

Town of Hilton Head Island

Program Year 2023

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 2023 Annual Action Plan represents the fourth year of the Town of Hilton Head Island's 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's application for the HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program and identifies the proposed project or projects to be funded during the 2023 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 the LMI area benefit must meet the minimum threshold of 51% LMI qualified residents. However, according to the HUD issued program year 2022 exception grantee list, the Town of Hilton Head Island has been designated an exception grantee. This designation resulted in a 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's CDBG program funds will be invested over the program year 2023 to achieve specific HUD objectives. It is important to note the 2020 – 2024 Con Plan identified public facilities and improvements, public services, housing activities and economic development benefitting LMI persons as high priorities.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The Town's goals for the program year 2023 period focus on neighborhood revitalization efforts by providing a new neighborhood park on the Town owned Ford Shell Ring property located on Squire Pope Road in census tract 105. 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's allocation of CDBG program funding for the program year 2023 planning period. The goals focus on priority needs and targets available resources designed to meet those needs. The needs include public improvements and facilities for LMI persons. The primary emphasis of the goals is the continuance of maintaining and improving the quality of life of LMI residents. The project selected for CDBG funding in this 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 eight 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 seven years of program participation.

In May 2022 the Town received a warning notice related to noncompliance with timely expenditure requirements from HUD. An untimely expenditure notice is given when a grantee has more than 1.5 times its most recent entitlement grant. In 2022 the Town had 1.84 times its most recent entitlement grant. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 HUD allowed for flexibilities related to the timely expenditure of CDBG funds and a warning letter was issued to the Town. In 2023 the timeliness flexibilities will no longer be in place and the standard corrective action policies will be reinstated.

In April 2021 a fiscal year 2021 remote monitoring session was conducted by the Columbia, South Carolina field office Community Planning and Development representative. 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 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 25, 2023, 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's E-subscription service list, which reached 3,315 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 2023 Annual Action Plan. The Open Town Hall portal survey was open from January 18 through January 27, 2023.

At the January 25, 2023, public meeting a presentation including an overview of the CDBG Entitlement Program, purpose of the Action Plan, anticipated funding allocation amount, and a staff recommended project was presented to the meeting attendee. One member of the public attended this meeting.

A draft 2023 Annual Action Plan was released to the public on February 27, 2023, for a 30-day public comment period. At the conclusion of the comment period all comments will be reviewed and included in this Annual Action Plan.

The staff proposed project listed in the 2023 Annual Action Plan is scheduled as an item of discussion at the March 21, 2023 Town Council Finance and Administrative Committee meeting.

5. Summary of public comments

In preparation for the January 25, 2023, public meeting to solicit input for the program year 2023 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 2023 and staff recommended project. One member of the public attended the January 25, 2023, public meeting and there was discussion on the CDBG program, anticipated funding allocation and types of projects eligible CDBG funding. No comments were submitted at this meeting.

There were four 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 2023 Annual Action Plan. The survey commenters ranked housing activities as the highest priority followed by other real property improvements receiving the second highest ranking and public improvements, public facilities, and public services tied for third highest ranking. Project suggestions from commenters included a dog park, safety signage at crosswalks, alligator management, deer control, and attainable housing and childcare. One comment was received via email from the public meeting attendee after the meeting adjourned recommending funding a public service activity to develop education tool kits and workshops for food pantry clients on the importance of safety in relation to major weather events. A summary of public comments received to date are attached to this Annual Action Plan.

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's CDBG program funds will be invested over the program year 2023 to achieve specific HUD objectives. The Town may use CDBG funds to leverage other public investment to address the Town's priority need to provide public improvements for primarily LMI neighborhoods.

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

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

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

| Agency Role | Name | Department/Agency |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 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's CDBG program. Town staff has been an integral part of development of this Annual Action Plan by assessing the CDBG 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(l))

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 organizational framework that contributes to our community’s 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 Regional Housing Trust Fund (RHTF). This regional organization was created to address the need for affordable housing in Beaufort and Jasper Counties. Participating jurisdictions include the Town of Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County, Jasper County, the Town of Bluffton, the City of Beaufort, the Town of Port Royal, the City of Hardeeville, and the Town of Yemassee. Goals of the Regional Housing Trust Fund are to: create new housing units, or rehabilitate or preserve existing housing units for households at or below 120 percent of Area Median Income with a strong focus on households at or below 60 percent of Area Median Income; provide workforce housing for the growing Beaufort-Jasper economy; help households maintain financial stability and build wealth by reducing the amount of money spent on housing and transportation; strengthen relationships, build trust and engage partners and stakeholders, ensuring an organized and collaborative approach to regional housing challenges; increase awareness of existing and new financial products that serve the Beaufort-Jasper community; and leverage outside funding from banks, corporations, philanthropic institutions, and federal, state, and local governments.

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.

The Workforce Housing Framework consists of four pillars, each with specific goals, strategies, and critical first steps necessary to accomplish the mission of the Framework. The four pillars include:

- Community: the goal is to engage, collaborate, and inform the community on housing challenges and to identify community-led housing program solutions. Strategies include developing partnerships and relationships with community organizations and establishing a housing action committee.
- Planning: the goal is to create a social, political, and economic environment that stimulates workforce housing through planning, policymaking, and programming.
- Management: the goal is to establish a management program and policies to advance workforce housing opportunities. This includes adding dedicated Town staff for planning and coordination and exploring the creation of a professionally managed housing organization.
- Revenue: the goal is to provide a consistent, sustainable, and multi-sourced revenue model for funding workforce housing initiatives and partnerships. Through this goal the Town commits to a funding plan that meets the needs of a multi-year workforce housing action plan.

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 2023 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

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| 1 | Agency/Group/Organization | Beaufort Housing Authority |
| | 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. |
| 2 | Agency/Group/Organization | Lowcountry Continuum of Care |
| | 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. |

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| 3 | Agency/Group/Organization | Beaufort County Human Services Alliance |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Other government - County Business and Civic Leaders |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The Beaufort County Human Services Alliance was consulted on homeless needs via online data gathering. |
| 4 | Agency/Group/Organization | Lowcountry Council of Governments |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Regional organization Planning organization |

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| What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Public Housing Needs 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 Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | The Lowcountry Council of Governments was consulted on housing, homeless and non-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's Capital Improvement Projects department 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

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| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/ attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (If applicable) |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------|
| 1 | 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. 18, 2023. Comments were accepted until Jan. 27, 2023. There were four responses to the survey. | Commenters ranked housing activities as the highest priority followed by other real property improvements receiving the second highest ranking and public improvements, public facilities, and public services tied for third highest ranking. Project suggestions from commenters included dog park, safety signage at crosswalks, alligator management, deer control, and attainable housing and childcare. | All comments were accepted. | |

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/ attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (If applicable) |
|------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------|
| 2 | Public Meeting | Non-targeted/ broad community | At the January 25, 2023 Annual Action Plan public meeting 1 member of the public attended. | No comments on the Annual Action Plan were given during the meeting. Discussion of CDBG program requirements occurred. A comment received from meeting attendee via email after the meeting recommended funding a public service activity to develop education tool kits and workshops for food pantry clients on the importance of safety in relation to major weather events. | All comments were accepted. | |

