Island will determine where underserved populations are located through analysis of Census data and community input. To reduce the number of obstacles in meeting the needs of the underserved populations Town staff may assist with facilitating collaborations with area service organizations which spearhead community-wide solutions to local needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing.

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Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards.

Specific data for lead-based paint hazards in the Town of Hilton Head Island is unavailable. The number of units built before 1980 may be used to represent a baseline for the number of units which may pose a lead-based paint threat. At this time action to address lead-based paint hazards have not been identified.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families.

The Beaufort Housing Authority operates a Family Self Sufficiency Program which promotes independence for its residents. Participants in the program work toward setting and obtaining future life and career goals by accomplishing activities and objectives. The Beaufort Housing Authority also operates a homeownership program, which assists residents in their programs pay a mortgage rather than a rental payment.

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Actions planned to develop institutional structure.

The Town of Hilton Head Island has participated in the HUD CDBG Entitlement Program since 2015 and continues to monitor and evaluate the performance of the program while ensuring regulatory compliance. The Town recognizes the evaluation of past performance is critical to ensuring CDBG funded activities are implemented in an effective manner and align with established strategies and goals.

During the nine years of program participation the Town met required program deadlines. Notifications of acceptable levels of program accomplishment were received from the HUD Columbia, South Carolina field office during the first seven years of program participation. In May 2023 the Town received a second-year noncompliance with timely expenditure requirement notice. An untimely expenditure notice is given when a grantee has more than 1.5 times its most recent entitlement grant. In June 2023 the Town had 3.96 times its most recent

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entitlement grant and submitted the required timeliness workout plan to HUD. The Town continues to submit monthly workout plan progress reports to HUD and intends to be in timeliness compliance by the next 60-day compliance test in May 2024.

In April 2021 a remote monitoring session was conducted by the Columbia, South Carolina HUD field office. No findings were reported during this monitoring; however, two concerns were cited. The first concern identified the need for a local written policies and procedures manual for administration of the CDBG award. Town staff completed this manual and submitted it to HUD in June 2022. The second concern identified the need for an oversight process for subrecipients of 2020 CDBG and CDBG-CV funds. Town staff immediately conducted seven monitoring reviews of randomly selected subrecipients of 2020 CDBG and CDBG-CV funds. All subrecipient monitoring reviews resulted in no findings or concerns. In 2019 a 'No Findings or Concerns" report was issued by the Regional Environmental Officer during an onsite Environmental Review Procedures monitoring visit.

The Town intends to continue to report its progress in meeting the five-year goals in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER will be submitted in compliance with program deadlines.

Strategies for overcoming gaps in capacity issues in the service delivery system may require more findings or changes in public policy. The Town of Hilton Head Island will continue to coordinate efforts and partnerships with state and local government entities such as Beaufort County, the Lowcountry Council of Governments, and various State of South Carolina offices when necessary to carry out the priority needs listed in this Annual Action Plan.

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

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Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(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	0
the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be	0
used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives	
identified in the grantee's strategic plan	
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the	0
planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.	
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that	98
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.	

Attachments

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Notice is hereby given that on JANUARY 10, 2024, at 5:15 p.m., the Town of Hilton Head Island will hold a public meeting at the Town of Hilton Head Island Town Hall, Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers at 1 Town Center Court, to solicit input on needs and funding priorities related to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program year 2024 Annual Action Plan. On January 3, 2024, a CDBG Annual Action Plan questionnaire for program year 2024 will be available via the Town's Open Town Hall portal at https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/opentownhall/. As required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Town of Hilton Head Island is developing its Annual Action Plan for the period of 2024-2025. The Annual Action Plan outlines community development needs and provides a one-year action plan for how the Town of Hilton Head Island intends to use its federal funds to address those needs.

The Town of Hilton Head Island does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its federally assisted programs or activities. Assistance will be provided to accommodate the special needs of disabled persons and persons with limited English language proficiency. If auxiliary aids are required, please make arrangements 72 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Marcy Benson, Senior Grants Administrator, Town of Hilton Head Island, 1 Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29928 via e-mail at marcyb@hiltonheadislandsc.gov or phone at (843) 341-4689.

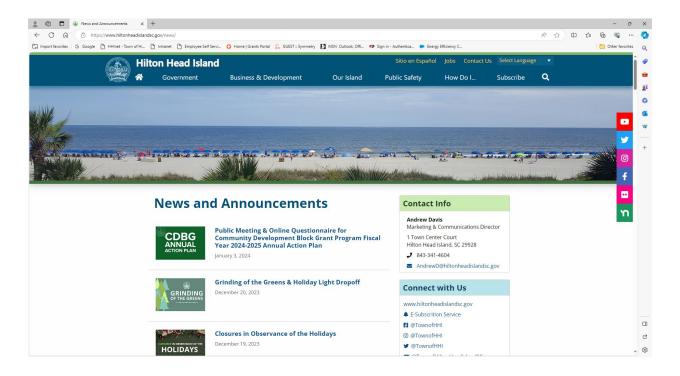
Program Year 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plan Open Town Hall Question

As a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Community the Town of Hilton Head Island receives an annual allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fund projects which benefit the community needs of low- and moderate-income residents. The 2024 -2025 funding allocation is estimated to be approximately \$200,000. The Town is accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.