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/ attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (If applicable) |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------|
| 3 | Internet Outreach | Non-targeted/ broad community | The draft 2023 Annual Action Plan was posted on the Town of Hilton Head Island website from Feb. 27, 2023, through March 29, 2023. 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. | Summary of comments received will appear here after the comment period ends. | All comments were accepted. | |

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/ attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (If applicable) |
|------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------|
| 4 | Public Meeting | Non-targeted/ broad community | The staff proposed project listed in the 2023 Annual Action Plan was an item of discussion at the March 21, 2023, Town Council Finance & Administrative Committee meeting. | Summary of comments received will appear here after the Finance & Administrative Committee meeting. | All comments were accepted. | |
| 5 | Public Meeting | Non-targeted/ broad community | The draft 2023 Annual Action Plan and resolution to approve plan and authorize submittal to HUD appeared on the agenda of the regular Town of Hilton Head Island Town Council meeting on April 18, 2023. | Summary of comments received will appear here after the Town Council meeting. | All comments were accepted. | |

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 having available during the 2023 program year covered by this Annual Action Plan. The annual allocation column reflects the 2023 funding amount of \$185,250. Distribution of allocated funds will be in the following two use categories: program administration will be allocated \$5,000 and public improvements and facilities will be allocated all remaining funds.

Anticipated Resources

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
|---------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|--|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| CDBG | Public - Federal | Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services | \$185,250 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$185,250 | \$185,250 | The HUD/CDBG funding amount authorized in the 2023 program year was used to estimate the allocation amount for the remaining year 5 of the Con Plan. |

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 Ford Shell Ring Park property located on Squire Pope Road, which is currently an undeveloped parcel. The neighborhood park identified as a public improvement need in this plan will be developed on this property. This property is located in Census Tract 105 which has a LMI household percentage above 49.56%. 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 2018 CDBG allocation, which were not used for public facilities and improvements coupled with the 2023 CDBG allocation will provide leverage for project completion.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|--|------------|----------|---|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 1 | Facilities, Housing, Public Svcs., Econ Dev. Yr. 4 | 2023 | 2024 | Non-Housing Community Development or Affordable Housing | Census Tract 105 | Public Facilities & Improvements | \$185,250 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4,364 |

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

| | | |
|---|------------------|--|
| 1 | Goal Name | Facilities, Housing, Public Svcs., Econ Dev. Yr.4 |
| | Goal Description | Provide funding for public facilities & improvements, or housing activities or economic 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 of Hilton Head Island established a Workforce Housing Framework to address the provision of housing units for households at or below 120 percent of Area Median Income with a strong focus on households at or below 60 percent of Area Median Income.

This framework 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. The Workforce Housing Framework consists of four pillars, each with specific goals, strategies, and critical first steps necessary to accomplish the mission of the Framework. The four pillars include:

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- Planning: the goal is to create a social, political, and economic environment that stimulates workforce housing through planning, policymaking, and programming.
- Management: the goal is to establish a management program and policies to advance workforce housing opportunities. This includes adding dedicated Town staff for planning and coordination and exploring the creation of a professionally managed housing organization.
- Revenue: the goal is to provide a consistent, sustainable, and multi-sourced revenue model for funding workforce housing initiatives and partnerships. Through this goal the Town commits to a funding plan that meets the needs of a multi-year workforce housing action plan.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Town of Hilton Head Island activities funded by the 2023 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 2023 program year covered by this Action Plan.

Projects

| # | Project Name |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 | Ford Shell Ring 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 2023 program year, CDBG funds were allocated based on project readiness in census tracts 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 | Ford Shell Ring Park |
| | Target Area | Census Tract 105 |
| | Goals Supported | Facilities, Housing, Public Svcs., Econ Dev. Yr. 4 |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities & Improvements |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$180,425 |
| | 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 | 6/30/2024 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | It is estimated approximately 4,364 persons living in Census tract 105 will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | Town owned property at 273 Squire Pope Road, Hilton Head Island, SC (Ford Shell Ring property). |
| | Planned Activities | Neighborhood Park |
| 2 | Project Name | Program Administration |
| | Target Area | Town-Wide |
| | Goals Supported | Facilities, Housing, Public Svcs., Econ Dev. Yr. 4 |
| | Needs Addressed | Administrative and Planning |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$5,000 |
| | Description | Program Administration |
| | Target Date | 6/30/2024 |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | All town residents and families will benefit from the proposed activity. |
| | Location Description | Town of Hilton Head Island Town Hall. |

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| | Planned Activities | Drafting and submitting the Annual Action Plan, CAPER, related reports, and program administration. |
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Table 9 - Project Summary Information

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AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed.

The geographic area within the Town of Hilton Head Island where assistance will be directed is Census Tract 105. Community development activities may include infrastructure improvements, new or improved public facilities, housing activities, economic development or public services in LMI neighborhoods.

Geographic Distribution

| Target Area | Percentage of Funds |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Census Tract 105 | 98 |
| Census Tract 108 | 0 |
| Census Tract 110 | 0 |
| 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 low- and moderate-income areas. These areas are determined using Census Tracts which have a low- and moderate-income population of 49.56% or higher. CDBG funds will be designated for use on a project located in the low- and moderate-income Census Tract 105 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 promote 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 Covid-19 Pandemic influenced the collection of data in 2021 and HUD provided a waiver permitting Continuums of Care across the country to modify or eliminate the 2021 point in time count due to health and safety concerns. This resulted in no consistency in data collection and reporting implemented by the Continuums of Care statewide in 2021.

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

Results of the 2020 point in time count indicated 12 persons experiencing homelessness interviewed in Beaufort County. Of the 12 persons interviewed in January 2020, there was one (1) living unsheltered and 11 living in shelters. Of the 12 persons none were veterans and one (1) was chronically homeless. It is important to note, since the Town of Hilton Head Island does not have any homeless shelters, the figures reflected in the point in time count data pertain to

homeless persons counted in Beaufort County, South Carolina, and are not specific to the Town of Hilton Head Island.

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 is a coalition of Beaufort County churches assisting homeless families through a 60–90-day program. The program provides evening accommodations for program participants at host churches and daytime transportation to school for children and educational programs for parents.

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 organizational framework that contributes to our community's 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 on November 17, 2020. On February 16, 2021, a second set of LMO amendments related to work force housing were adopted by Town Council

allowing 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 Regional Housing Trust Fund (RHTF). This regional organization was created to address the need for affordable housing in Beaufort and Jasper Counties. Goals of the RHTF are to: create new housing units, or rehabilitate or preserve existing housing units for households at or below 120 percent of Area Median Income with a strong focus on households at or below 60 percent of Area Median Income; provide workforce housing for the growing Beaufort-Jasper economy; help households maintain financial stability and build wealth by reducing the amount of money spent on housing and transportation; strengthen relationships, build trust and engage partners and stakeholders, ensuring an organized and collaborative approach to regional housing challenges; increase awareness of existing and new financial products that serve the Beaufort-Jasper community; and leverage outside funding from banks, corporations, philanthropic institutions, and federal, state, and local governments.