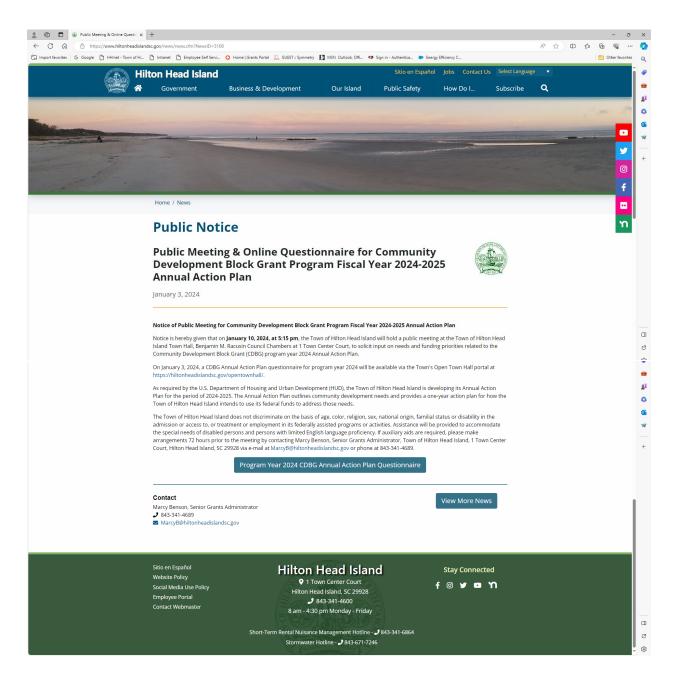
the CDBG program year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.							
1. Please rank the (1 as highest price)	_			_	ries fro	m 1 – 5	
Public Improvem drainage improve		streets	, sidewa	alks, wa	ter and	d sewer	infrastructure, parks, or
	elect Rank:	1	2	3	4	5	
<u>Public Facilities</u> s special needs.	uch as neigh	borhoo	d or co	mmunit	y facilit	ties or fa	acilities for persons with
Se	elect Rank:	1	2	3	4	5	
<u>Housing Activities</u> such as rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes for energy improvements, water and sewer efficiency improvements, or lead-based paint testing and abatement.							
Se	elect Rank:	1	2	3	4	5	
Other Real Property Improvements such as acquisition, clearance/demolition, code enforcement, historic preservation, renovation of closed buildings, or handicapped accessibility.							
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2. Please tell us a you selected	specific pro	ject you	ı would	like to	see in t	he thre	e highest ranking categories

3. Please tell us why you selected the ranking order of the above project ca	tegories
4. Tell us how you would allocate \$200,000 in any of the project categories	?
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Public Facilities \$	
Housing Activities \$	
Other Real Property Improvements \$	
Public Services \$	
5. Additional Comments	

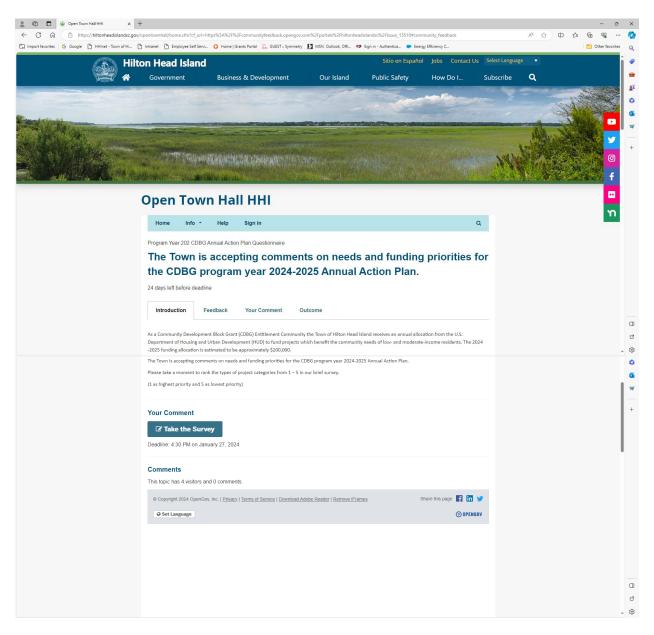
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Israel to defend itself against genocide claims at UN court

BY MELANIE LIDMAN, WAFAA SHURAFA AND SAMY MAGDY Associated Press

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL

Israel will defend itself before the United Nation's top court against charges that it has engaged in genocide of Palestinians in Gaza, officials said Tuesday, a rare engagement with the world body, which Israel often denounces as biased against

South Africa launched the case Friday at the International Court of Justice at The Hague, Netherlands, saying the magnitude of death, destruction and humanitarian crisis in Gaza from the Israeli military campaign against Hamas meets the threshold of genocide under international law. South Africa asked the court to order Israel to halt its attacks in Gaza.

Israel dismisses international cases against it as unfair and biased and rarely cooperates. Its decision to respond to the charge signals that the government is concerned about the potential damage to its reputation.

Eylon Levy, an official in the Israeli prime minister's office, on Tuesday accused South Africa of "giving political and legal cover" to the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas that triggered Israel's campaign.

"The state of Israel will appear before the Interna-

tional Court of Justice at the Hague to dispel South Africa's absurd blood libel," he said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to press ahead with the war until Hamas is crushed and the more than 100 hostages still held by the militant group in Gaza are freed, which he has said could take several more months.

But Israel is under growing international pressure to scale back the offensive ahead of a visit to the region by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who has urged Israel to do more to protect Palestinian civilians. On Monday, Israel said it was withdrawing thousands of troops from other areas in a potential shift away from the massive air and ground operations that have devastated the Hamas-ruled enclave.

Still, heavy fighting continued Tuesday in the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis.

Israel's onslaught in Gaza has been unprecedented in the century-old Mideast conflict, killing nearly 22,000 Palestinians and leveling large swaths of the tiny Mediterranean territory. Since the war began, Israel has banned entry of food, water, medicine and other supplies to its population of 2.3 million people, except for a trickle of aid that the U.N. says falls far below its needs.

Israel's War Cabinet was to meet later Tuesday Netanyahu's office said. The agenda reportedly includes a discussion on postwar arrangements for Gaza, a highly polarizing issue in Israel.

\$300,000 winning lottery game sold in Orangeburg County

BY NOAH FEIT nfeit@thestate.com

Lots of attention has been focused on the recent \$810 million Powerball drawing, but someone who played a different lottery game in South Carolina also captured a significant prize.

The person who bought a Palmetto Cash 5 lottery ticket before last Friday's drawing needs to check their numbers, because they won the game's \$300,000 grand prize, South Carolina Education Lottery officials said in a news release.

The six-figure winning Palmetto Cash 5 ticket was sold at the EZ Trip gas station/convenience store at 5290 Five Chop Road, according to the release. That's in the Santee area of Orangeburg County.

The winning numbers 2, 8 11, 15, 17, and Power-Up: 3 — were drawn on Dec. 29.

The Palmetto Cash 5 ticket matched all five numbers drawn to win the game's top prize, officials said. Because the ticket holder bought the power-up option for an additional \$1, the prize was tripled to \$300,000 when a three was drawn, according to the release.

The winner has 180

days to claim the prize, according to lottery offi-

The winner will be allowed to retain some privacy, as South Carolina is one of 11 states — along with Arizona, Delaware, Georgia, Kansas, Maryland, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Texas and Virginia — that allow lottery winners to remain anonymous.

"Sign the back of your ticket and put it in a safe location until you're ready to come forward to claim the prize," lottery officials said.

For complete information on claiming prizes, sceducationlottery.com.

The odds of winning \$300,000 playing Palmetto Cash 5 are 1,405,438-to-1, according to the release.

The EZ Trip will receive a commission of \$3,000 for selling the winning ticket when it is turned into lottery officials.

In addition to the \$300,000 winning game, more than 6,700 other players in South Carolina won prizes in Friday's drawing, according to the release.

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Aircraft carrier to rotate out of seas near Israel

BY TARA COPP Associated Press

WASHINGTON

After months of extra duty at sea providing protection for Israel, the USS Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier strike group will be heading home, the Navy announced Monday.

The Ford and its accompanying warships will be replaced by the amphibious assault ship the USS Bataan and its accompanying warships, the USS Mesa Verde and the USS Carter Hall. The three vessels had been in the Red Sea and have been transiting toward the Eastern Mediterranean over the last few days.

The Ford will sail for home "in the coming days," the U.S. 6th Fleet, the European-based U.S. naval command that's responsible for ships sailing in the Mediterranean, said in a statement.

The Ford was sent to the Eastern Mediterranean to be within striking distance of Israel since the day after Hamas' Oct. 7 attacks. The carrier staved in the Eastern Mediterranean while its accompanying warships had sailed into the Red Sea, where they repeatedly intercepted incoming ballistic missiles and attack drones fired from Houthi-controlled Yemen. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin visited the Ford last month.

Since it was extended in the Eastern Mediterranean, the Ford and the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower aircraft carrier have been part of a two-carrier presence bracketing the Israel-Hamas war, underscoring U.S. concerns that the conflict will widen. The Eisenhower has recently patrolled near the Gulf of Aden, at the mouth of the Red Sea waterway, where so many commercial vessels have come under

attack in recent weeks.

On Sunday, helicopters from the Eisenhower and its destroyer the USS Gravely responded to a distress call from the container ship Maersk Hangzhou, which was under attack by four Iranianbacked Houthi small boats. As the helicopters responded, the boats fired at them with crew-served weapons and small arms and the helicopters returned fire, sinking three of the four boats and killing their crews, the U.S. Central Command said.

The incessant attacks on the commercial ships have led some companies to suspend transits through the narrow Bab el-Mandeb Strait, which connects the Gulf of Aden to the southern Red Sea and then the Suez Canal.

The Bataan's accompanying warship the Mesa Verde is a transport dock ship, carrying approximately 2,000 Marines from the 26th Marine **Expeditionary Unit. Those** Marines provide "forces capable of supporting a wide range of missions," the U.S. 6th Fleet said. The Carter Hall is a dock landing ship, which carries amphibious landing craft

and their crews. Both vessels and the Bataan can support rotary aircraft; the Bataan can also carry and support Marine Corps' F-35 vertical takeoff fighter aircraft.

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Polling Places

NOTICE OF ELECTION
JASPER COUNTY POCOTALIGO TOWNSHIP COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL ELECTION STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

A Special Primary Election for Jasper County Pocotaligo Township County Council will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Any necessary runoffs will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. Any person wishing to vote in the primaries and runoffs must register no later than 5:00pm on January 19, 2024. Voter registration forms received by mail will be accepted if postmarked by

The early voting period for this special primary election begins on Monday, February 5, 2024, and ends on Friday, February 16, 2024. If a runoff is necessary the early voting period for the runoff election will begin on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, and ends on Friday, March 1, 2024. The following early voting center will be open during the early voting period from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed Saturdays; Sundays and Holidays) Jasper County Board of Elections Office

1506 Grays Highway, Unit A Ridgeland, SC 29936

Voters will be asked to show a current and valid Photo ID when voting in person. A valid Photo ID can include a S.C. driver's license, an ID Card issued by S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles, a SC voter registration card with photo, a federal military ID, or a US Passport. At 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, the Jasper County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will begin its examination

of the absence ballot return envelopes at the Jasper County Board of Elections & Voter Registration Office, located at 1506 Grays Highway, Unit A, Ridgeland, SC 29936 (843)726-7709. At 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2024, the Jasper County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in this election. This hearing will be held at the Late Senator Clementa Pinckney Government Building, located at 358 Third Avenue, 3rd Floor, County Council Chambers, Ridgeland, SC 29936.

The following precincts and polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on election day. Always check your polling place at www.scVOTES.gov before leaving to vote in any election.