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. The Workforce Housing Framework consists of four pillars, each with specific goals, strategies, and critical first steps necessary to accomplish the mission of the Framework. The four pillars include:

- Community: the goal is to engage, collaborate, and inform the community on housing challenges and to identify community-led housing program solutions. Strategies include developing partnerships and relationships with community organizations and establishing a housing action committee.
- Planning: the goal is to create a social, political, and economic environment that stimulates workforce housing through planning, policymaking, and programming.
- Management: the goal is to establish a management program and policies to advance workforce housing opportunities. This includes adding dedicated Town staff for planning and coordination and exploring the creation of a professionally managed housing organization.
- Revenue: the goal is to provide a consistent, sustainable, and multi-sourced revenue model for funding workforce housing initiatives and partnerships. Through this goal the Town commits to a funding plan that meets the needs of a multi-year workforce housing action plan.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The Town of Hilton Head Island anticipates taking the following actions throughout the program year 2023 to address the challenges listed below.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

As part of the 2023 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 eight 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 seven years of program participation. In May 2022 the Town received a warning notice related to noncompliance with timely expenditure requirements from HUD. An untimely expenditure notice is given when a grantee has more than 1.5 times its most recent entitlement grant. In 2022 the Town had 1.84 times its most recent entitlement grant. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 HUD allowed for flexibilities related to the timely expenditure of CDBG funds and a warning letter was issued to the Town. In 2023 the timeliness flexibilities will no longer be in place and the standard corrective action policies will be reinstated.

In April 2021 a fiscal year 2021 remote monitoring session was conducted by the Columbia, South Carolina field office Community Planning and Development representative. 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 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 the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed | 0 |
| 2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan | 0 |
| 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 planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan. | 0 |
| 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 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. | 98% |

ATTACHMENTS

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

Notice is hereby given that on **JANUARY 25, 2023, 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 2023 Annual Action Plan. On January 18, 2023, a CDBG Annual Action Plan questionnaire for program year 2023 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 2023-2024. 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 2023 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 2023 -2024 funding allocation is estimated to be approximately \$200,000. The Town is accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan.

1. Please rank the following types of project categories from 1 – 5
(1 as highest priority and 5 as lowest priority)

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

Select Rank: __ 1 __ 2 __ 3 __ 4 __ 5

Public Facilities such as neighborhood or community facilities or facilities for persons with special needs.

Select Rank: __ 1 __ 2 __ 3 __ 4 __ 5

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

Select 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.

Select Rank: __ 1 __ 2 __ 3 __ 4 __ 5

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

Select Rank: __ 1 __ 2 __ 3 __ 4 __ 5

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

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

4. Tell us how you would allocate \$200,000 in any of the project categories?

Public Improvements \$ _____

Public Facilities \$ _____

Housing Activities \$ _____

Other Real Property Improvements \$ _____

Public Services \$ _____

5. Additional Comments

Police say Grays Hill man attacked woman with pocketknife after she rejected sexual advances

BY EVAN MCKENNA
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A man from Grays Hill faces felony assault charges for allegedly attacking a woman with a pocketknife in his home after she rejected his requests for sex, according to the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office.

Ronnie Fripp, 65, was charged early Tuesday morning with assault and battery in the first degree, jail records show.

Deputies were called around 2 a.m. Tuesday to Fripp's home on Paradise Lane in Grays Hill, just north of Beaufort's city limits. Fripp told officers

he had invited a woman over to help her "stay out of the cold," but while the two were in bed, the woman suddenly began attacking him. He claimed he hit the woman with a "hard object" to stop her, according to Maj. Angela Viens, a spokesperson for the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office.

But the woman had a different story. She told police that after she declined Fripp's sexual advances, he became violent and attacked her with a pocketknife, according to Viens.

The woman's injuries corroborated her story: Officers found a five-inch

laceration on her back, which police believe came from the pocketknife. Fripp did not appear to have any physical injuries, Viens said.

In South Carolina, first-degree assault and battery is a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison. Fripp's usage of the pocketknife to assault the woman elevated the crime to a first-degree charge.

Fripp was released Tuesday on a \$5,000 surety bond from the Beaufort County Detention Center, court records show.

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Coroner names pedestrian killed Sunday while crossing the street on Hilton Head

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The Beaufort County Coroner's Office has released the name of a pedestrian who died Sunday following a crash on Hilton Head, marking at least the third such death in Beaufort County this month.

Steven Younce, 59, of Grand Blanc, Michigan, died Sunday from blunt force trauma following the crash, Beaufort County Chief Deputy Coroner

Debbie Youmans said.

The crash, according to Highway Patrol spokesman Tyler Tidwell, happened around 11:03 p.m. on William Hilton Parkway near Mathews Drive. A 2007 Saturn carrying three people was headed west on U.S. 278 while the pedestrian, Younce, was walking south across the road. The Saturn then hit the pedestrian, Tidwell said.

None of the people in the car were hurt.

This is the third pedestrian death in Beaufort

County this month. In the previous incidents, two Beaufort men — Robert McCoy, 59, and 58-year-old Bruce Singleton — were killed.

In 2022, at least 22 people died in Beaufort County crashes and 19 were killed in Jasper County, according to the latest available data from the Department of Public Safety.

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FROM PAGE 1A RAVENEL

served one term.

Years later, Ravenel was elected to the Charleston County School Board.

Ravenel's name is attached to one of Charleston's most iconic structures, the bridge that crosses the Cooper River and connects Charleston with Mount Pleasant.

When the bridge was deemed unsafe by inspectors, Ravenel, who spearheaded a push to start the State Infrastructure Bank, fought for funding to replace the bridge, later named in his honor. It now hosts one of the state's largest foot races, the Cooper River Bridge Run.

His public life was not without some controversy. While in Congress, Ravenel made an inappropriate remark about Black people and was reported to have made another inappropriate comment made during the debate over removing the Confederate flag from atop the State House dome in

2000 about the NAACP and people with disabilities.

Asked about his comments, Ravenel told his hometown newspaper, the Charleston Post and Courier, that he misspoke, calling it was "a slip of the tongue."

"I made a rhetorical slip, and they want to lynch me for it," he told the paper then.

Known as "Cousin Arthur," Ravenel, "loved Charleston in his bones, and Charleston loved him back," current Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg said.

"Over the course of 95 remarkable years, he was a Marine, a business leader, a family man, and a distinguished public servant at every level of government," Tecklenburg said of his passing in a statement. "Put simply, his was a life in full — a life of joy and meaning and consequence — and he will be much missed."

U.S. Rep. Nancy Mace,

the current Republican holding Ravenel's former seat in the 1st District, shared condolences on social media Monday evening.

"Today we lost a great friend of the Lowcountry and former Representative of SC-01 - Arthur Ravenel Jr. Our prayers are with the Ravenel family this evening," Mace tweeted.

Ravenel had six children, including Thomas, who, like his father, ran for and held political office.

Thomas Ravenel was elected S.C. treasurer in 2006, but not a year later resigned after he was indicted on federal drug charges.

He's been a mainstay on Bravo's hit TV show "Southern Charm."

"Rest in Peace Dad 3/29/27-1/16/23," Thomas Ravenel tweeted of his father's death.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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FROM PAGE 1A POPULATION

world, comparable only to Taiwan and South Korea, he said.

That means China's "real demographic crisis is beyond imagination and that all of China's past economic, social, defense and foreign policies were based on faulty demographic data," Yi told The Associated Press.

The last time China is believed to have experienced a population decline was during the Great Leap Forward, a disastrous drive for collective farming and industrialization launched by then-leader Mao Zedong at the end of the 1950s that produced a

massive famine that killed tens of millions of people.

China's statistics bureau said the working-age population between 16 and 59 years old totaled 875.56 million, accounting for 62% of the national population, while those aged 65 and older totaled 209.78 million, accounting for 14.9% of the total.