COOSAWHATCHIE BAPTIST CHURCH

3853 Morgan Dollar Roa Coosawhatchie, SC 29912

GILLISONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, SOCIAL HALL 10158 Grays Highway Ridgeland, SC 29936

103 - GRAHAMVILLE I ANGLICAN CHURCH PARRISH

2718 Bees Creek Road, Hwv. 13 Ridgeland, SC 29936

104 - GRAHAMVILLE II MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CENTER FELLOWSHIP HALL 3776 Bees Creek Road, Hwy. 13

Ridgeland, SC 29936 105 – GRAYS

PINE LEVEL BAPTIST CHURCH SOCIAL HALL 2009 Pine Level Church Roa

Early Branch, SC 29916

106 - HARDEEVILLE I

ST. STEPHEN A.M.E. CHURCH SOCIAL HALL 710 Main Street, Hwy. 46 East Hardeeville, SC 2992

107 - HARDEEVILLE II

FISHER CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL 445 Church Road, Hwy. 46 West Hardeeville, SC 29927

108 - LEVY

LEVY/LIMEHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER
470 Mitchell Court
Hardeeville, SC 29927

109 – OKATIE I BEAUFORT JASPER SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ROOM

Ridgeland, SC 29936 110- PINELAND ROBERTVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

Pineland, SC 29934 111 - Ridgeland I KINGDOM TOUCH MINISTRIES GYMNASIUM

6714 Tillman Road Ridgeland, SC 29936

112 - Ridgeland II KINGDOM TOUCH MINISTRIES GYMNASIUM

6714 Tillman Road Ridgeland, SC 29936

113 - TILLMAN ST. MATTHEW BAPTIST CHURCH, SOCIAL HALL

1454 Tillman Road Ridgeland, SC 29936

114 - Ridgeland III KINGDOM TOUCH MINISTRIES GYMNASIUM

6714 Tillman Road Ridgeland, SC 29936

115 - SUN CITY SSHH LAKEHOUSE

1251 Sgt. William Jasper Blvd. Hardeeville, SC 29927 116 - HARDEEVILLE III

HILTON HEAD LAKES AMENITY CENTER 2000 Club Way

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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Date: Friday, January 5, 2024 1:38:55 PM

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Good afternoon Marcy,

We make monthly appearances on WHHI TV to discuss various topics and town projects. I have an opening at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, at the WHHI TV studios. The interview takes 5 to 6 minutes. We would love to have you appear on WHHI to talk about the:

- Community Development Block Grant Program
- How it benefits the community
- What the annual action plan is about and why community feedback is important
- How the community can contribute to this plan and other CDBG initiatives

Please let me know so I can confirm the interview.

Thank you



Carolyn Grant

COMMUNICATIONS

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TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PROGRAM YEAR 2024-2025

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM

January 10, 2024 - 5:15PM

AGENDA

- CDBG Entitlement Program Overview
- Purpose of Annual Action Plan
- 2024 Estimated Allocation Amount
- Proposed Use of 2024 CDBG Funds
- Next Steps in Annual Action Plan Process



Town of Hilton Head Island

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

2024 – 2025 Annual Action Plan

Public Meeting Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Marcy Benson
Senior Grants Administrator

Agenda

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- Purpose of Annual Action Plan
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Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program (CDBG)

- Federal grant program administered by HUD
- Provides annual grants on a formula basis
- Anticipated allocation is \$200,000
- Annual amount fluctuates each year
- Benefit low- and moderate-income persons
- Next Annual Action Plan is due in May



Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Definitions

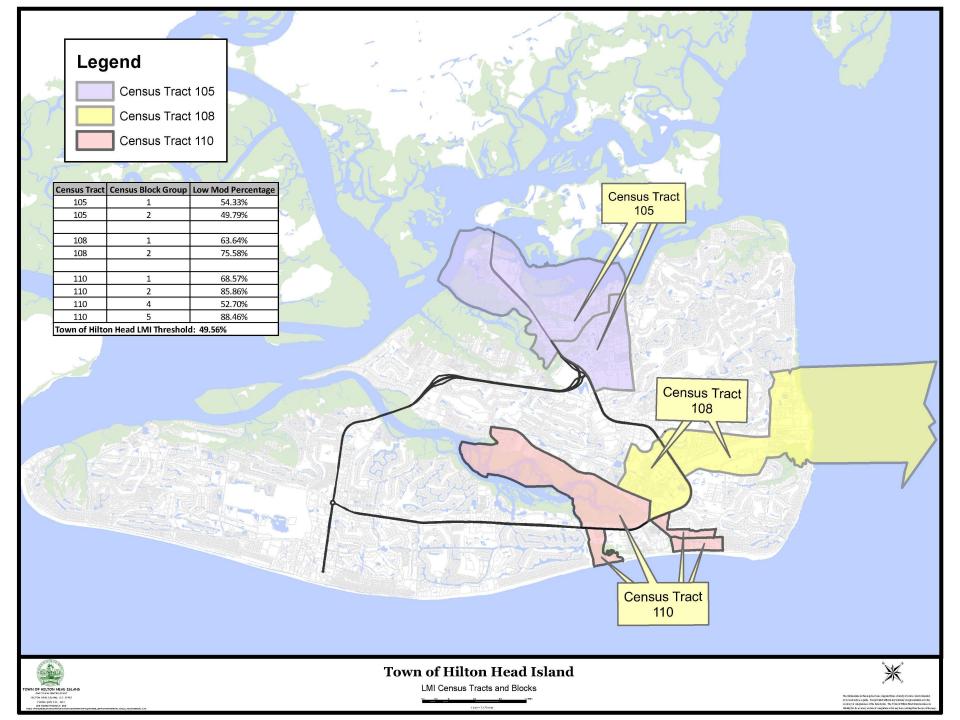
- Low- and moderate-income households = less than 80% of the area median income
- <u>Low Income</u> = equal to or less than 50% of the area median income
- <u>Moderate Income</u> = equal to or less than 80% of area median income

LMI Example FY2023 Income Limit Summary

FY 2023 Income	Median Family	Income Limit	Persons in Family							
Limit Area	Income	Category	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Beaufort County, SC HUD Metro FMR Area	\$111,300	50% Income Limit (Low)	\$32,150	\$36,750	\$41,350	\$45,900	\$49,600	\$53,250	\$56,950	\$60,600
		80% Income Limit (Moderate)	\$51,450	\$58,800	\$66,150	\$73,450	\$79,350	\$85,250	\$91,100	\$97,000

Source: HUD User Website, Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il2020/2020summary.odn





Annual Action Plan Purpose

- Provides summary to HUD
- 1 Year Plan with Goals & Objectives
- Allocates Funds for Program Year 2023
- Improve quality of life



2020 - 2024 Consolidated Plan Projects List

#	Program Year	Project Name	Project Description	Estimated Amount	Annual Goals Supported	Target Area	Priority Need Addressed	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	2020	COVID-19 Response and Recovery	Provide grant funding for the purchase of equipment, or supplies, or materials necessary to carry-out response and recovery due to COVID-19.	\$770,401	COVID-19 Response & Recovery	Town-Wide	Non- Housing Community Development – Public Services; and Administration & Planning	Public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit
2	2021	Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 2	Provide funding for public facilities & improvements, or housing activities or economic development initiative, or public services in LMI neighborhoods or to LMI dientele.	\$238,313	Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 2	Census Tract 105, 108, 110, 111, or 113	Non-Housing Community Development – Public Improvements; Public Services; Housing Activities; Economic Development; Administration & Planning	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit
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5	2024	Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 5	Provide funding for public facilities & improvements, or housing activities or economic development initiative, or public services in LMI neighborhoods or to LMI dientele.	\$238,313	Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 5	Census Tract 105, 108, 110, 111, or 113	Non-Housing Community Development – Public Improvements; Public Services; Housing Activities; Economic Development; Administration & Planning	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit



2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan Program Year 5 Project

#	Program	Project	Project	Estimated	Annual	Target	Priority Need	Goal Outcome
	Year	Name	Description	Amount	Goals	Area	Addressed	Indicator
					Supported			
5	2024	Facilities,	Provide funding	\$204,430	Facilities,	Census	Non- Housing	Public facility or
		Housing,	for public		Housing,	Tract	Community	infrastructure
		Public	facilities &		Public	105,	Development –	activities other than
		Services,	improvements,		Services,	108,	Public	low/moderate-
		Economic	or housing		Economic	110,	Improvements;	income housing
		Develop-	activities or		Develop-	111, or	Public Services;	benefit
		ment	economic		ment	113	Housing Activities;	
		Year 5	development		Year 5		Economic	
			initiative, or				Development;	
			public services				Administration &	
			in LMI				Planning	
			neighborhoods					
			or to LMI					
			clientele.					

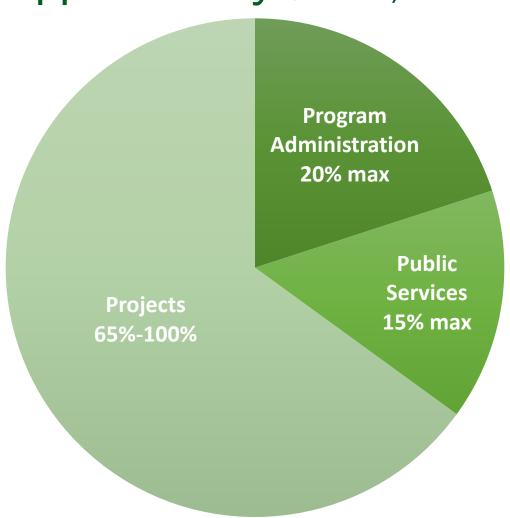


What We've Done 2015 - 2022

- Two dirt road paving projects
- Two playground installation projects
- One parking expansion project
- One pavilion construction project
- 17 public services organizations
- Two park construction projects



2024 Allocation Approximately \$200,000





Proposed Use of 2024 CDBG Funds

- Public Improvement Project
 - Funding to be allocated to the Patterson Park and Taylor Family Neighborhood Park projects that are currently underway.



We Want to Hear From You

- Public Improvements?
- Public Facilities?
- Housing Activities?
- Other Real Property Improvements?
- Public Services?



We Want to Hear From You Survey on Open Town Hall

https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/opentownhall/



Next Steps

- Annual Action Plan will be drafted
- 30-day public comment period
- Finance and Administrative Committee
- Town Council approval to submit Plan
- Submittal to HUD





Thank you!

Marcy Benson
Senior Grants Administrator
Marcyb@hiltonheadislandsc.gov

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Public Meeting Minutes Public Meeting to Solicit Input and Discuss Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program Annual Action Plan Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (Program Year 2024)

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 – 5:15pm Town of Hilton Head Island Town Hall Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers 1 Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island, SC

Present

Town Staff: Marcy Benson, Senior Grants Administrator

Jeff Herriman, Interim Finance Director

Public Attendees: See attached sign-in sheet.

Marcy Benson, Senior Town Grants Administrator, began the public meeting at 5:15pm in the Benjamin M. Racusin, Council Chambers of the Town of Hilton Head Island Town Hall. A PowerPoint presentation was given describing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program, the anticipated CDBG funding allocation amount available for program year 2024 and staff recommended project for the fiscal year 2024-2025 annual action plan.

There was public discussion on the CDBG program, anticipated funding allocation and types of projects eligible for CDBG funding.

The meeting concluded with Town staff stating the next steps for the program year 2024-2025 annual action plan will include a 30-day public comment period and recommended comments be submitted via the Open Town Hall Portal on the Town website by January 27, 2024. The public meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00pm.



January 29, 2024, 8:19 AM

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The Town is accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.

Introduction

As a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Community the Town of Hilton Head Island receives an annual allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fund projects which benefit the community needs of low- and moderate-income residents. The 2024 -2025 funding allocation is estimated to be approximately \$200,000.

The Town is accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.

Please take a moment to rank the types of project categories from 1 – 5 in our brief survey.

(1 as highest priority and 5 as lowest priority)

The Town is accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.