According to the data from the statistics bureau, men outnumbered women by 722.06 million to 689.69 million, the bureau reported, a result of the one-child policy and a traditional preference for male offspring to carry on the family name.

The numbers also showed increasing urbanization in a country that traditionally had been largely rural. Over 2022, the permanent urban population increased by 6.46 million to reach 920.71 million, or 65.22%.

The United Nations estimated last year that the world's population reached 8 billion on Nov. 15 and that India will replace China as the world's most populous nation in 2023. India's last census was scheduled for 2022 but was postponed amid the pandemic.

In a report released on World Population Day, the U.N. also said global population growth fell below 1% in 2020 for the first time since 1950.



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NATO RAISES ITS VIGILANCE TOWARD RUSSIA

Military personnel stand by workstations inside a NATO AWACS aircraft Tuesday at the Baza 90 Romanian air force base in Otopeni, Romania. Two of three NATO surveillance planes arrived there Tuesday and will soon undertake regional reconnaissance missions to "monitor Russian military activity." According to the Allied Air Command Public Affairs Office, the AWACS will fly solely over alliance territory. The mission is scheduled to last several weeks. The aircraft belong to a fleet of 14 NATO surveillance aircraft usually

based in Geilenkirchen, Germany. Around 180 military personnel will deploy to Otopeni near Bucharest in support of the aircraft. "As Russia's illegal war in Ukraine continues to threaten peace and security in Europe, there must be no doubt about NATO's resolve to protect and defend every inch of Allied territory," NATO spokesperson Oana Lungescu said in a statement. "Our AWACS can detect aircraft hundreds of kilometres away, making them a key capability for NATO's deterrence and defence posture."



WILSON MCELVEEN Submitted

The Beaufort National Cemetery is shown decorated with Wreaths Across America remembrance wreaths, which were placed on veterans' headstones in December.

FROM PAGE 1A WREATHS

too."

Residents with trucks and trailers began showing up and started loading. "Holy guacamole!" the group said on Facebook. "Our family and friends never stop surprising us!"

The robust response forestalled a launch of a GoFundMe campaign to cover the estimated \$3,000 cost of disposal, which had been considered.

"We've had a lot of people," Edwards said, "jumping on board since we put the plea out."

Edwards said Tuesday he was in discussions with waste hauling companies about removing the remaining wreaths, but the cost remained up on the air.

Edwards was hoping that the wreaths will be removed without a significant cost to the all-volunteer organization. Details

still were being worked out.

In 1992, Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, made arrangements for a surplus of wreaths to be placed at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors.

Wreaths Across America, a non-profit, started in 2007 to expand the effort around the country.

Today, each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, wreath-laying ceremonies are conducted at more than 3,700 additional locations including Beaufort National Cemetery. Groups organize wreath sponsorships, with each wreath costing \$15.

Wreaths Across America Beaufort coordinates the

wreath-laying and retirement ceremonies with 44-acre Beaufort National Cemetery, which is operated by the Veterans Administration's National Cemetery Administration.

For the past two years, Edwards said, enough wreaths have been sponsored to place one on each of the 26,000 interments at the cemetery. In some instances, wreaths are placed on both sides of the markers. That's up from 8,640 in 2017, which at the time was a record.

"With the help of Beaufort, Beaufort County and families throughout the United States," Edwards said, "we've been able to accomplish it."

Edwards has been the coordinator for the Beaufort National Cemetery wreath laying for the past 14 years. He loves the job, describing it as a bit like organizing a music concert, with a lot of logistics to handle, including the disposal of the wreaths.

In a perfect world, said Michael Brophy, the Cemetery Administration's assistant director-in-charge at Beaufort National Cemetery, all of the dumpsters needed to dispose of the wreaths would have been on hand Saturday. Brophy described the oversight as a "minor inconvenience."

"Just a little hiccup," he said.

Additional dumpsters, Brophy said, are expected to arrive Thursday to deal with the overflow.

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Strategic Planning Workshop
Hilton Head Island Town Council to Hold Annual Strategic Planning Workshop on January 24th & 25th
January 13, 2023

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Program Year 2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan Questionnaire

The Town is accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan.

9 days left before deadline

Introduction Feedback Your Comment Outcome

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

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Deadline: 4:30 PM on January 27, 2023

Comments

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Subject: Courtesy Copy: Public Meeting for CDBG Program Year 2023-2023 Annual Action Plan

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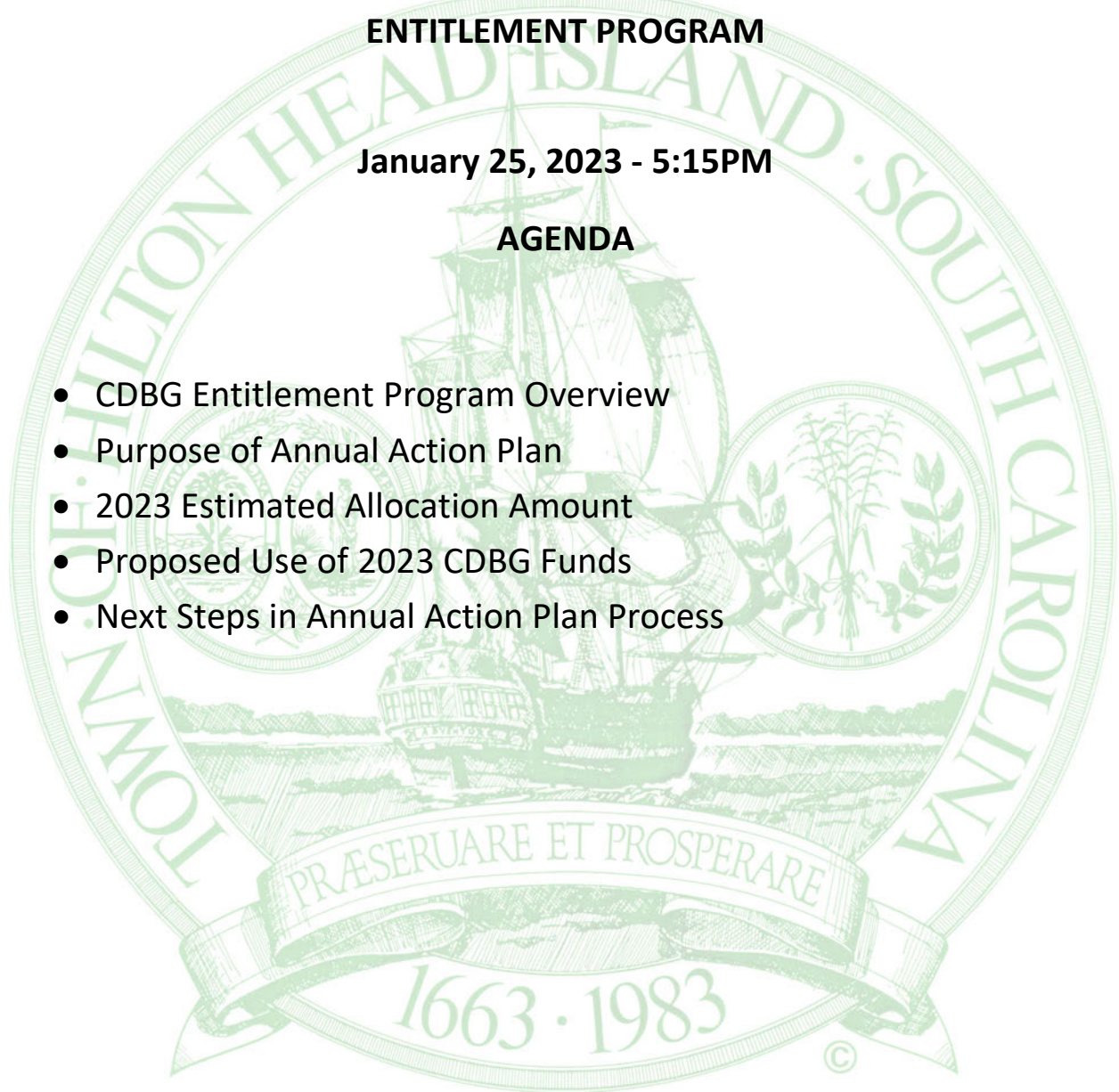
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PROGRAM YEAR 2023-2024