Summary Of Registered Comments

As of January 29, 2024, 8:19 AM, this forum had: To	「opic Start	Topic End
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Attendees: 33 January 3, 2024, 8:00 AM January 27, 2024, 4:30 PM

Registered Comments: 3
Minutes of Public Comment: 9

QUESTION 1

Name

Answered 3

Skipped 0

QUESTION 2

Public Improvements such as streets, sidewalks, water and sewer infrastructure, parks, or drainage improvements.

(1=highest priority, 5=lowest priority)

Public Improvements

	%	Count
1	33.3%	1
3	33.3%	1
4	33.3%	1

QUESTION 3

Public Facilities such as neighborhood or community facilities or facilities for persons with special needs. (1=highest priority, 5=lowest priority)

The Town is accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.

Public Facilities

	%	Count
2	33.3%	1
4	66.7%	2

QUESTION 4

Housing Activities such as rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes for energy improvements, water and sewer efficiency improvements, or lead-based paint testing and abatement.

Housing Activities

	%	Count
1	66.7%	2
2	33.3%	1

QUESTION 5

Other Real Property Improvements such as acquisition, clearance/demolition, code enforcement, historic preservation, renovation of closed buildings, or handicapped accessibility. (1=highest priority, 5=lowest priority)

Other Real Property Improvements

	%	Count
1	66.7%	2
2	33.3%	1

QUESTION 6

Public Services such as employment services, crime prevention and public safety, childcare, health services, fair housing counseling, education programs, or services for senior citizens.

The Town is accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.

(1=highest priority, 5=lowest priority)

Public Services

	%	Count
3	66.7%	2
5	33.3%	1

QUESTION 7

Please tell us a specific project you would like to see in the three highest ranking categories you selected.

Answered	3
Skipped	0

QUESTION 8

Please tell us why you selected the ranking order of the above project categories.

Answered	3
Skipped	0

QUESTION 9

Tell us how you would allocate \$200,000 in any of the project categories. You have 8 dots to 'allocate'. Each dot represents \$25,000.

	%	Count
Public Improvements	25.0%	6
Public Facilities	12.5%	3
Housing Activities	45.8%	11
Other Real Property Improvments	12.5%	3

The Town is accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.

		%	Count
Public Services		4.2%	1
QUESTION 10 Additional Comments?			
Answered	1		
Skipped	2		

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Survey Questions

QUESTION 1

Name

QUESTION 2

Public Improvements such as streets, sidewalks, water and sewer infrastructure, parks, or drainage improvements. (1=highest priority, 5=lowest priority)

Row choices

• Public Improvements

Column choices

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

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Row choices

Public Facilities

Column choices

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

QUESTION 4

Housing Activities such as rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes for energy improvements, water and sewer efficiency improvements, or lead-based paint testing and abatement.

Row choices

· Housing Activities

Column choices

• 1

- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

QUESTION 5

Other Real Property Improvements such as acquisition, clearance/demolition, code enforcement, historic preservation, renovation of closed buildings, or handicapped accessibility. (1=highest priority, 5=lowest priority)

Row choices

• Other Real Property Improvements

Column choices

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

QUESTION 6

Public Services such as employment services, crime prevention and public safety, childcare, health services, fair housing counseling, education programs, or services for senior citizens. (1=highest priority, 5=lowest priority)

Row choices

Public Services

Column choices

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

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- Public Improvements
- Public Facilities
- Housing Activities
- Other Real Property Improvments
- Public Services

QUESTION 10

Additional Comments?

The Town is accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.

Individual Registered Comments

Name not shown

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Question 1

Andre J White

Question 2

Public Improvements: 1

Question 3

Public Facilities: 2

Question 4

Housing Activities: 1

Question 5

Other Real Property Improvements: 1

Question 6

Public Services: 3

Question 7

- -Drainage clean-out, maintenance and improvements across ALL major/minor arterials in Native Island neighborhoods.
- -Investment in parks across ALL Native Island neighborhoods. For example, there is not a park in the Spanish Wells or Jonesville community.
- -Acquisition of land and development rights in Native Island neighborhoods to ward off gentrification and over development.

Question 8

I believe annual investments by the Town need to be made to preserve and improve the quality of life in the historic Native neighborhoods.

Question 9

- Public Improvements (5)
- Public Facilities (2)
- Other Real Property Improvments (1)

Question 10

No response

Sandra West

inside Town Limits January 12, 2024, 2:03 PM

Question 1

Sandra West

Question 2

Public Improvements: 4

Question 3

Public Facilities: 4

Question 4

Housing Activities: 1

Question 5

Other Real Property Improvements: 2

Question 6

Public Services: 3

Question 7

Affordable/Workforce Housing

Support of CCDC

Question 8

The number one threat to the quality of life on HHI is a lack of housing for workers.

Question 9

• Housing Activities (8)

Question 10

The Town is accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.

Please take this opportunity to place more money to assist in solving the housing crisis.

Question 10

No response

Name not shown

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Question 1

Jenifer Gajdalo loi

Question 2

Public Improvements: 3

Question 3

Public Facilities: 4

Question 4

Housing Activities: 2

Question 5

Other Real Property Improvements: 1

Question 6

Public Services: 5

Question 7

Enforcement of existing housing codes so that existing housing remains safe and therefore all neighborhoods are safe for residents or prospective residents who need or seek safe shelter primarily based on affordability.

Question 8

What I felt is the greatest need and would thus provide the greatest benefit.