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM

January 25, 2023 - 5:15PM

AGENDA

- CDBG Entitlement Program Overview
- Purpose of Annual Action Plan
- 2023 Estimated Allocation Amount
- Proposed Use of 2023 CDBG Funds
- Next Steps in Annual Action Plan Process



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Town of Hilton Head Island

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

2023 – 2024 Annual Action Plan

Public Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Marcy Benson
Senior Grants Administrator

Agenda

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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
- Low Income = equal to or less than 50% of the area median income
- Moderate Income = equal to or less than 80% of area median income



LMI Example

FY2022 Income Limit Summary

| FY 2022 Income Limit Area | Median Family Income | Income Limit Category | Persons in Family | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Beaufort County, SC HUD Metro FMR Area | \$95,600 | 50% Income Limit (Low) | \$30,350 | \$34,700 | \$39,050 | \$43,350 | \$46,850 | \$50,300 | \$53,800 | \$57,250 |
| | | 80% Income Limit (Moderate) | \$48,550 | \$55,500 | \$62,450 | \$69,350 | \$74,900 | \$80,450 | \$86,000 | \$91,550 |

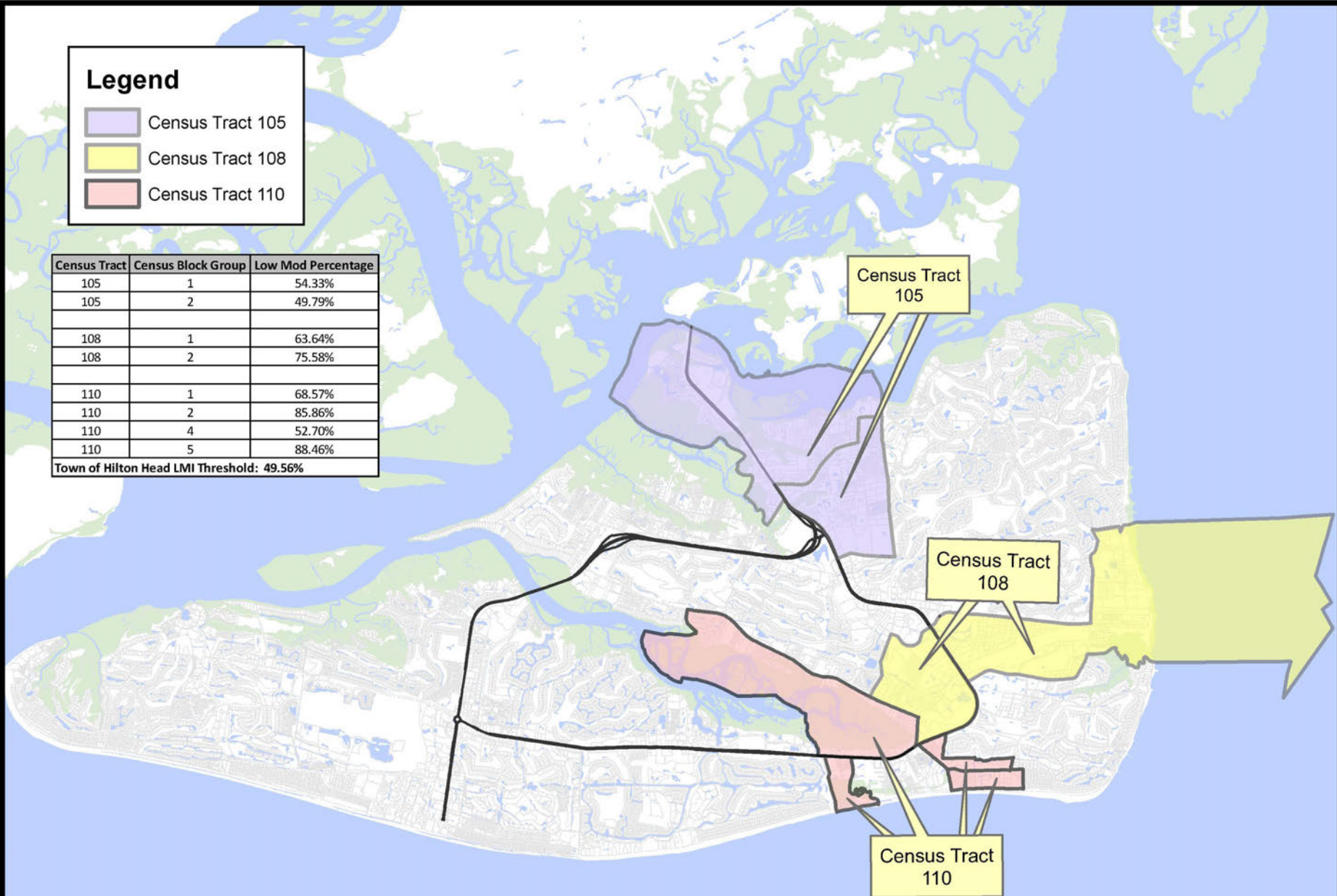
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<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il2020/2020summary.odn>



Legend

- Census Tract 105
- Census Tract 108
- Census Tract 110

| Census Tract | Census Block Group | Low Mod Percentage |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| 105 | 1 | 54.33% |
| 105 | 2 | 49.79% |
| 108 | 1 | 63.64% |
| 108 | 2 | 75.58% |
| 110 | 1 | 68.57% |
| 110 | 2 | 85.86% |
| 110 | 4 | 52.70% |
| 110 | 5 | 88.46% |
| Town of Hilton Head LMI Threshold: 49.56% | | |



Town of Hilton Head Island

LMI Census Tracts and Blocks



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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 clientele. | \$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 |
| 3 | 2022 | Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 3 | Provide funding for public facilities & improvements, or housing activities or economic development initiative, or public services in LMI neighborhoods or to LMI clientele. | \$238,313 | Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 3 | 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 |
| 4 | 2023 | Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 4 | Provide funding for public facilities & improvements, or housing activities or economic development initiative, or public services in LMI neighborhoods or to LMI clientele. | \$238,313 | Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 4 | 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 |
| 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 clientele. | \$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 2 Project

| # | Program Year | Project Name | Project Description | Estimated Amount | Annual Goals Supported | Target Area | Priority Need Addressed | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|---|--------------|---|--|------------------|---|---|--|---|
| 4 | 2023 | Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 3 | Provide funding for public facilities & improvements, or housing activities or economic development initiative, or public services in LMI neighborhoods or to LMI clientele. | \$232,565 | Facilities, Housing, Public Services, Economic Development Year 3 | 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 |



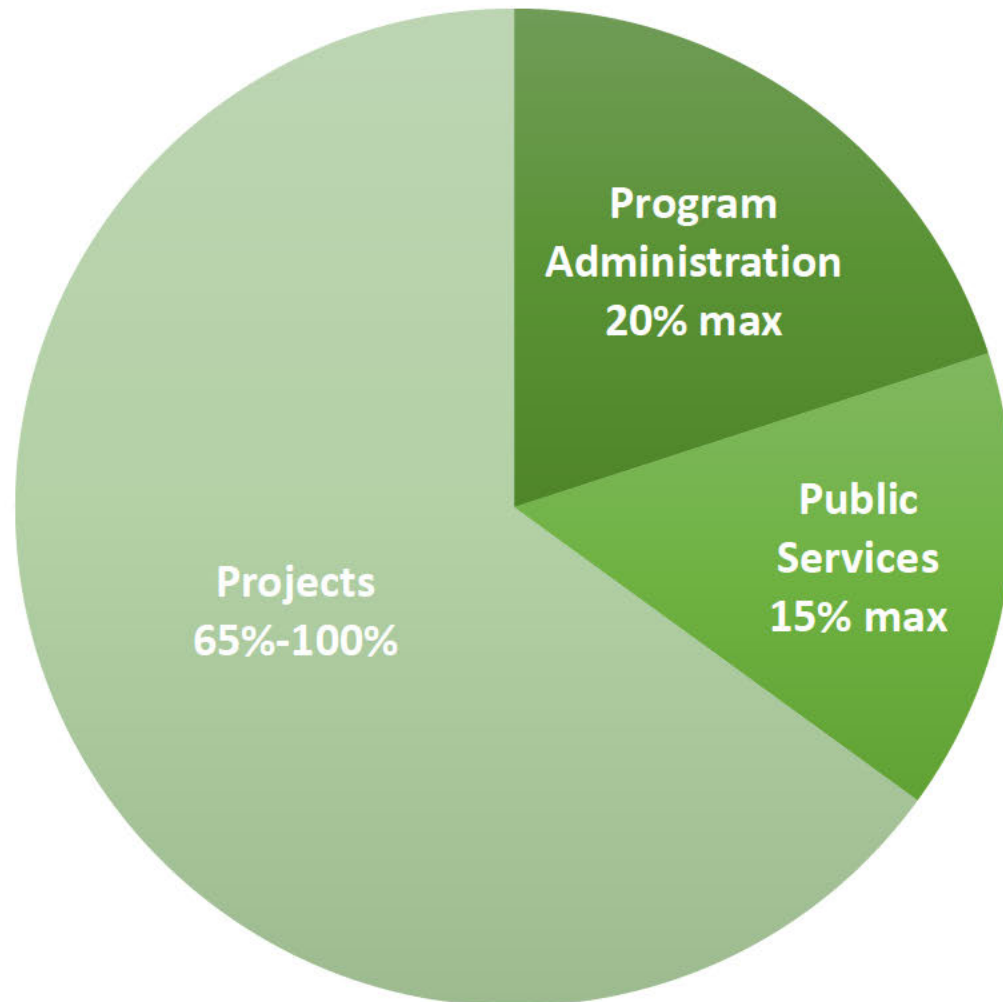
What We've Done 2015 - 2022

- 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



2023 Allocation

Approximately \$200,000



Proposed Use of 2023 CDBG Funds

- Public Improvement Project
 - Neighborhood park at the Ford Shell Ring
Town owned property






We Want to Hear From You

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



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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

Public Meeting Minutes
Public Meeting to Solicit Input and Discuss
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program
Annual Action Plan Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (Program Year 2023)

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 – 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, Treasurer

Public Attendees: One member of the public attended.
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 2023 and staff recommended project for the fiscal year 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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, 2023. The attendee was thanked for participating and the public meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50pm.



Program Year 2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan Questionnaire

January 27, 2023, 4:31 PM

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Program Year 2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan Questionnaire

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Summary Of Comments

As of January 27, 2023, 4:31 PM, this forum had:

Attendees: 16
Comments: 4
Minutes of Public Comment: 12

Topic Start

January 18, 2023, 8:00 AM

Topic End

January 27, 2023, 4:30 PM

QUESTION 1

Name

Answered 3
Skipped 1

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 |
|---|---|-------|-------|
| 3 |  | 50.0% | 2 |
| 5 |  | 50.0% | 2 |

QUESTION 3

Public Facilities such as neighborhood or community facilities or facilities for persons with special needs.

(1=highest priority, 5=lowest priority)

Public Facilities

Program Year 2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan Questionnaire

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| | | % | Count |
|---|---|-------|-------|
| 3 |  | 25.0% | 1 |
| 4 |  | 25.0% | 1 |
| 5 |  | 50.0% | 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 |
|---|---|-------|-------|
| 2 |  | 25.0% | 1 |
| 3 |  | 25.0% | 1 |
| 4 |  | 50.0% | 2 |

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 |  | 50.0% | 2 |
| 4 |  | 50.0% | 2 |

Program Year 2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan Questionnaire





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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)

Public Services

| | | % | Count |
|---|---|-------|-------|
| 1 |  | 25.0% | 1 |
| 2 |  | 25.0% | 1 |
| 4 |  | 25.0% | 1 |
| 5 |  | 25.0% | 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 | 1 |

QUESTION 8

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

| | |
|----------|---|
| Answered | 2 |
| Skipped | 2 |

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.**

Program Year 2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan Questionnaire

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| | | % | Count |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| Public Improvements | <div></div> | 15.6% | 5 |
| Public Facilities | <div></div> | 15.6% | 5 |
| Housing Activities | <div></div> | 28.1% | 9 |
| Other Real Property Improvments | <div></div> | 18.8% | 6 |
| Public Services | <div></div> | 15.6% | 5 |

QUESTION 10

Additional Comments?

No response

Program Year 2023 CDBG Annual Action Plan Questionnaire

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Survey Questions

QUEST ON 1

Name

- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

QUEST ON 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

QUEST ON 3

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

Row choices

- Public Facilities

Column choices

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

QUEST ON 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

QUEST ON 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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Row choices

- Other Real Property Improvements

Column choices

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

QUEST ON 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.
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Row choices

- Public Services

Column choices

- 1
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- Pub c Improvements
- Pub c Fac t es
- Hous ng Act v t es
- Other Rea Property Improvments
- Pub c Serv ces

QUEST ON 10

Additional Comments?

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Individual Comments

Name not available

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Question 1

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Question 2

Public Improvements: 3

Question 3

Public Facilities: 3

Question 4

Housing Activities: 4

Question 5

Other Real Property Improvements: 4

Question 6

Public Services: 4

Question 7

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Question 8

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Question 9

- Public Improvements (2)
- Public Facilities (2)
- Housing Activities (2)
- Other Real Property Improvements (2)

Question 10

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Question 1

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Question 2

Public Improvements: 5

Question 3

Public Facilities: 5

Question 4

Housing Activities: 4

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Question 6

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- Public Facilities (2)
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The Town is accepting comments on needs and funding priorities for the CDBG program year 2023 2024 Annual Action Plan.