Question 9

- Public Improvements (1)
- Public Facilities (1)
- Housing Activities (3)
- Other Real Property Improvments (2)
- Public Services (1)

Public Comment Summary For the Town of Hilton Head Island Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2024 Annual Action Plan

Public comments received from Open Town Hall Portal CDBG survey (January 3 - 27, 2024)

- Comment #1: Drainage clean-out, maintenance and improvements across ALL major/minor arterials in Native Island neighborhoods. Investment in parks across ALL Native Island neighborhoods. For example, there is not a park in the Spanish Wells or Jonesville community. Acquisition of land and development rights in Native Island neighborhoods to ward off gentrification and over development. I believe annual investments by the Town need to be made to preserve and improve the quality of life in the historic Native neighborhoods.
- Comment #2: Affordable/Workforce Housing. Support CCDC. The number one threat to the quality of life on HHI is a lack of housing for workers.
- Comment #3: Enforcement of existing housing codes so that existing housing remains safe and therefore all neighborhoods are safe for residents or prospective residents who need or seek safe shelter primarily based on affordability. What I felt is the greatest need and would thru provide the greatest benefit.

Public Comments Received at Public Meeting (January 10, 2024)

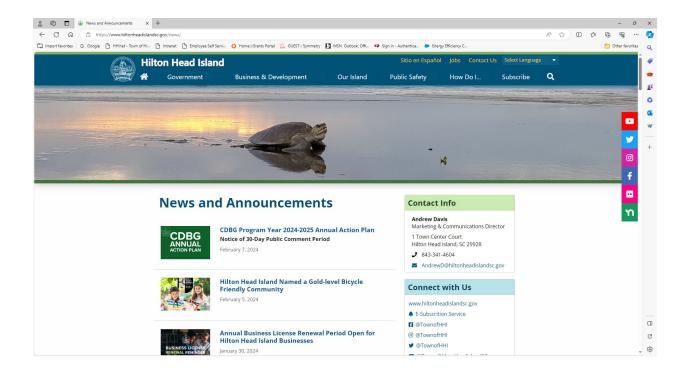
 There was a presentation including an overview of the CDBG Entitlement Program, purpose of the Action Plan, anticipated funding allocation amount, and staff recommended project was presented to the meeting attendees. Eight members of the public attended this meeting. No comments on the Annual Action Plan were given during the meeting. Discussion of CDBG program requirements occurred.

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM YEAR 2024-2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

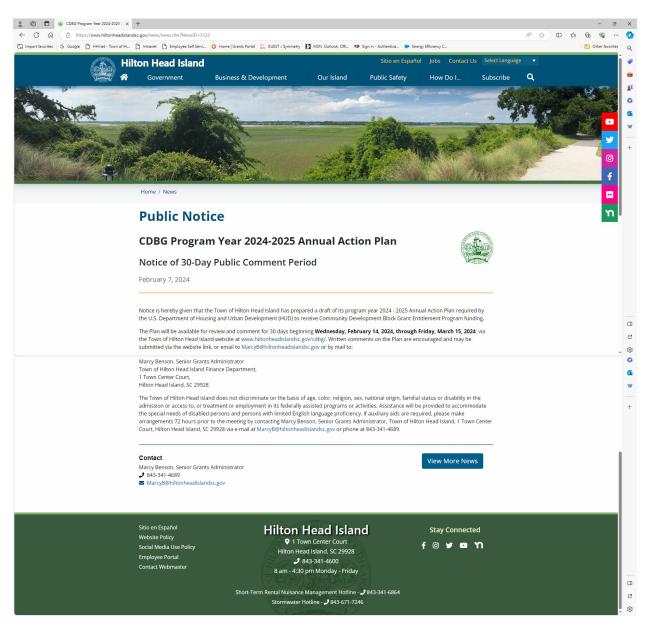
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Town of Hilton Head Island Website – News and Announcements - Main Page February 7, 2024 2024 – 2025 CDBG Annual Action Plan 30 Day Public Comment Period Notice



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No decision as SC Supreme Court hears clashing views on death penalty

BY JOHN MONK jmonk@thestate.com

COLUMBIA, SC

The State Supreme Court on Tuesday heard spirited arguments for and against the constitutionality of using the electric chair and the firing squad as methods to execute condemned killers on death row.

But at the end of nearly 90 minutes of arguments, the justices — as is usual in a complicated case made no ruling. Nor did they indicate when a ruling might be forthcoming.

The justices will have plenty to think about lawyers Grayson Lambert, arguing for the state, and John Blume, representing the defendants and a nationally-known death penalty lawyer who is a law professor at Cornell Law School, clashed on a host of topics. All five justices weighed in with questions.

Topics aired included the dreadful choices by a condemned inmate of how he wants to be killed, the pain caused or not by electricity shooting into a condemned person's skull, why no state uses hanging — once a common mode of execution — any more and whether the bullets fired by a firing squad into a person's chest constitute mutilation. Arguments also included legal phrases long important in death penalty cases, such as "evolving standards of decency," a concept used by anti-death penalty lawyers to support their views on why various methods of killing prisoners be considered outdated and unconstitutional.

Although lethal injection, legal in South Carolina, as a method of execution, was not directly before the court, Blume during the hearing freely conceded his side does not contend lethal injection is unconstitutional. However, challenges can be brought about the potency, purity and stability of the lethal drugs used in an execution, he told the justices.

"What we want to know is, are the drugs going to do the job, without a horrible event... it might just

render them brain dead," Blume said, adding that death row inmates need to be assured of high quality standards. Currently, verified information about that the quality of lethal drugs is kept from condemned South Carolina inmates, Blume said.

At one point, under-

scoring the gory nature of the legal problem before them, Associate Justice John Few said, "Even the lawful killing of a man by the state is a gruesome endeavor. It's going to be an awful procedure, and there are issues with the firing squad, electric chair even lethal injection. So let's enact a statuatory scheme that once this condemned man faces the eventual prospect of execution.... (he) gets to choose his preferred method."

The case before the justices Tuesday came from four current death row inmates and their lawyers who brought suit in Richland County court more than two years ago, arguing that the two executions available at that

time - electrocution and firing squad — were unconstitutional.

"This is a case we've had more than once," said Chief Justice Donald Beatty at the beginning to Tuesday's hearing. "We have it again today, and we'll probably have it again."