Question 10

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Question 10

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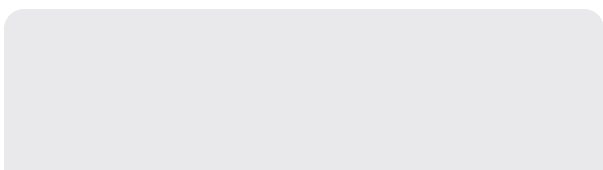
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Marcy, Thank you for a wonderfully clear and comprehensive understanding of the 2023 allocated funding for the Community Development Block Grant. You always do an excellent job no matter if the room is full, or as last evening's meeting, with only myself present, as Founder and Joyful Servant of Sandalwood Community Food Pantry. This singular presence allowed me to be comfortable asking questions I may not have asked in my desire to respect the time for others with questions and concerns. I was very pleased in making your meeting a priority to be considered for CDBG funding. Please add this to my previous request as I have narrowed the scope, as you so kindly offered me the option to send directly to you via email. The CDBG could provide funding in the Public Service Area to train at-risk community members. Presently, we are serving over 100 families every Tuesday at Sandalwood Community Food Pantry. These Grant funds would be used to develop education tool-kits and holding workshops in an effort to proactively educate HHI residents living below the poverty level who lack access to important safety information in relation to major weather events such as hurricanes and rain bombs. One of my board members (See enclosed link for board member Albert George) who has experience in this area will assist with developing and executing the proposed training. You might remember Mr. George from the CDBG annual meetings he often attended along with me years prior.





Many thanks for all you do in serving our Beloved Community,
Rev. Dr. Nannette Pierson
Sandalwood Community Food Pantry
Because Hunger's Hurts!

Sent from my iPad

Public Comment Summary
For the Town of Hilton Head Island
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
2023 Annual Action Plan

Public comments received from Open Town Hall Portal CDBG survey (January 18 - 27, 2023)

- Comment #1: Dog park created for residence with green space, dogs and homes are not allowed fences in plantations, this creates a need for a space for dogs to run and be treated humanely. Safety signage for crosswalks-to many people are getting run over, signs that are currently hung are wordy and unclear for travelers. Alligator management, large alligators have killed too many people. Deer control, my daughter was hit by a deer running across the parkway, it could have been fatal.
- Comment #2: Issues surrounding employment, specifically the lack of an adequate work force are the most important issues that should be addressed with CDBG funds. Housing and childcare should be at the top of the list. Without these resources we will continue to see a decline in our Island work force. We must use every available qualified funding source to help solve our work force issues.
- Comment #3: The decline in availability and attainability of both housing and childcare options are detrimental to the continued growth of the island. Both should be addressed as top priority in order to enhance the appeal of the island to the current and potential citizens who keep the island's economy moving.
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Public Comments Received at Public Meeting (January 25, 2023)

- There was public discussion on the CDBG program, anticipated funding allocation and types of projects eligible for CDBG funding. General CDBG program questions were asked and answered by Town staff.
 - Comment received from meeting attendee via email after the meeting recommended funding a public service activity to develop education tool kits and workshops for food pantry clients on the importance of safety in relation to major weather events.
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Kathleen Harper

Artist Beverly Baynes' depiction of the Cherry Hill School for the Hilton Head Island Middle School history gallery.

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STUDENTS

“Some of them didn’t even know this,” she said. “Having them have this realization, this pride of place, of how important this was. I just think that’s hugely important.”

The process started in 2019, and the gallery had a private opening in April 2022. Now, the school is opening up student tours to the public.

Community members who want students to take them through the gallery, and the Hilton Head area’s history, can reach out to Kathleen Harper at kathleen.harper@beaufort.k12.sc.us

Here are abbreviated versions of the 10 historical facts and events, and their illustrations, that students can tell you about through the gallery:

1. HILTON HEAD ISLAND HAS SEVERAL-THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD SHELL RINGS

Made up of hundreds of thousands of oysters, clams and mussels the Sea Pines Shell ring dates back almost 4,000 years and is the oldest archaeological site on Hilton Head Island. Archaeologists believe the rings were either where Native Americans came together for large religious gatherings or the remains of circular villages. There are about 50 found along the Florida, Georgia and South Carolina coasts dating back 3,000 to 5,000 years.

2. THE YAMASEE WAR SHAPED HILTON HEAD'S DEMOGRAPHICS

The Yamasee was a war between South Carolina’s British settlers, the Yamasee and other Native Americans that broke out in 1715 over the British’s unfair trading practices, including in Hilton Head. It lasted until 1717, though raids continued until around 1728. The settlers won and largely collapsed Native American power in the area.

3. SLAVERY IS PART OF HILTON HEAD HISTORY

In the early 1700s West Africans sold as slaves begin being brought to Hilton Head to tend the rice and cotton fields. Up to 60% of all African slaves entering American colonies during the 1700s were brought to South Carolina.

4. ONE OF THE FIRST BATTLES OF THE CIVIL WAR WAS NEARBY

Fought in November 1861, the Battle of Port Royal was one of the first battles in during the Civil War. The Union won and created a navy base of operations that would worked to isolate the South throughout the war.

5. HARRIET TUBMAN CAME TO HILTON HEAD DURING THE CIVIL WAR

In 1862, Tubman served the Union army as a scout, spy and nurse and assisted in the recruitment of Black soldiers in Hilton Head.

6. HILTON HEAD HAS THE FIRST SELF-GOVERNED TOWN OF FORMERLY ENSLAVED PEOPLE IN THE U.S.

In 1862, three years before slavery was abolished nationally, Union Gen. Ormsby M. Mitchel worked with the community to establish the town of Mitchelville on what was previously a plantation. Some 3,000 formerly enslaved people lived in freedom on what is now a historic park.

7. THE ISLAND IS HOME TO THE GULLAH GEECHEE PEOPLE

The Gullah Geechee people are descendants of Africans enslaved on plantations of the lower Atlantic coast. Since they were enslaved on isolated islands and coast, they retained many of their African traditions to create a unique culture, which can be seen today in their arts, crafts, food, music and language.

8. HILTON HEAD'S FIRST SCHOOL FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN IS STILL STANDING

Mitchelville made education mandatory for students even before white children were required to go to school. The Cherry Hill School was built in 1937 and operated until all African-American children attended the new consolidated elementary school in 1954.

9. A HUGE TROPICAL CYCLONE BROUGHT CLARA BARTON TO HILTON HEAD

In 1893, what would today be classified as a Category 3 storm made landfall just east of Savannah with gusts as high as 120 mph and a storm surge up to 12 feet. The worst part of the storm struck St. Helena, Hilton Head, Daufuskie, Parris and the smaller Sea islands. Clara Barton and the American Red Cross launched a massive relief effort.

10. HILTON HEAD IS GROWING FAST

In 1950 there were a little under 300 Hilton Head residents. Today, there are about 40,000 permanent residents.

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HEADQUARTERS

A ‘ONE-STOP-SHOP’ FOR COUNTY SERVICES

Sheriff P.J. Tanner described the benefits of a relocated headquarters using two main words: centralization and consolidation.

The new headquarters wouldn’t fill the entire 97 acres of land immediately. Tanner said his ideal vision for the Cooler tract is a “one-stop-shop” for county services, with possible additions including a magistrate court building, a juvenile detention facility, an EMS office and a Solicitor’s Office substation. The only option that’s off the table is a prison — “because no one wants a prison in their backyard,” Tanner said, referring to residents of the nearby Oldfield neighborhood.

The county Detention Center would stay where it is in Beaufort, for now.

Perhaps most obvious, the new headquarters would move county law enforcement’s hub across the Broad River, closer to Bluffton and Hilton Head — Beaufort County’s most populous municipalities. Tanner said the proposed location is much closer to the center of the county, which would allow easier access to law enforcement services for a larger number of citizens.

The new building would also allow police to merge its many locations into a smaller, more efficient set of facilities. Tanner said the Sheriff’s Office currently uses 12 properties scattered across the county to keep operations steady. Maintaining that spread is critical in a county spanning 923 square miles, he added.

If the Cooler tract is approved for purchase, Tanner hopes to condense operations into only three buildings: the new headquarters in Okatie, the current headquarters in Beaufort and the Hilton Head Island substation, the latter two currently acting as the department’s northern and southern division substations, respectively.

Tanner emphasized that the new location wouldn’t be an attempt to “move away” from communities in northern Beaufort County. Instead, a centralized headquarters operating in tandem with two substations would allow for equal and efficient policing of the entire county, he said.

“I don’t want people in northern Beaufort County, especially in St. Helena, Lady’s Island, Seabrook or Sheldon, to think that we’re moving away from them,” Tanner told the Island Packet and Beaufort Gazette. “In reality, we’re just moving to the center of the county, and utilizing the substations ... keeps us in the communities throughout Beaufort County.”

The proposed Okatie facility also includes what Tanner calls a “consolidated communication center,” a dispatch office encompassing all emergency services for Beaufort, Jasper and Colleton counties. Under the combined system, calls would no longer need to be transferred between separate offices, allowing for quicker responses across all three counties’ law enforcement and first

responder crews. The new dispatch center would be especially helpful in organizing hurricane evacuation across the greater coastal area, Tanner said.

While the current Sheriff’s Office headquarters in Beaufort would still be used as a northern-end substation, Tanner said a new headquarters would free up about 19,000 square feet of the 20,000 square-foot building on Duke Street, providing new space for other county government services.

Tanner hopes the eventual reorganization efforts could include an expansion of the Beaufort County Detention Center, a facility he says the community has “outgrown to some extent.” Since the construction of the prison in 1992, the county’s population has more than doubled, skyrocketing from about 90,000 to almost 200,000 residents today, according to U.S. Census data.

A HISTORICAL DEAL IN THE MAKING

With approval from the Beaufort County Council, the county’s purchase of the Cooler tract would bring an end to decades of deliberation and over a century of family ownership. Joe Cooler says the property has been in his family for more than 130 years.

Using the land as a site for law enforcement facilities is hardly a new idea. Tanner recalled a proposal he made to the County Council over 20 years ago, one of his many attempts to acquire the Cooler tract for the Sheriff’s Office. Until this year, the county made no advancements to purchase the land.

The decision is long overdue, Tanner said. Approval of the proposal would mark the first major expansion of Beaufort County office space since 1989, he said, when the county constructed its office complex in Beaufort.

Greenway added that the land acquisition would block any further attempts of development on the Cooler tract, which has been under “development pressure” for years.

The city of Hardeeville applied to annex the land in 2020, planning to use the property for residential and commercial developments, but was quickly met with backlash from Beaufort County residents. A petition against the annexation garnered nearly 500 signatures, citing density concerns and the health of the nearby Okatie River.

Although the Cooler tract is zoned as “rural” land, which typically bars construction of office space, Greenway said a provision of the Community Development Code allows the county to use any land for “public service use” as long as a public meeting is held allowing community members to discuss whether the usage is permissible.

Citizens will be able to review project plans for the Cooler tract and ask questions during the meeting, although a date has not yet been announced, according to a press release.

“In a nutshell, I think it’s a great opportunity for the county to create a campus of consolidated resources in the form of public safety,” Tanner said. “And I think it’s a great location for us to do it.”

Evan McKenna: (843) 321-8375, evanjmckenna

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MURDAUGH

deceased’s body temperature by sticking his fingers in their armpits.

“The only other choice is to use a rectal thermometer, and I’m not going to pull someone’s pants down with all those people around,” Harvey said.

The state has argued Murdaugh killed his wife and son sometime after 8:49 p.m., when both of their cellphones went silent, and 9:07 p.m., when Murdaugh left to visit his mother. Harvey’s estimate could push the time of death as late as 10 p.m., well after Murdaugh left the house. He called 911 to report finding their dead bodies by the home’s dog kennels at 10:06 p.m.

Prosecutors point at that Harvey’s touch method is less accurate than measuring body temperature with a thermometer.

The second witness, Tindal, was called to testify about a statement her office put out the day after the murder, saying there was “no danger to the public.” Tindal said she coordinated that statement with the S.C. Law Enforcement Division, but said subsequent state-

ments did not revise the initial assessment of the public danger.

The defense has questioned investigators about whether they ever seriously considered suspects other than the disbarred Lowcountry attorney, and have pointed to the quick statement as proof.

Friday’s witnesses were the beginning of the defense’s last-ditch effort to convince jurors Murdaugh is innocent of the crime. Harpootlian estimated at the end of proceedings Friday that his next witness would require a lengthy questioning and potential cross-examination, and would be better delayed until next week.

Court will resume Tuesday after the President’s Day holiday, the fifth week of the double-murder trial at the Colleton County Courthouse.

Bristow Marchant: 803-771-8405, @BristowatHome



GRACE BEAHM ALFORD GBEAHM@POSTAN

Defense attorney Dick Harpootlian and Prosecutor Creighton Waters address Judge Clifton Newman during the Alex Murdaugh trial on Friday at the Colleton County Courthouse in Walterboro.



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Hi Marcy

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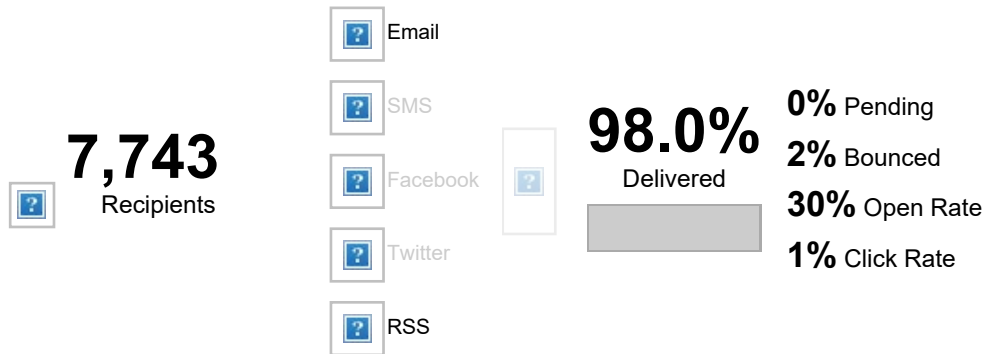
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The Plan will be available for review and comment for 30 days beginning Monday, February 27, 2023, through Wednesday, March 29, 2023, via the Town of Hilton Head Island website at www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov.

Written comments on the Plan are encouraged and may be submitted via the website link, or email to Marcyb@hiltonheadislandsc.gov or by mail to Marcy Benson, Senior Grants Administrator, Town of Hilton Head Island Finance Department, 1 Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.








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