The inmates are Freddie Eugene Owens, Brad Keith Sigmon, Gary DeBose Terry and Richard Bernard Moore. All have been on death row for years and have pretty much exhausted their appeals. The last execution in South Carolina was in 2011.

In 2022, after an evidence hearing in their case in which she heard opposing experts from the state and the defense testify, state Judge Jocelyn Newman ruled that executions by electrocutions and firing squad were unconstitutional. Her 39-page ruling meant the state was permanently barred from carrying out executions by either method, at least until the State Supreme Court ruled on the matter.

In her decision, New-

man noted that a provision in the state Constitution says, "nor shall cruel, nor corporal, nor unusual punishment be inflicted" and that offers a greater level of protection than a similar provision in the U.S. Constitution, which only bans "cruel and unusual" punishments.

She also wrote that a firing squad is unconstitutional in South Carolina in part because it is "a reversion to a historic method of execution that has never before been used" in the state. And there is no evidence that the electric chair causes a painfree death, she wrote.

Associate Justice John Kittredge tore into Newman's ruling on Tuesday., calling it a "scorched earth order.... just riddled with errors.". For one thing, Kittredge said, Newman wrote she found no evidence that death by the electric chair was painless and instantaneous. "Of course, there's plenty of evidence," Kittredge said explaining that Newman may have found evidence presented to her about a painfree quick death was not credible, but there was such evidence produced at a hearing before her.

A main feature of Tuesday's hearing were the main points served up by

Blume and Lambert: + Although execution by

lethal injection At one point, Blume acknowledged that he, like all anti-death penalty lawyers, was facing an uphill battle.

"I'm here today on behalf of people, most of which are probably going to be executed, and I'm here on behalf of their interests to make sure it is as humane as possible," Blume said.

Lawyers representing the inmates are Lindsev Sterling Vann, Emily C. Paavola, and Allison Ann Franz, all of Justice 360; John Christopher Mills, of Columbia; Joshua Snow Kendrick, of Greenville; and Blume, who represented numerous defendants in death penalty cases before going on to Cornell Law School.

Lawyers representing Gov. McMaster are Thomas Ashley Limehouse, Jr., Lambert, and Deputy Legal Counsel Erica Wells Shed. Attorneys Daniel Clifton Plyler and Austin Tyler Reed represent Corrections director Bryan. Stirling, and his department

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Two black SUVs, believed to be carrying Prince Harry, arrive Tuesday at Clarence House, London, following the announcement of King Charles III's cancer diagnosis. The king "remains wholly positive about his treatment," Buckingham Palace said.

Harry arrives in London as Britain worries about its king

BY JILL LAWLESS

LONDON

King Charles III's cancer was caught early and the monarch will "crack on" with his constitutional duties, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said Tuesday, as Prince Harry flew in from California for a rare visit with his father.

Royal officials announced Monday that the 75-year-old king has been diagnosed with an undisclosed form of cancer and is receiving treatment as an outpatient.

Less than 18 months into the reign that he'd famously waited decades to begin, Charles suspended public engagements but will continue with

On Tuesday afternoon, at the king's Clarence House residence, near Buckingham Palace, in a black SUV after an over-

The two have a troubled relationship, and Harry has seen his father infrequently since the prince quit royal duties in 2020 and moved to Los Angeles with his wife, Meghan.

Buckingham Palace said the cancer was found during Charles' recent "separate issue" and not prostate cancer.

Sunak said that like many people he was left "shocked and sad" by the

"Thankfully, this has been caught early," Sunak told BBC radio.

"We'll crack on with everything," Sunak said, adding that he would continue to communicate with as normal.

"Many families around the country listening to this will have been touched by the same thing and they know what it means to everyone," Sunak said. "So we'll just be willing him on and hopefully we get through this as quickly as possible."

The palace said Charles, who has generally enjoyed good health, "remains wholly positive about his treatment and looks forward to returning to full public duty as soon as

nosis comes as his daughter-in-law Kate, Princess of Wales, recovers from abdominal surgery that saw her hospitalized for about two weeks.

Kate is taking a break from royal duties as she recovers. Her husband. Prince William, who is heir to the throne, also took time off to help look after her and the couple's three children, but is due to preside over a ceremony at Windsor Castle and a charity dinner on Wednesday.

Charles departed from royal tradition with his

openness about his prostate condition. For centuries Britain's royal family remained tight-lipped about health matters.

Disclosing information about his cancer diagnosis - albeit in a limited way is another break with tradition.

When U.K. monarchs had real power, news of illness was withheld for fear it might weaken their authority. The habit of secrecy lingered after royals became constitutional figureheads.

The British public wasn't told that Charles' grandfather, King George

VI, had lung cancer before his death in February 1952 at the age of 56, and some historians have claimed that the king himself wasn't told he was terminally ill.

In the final years of Elizabeth's life, the public was told only that the queen was suffering from "mobility issues" when she began to miss public appearances towards the end of her life. The cause of her death was listed on the death certificate simply as "old age."

When and how much to disclose about illness remains a difficult subject

for many public figures. U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has been criticized for not telling President Joe Biden or other key leaders that that he was being treated for prostate cancer, even when he was hospitalized in intensive care in January for post-surgery complications.

Buckingham palace said that the king "has chosen to share his diagnosis to prevent speculation and in the hope it may assist public understanding for all those around the world who are affected by can-

possible." state business - including Charles became king in weekly meetings with the September 2022 when his Associated Press prime minister – and mother, Queen Elizabeth II, died at the age of 96 won't be handing over his constitutional roles as after 70 years on the head of state. throne. News of the king's diag-

Harry could seen arriving night flight.

hospital treatment for an enlarged prostate but is a

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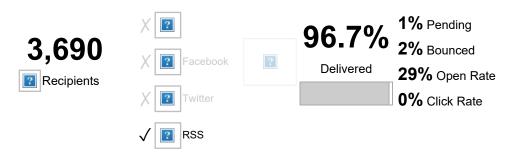
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