

PUBLIC NOTICE

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN WHICH INCLUDES THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAMS

Lake County is required to submit an Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Program and the Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG). The County will not receive any direct funding under the ESG Program. However, it may apply for, and compete for, funding under this program.

As required by Federal Regulation for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs, Lake County is publishing a summary in the 2024 Annual Action Plan and the projected use of approximately \$1,547,605.00 allocated under the FY 2024 CDBG Program, approximately \$594,825.00 allocated under the FY 2024 HOME Program, an estimated program income of \$90,000, and \$114,197.95 in rollover funds for a total of \$2,346,627.95. This information is available to the public. Of this amount, the County expects to spend approximately 87% on activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. These figures were provided by HUD.

Activities expected to be undertaken during the 2024 Program Year include:

Housing: Owner and rental rehabilitation, and homebuyer assistance, all targeted to households with incomes under 80% of the median family income for the Lake County area.

Infrastructure Improvements: Assistance to upgrading, replacing, or rehabilitating streets, sidewalks, water and sewer lines, storm drainage facilities and their appurtenances, to be targeted primarily to lower income and deteriorated areas. Infrastructure to support the rehabilitation and development of new housing primarily for lower income persons.

Economic Development Needs: Assistance to commercial, industrial, warehousing and research facilities and related entities for location, expansion or retention of employment, especially for lower income persons and households.

Accessibility Improvements: For physically impaired persons.

Public Facilities: Assistance for public recreation areas and facilities and other public facilities, targeted to those primarily benefiting lower income persons.

Public Services: Homeless Prevention, Fair Housing Services, Transportation Assistance, Youth Education Assistance, Disabled Day Care, and Domestic Violence.

Planning and general information of activities.

Program Areas

Projects and activities under the Lake County Annual Action Plan will be undertaken in all areas of Lake County, excluding the cities of Gary, Hammond and East Chicago. These cities are entitlement communities and receive their own funding under HUD programs.

FY 2024 CITIES & TOWNS CDBG PROJECTS IN URBAN LAKE COUNTY

CROWN POINT	\$ 120,000.00
CP24 ADA Curb Ramps	\$ 120,000.00

DYER **\$ 77,000.00**

DY24 ADA Sidewalks \$ 77,000.00

GRIFFITH **\$ 75,000.00**

GR24 ADA Bathrooms, Pavilion, Playground, Sidewalks \$ 75,000.00

HOBART **\$ 115,000.00**

HO24 Code Enforcement Tracts 421 and 422 \$ 115,000.00

LAKE STATION **\$ 60,000.00**

LS24 ADA Wheelchair Ramp and Door Replacements \$ 60,000.00

LOWELL **\$ 54,000.00**

LO24 ADA Park Lot Improvements—Freedom Park \$ 54,000.00

ST. JOHN **\$ 75,000.00**

SJ24 ADA Park Improvements—Timberlane Park \$ 75,000.00

WINFIELD **\$ 40,000.00**

WI24 ADA Ramp & Curbs/Sidewalks (15 sites) \$ 40,000.00

LAKE COUNTY COMMISIONERS		\$ 75,000.00
LK24 ADA Improvements		\$ 75,000.00
TOTAL	Cities & Towns Projects	\$691,000.00

URBAN LAKE COUNTY FY2024 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

A.	Cities & Towns Projects	\$ 691,000.00
B.	Fair Housing	\$ 37,000.00
C.	Elderly Transport	\$ 40,000.00
D.	Homeless Prevention	\$ 50,000.00
E.	Homebuyer Assistance	\$ 200,000.00
F.	CHDO (Habitat NWI Const. & Operating)	\$ 118,965.00
G.	Housing Development	\$ 216,377.50
H.	Housing Rehab	\$ 210,000.00
I.	Social Services (Mental Health, St. Jude, Indiana Plan)	\$ 82,000.00
J.	Cerebral Palsy of NWI	\$ 20,000.00
K.	Administration	\$ 369,003.50

L. Program Income and Rollover	\$ 204,197.95
CDBG, HOME, Rollover and Program Income assigned to projects	\$ 2,238,543.95
CDBG Funds Not assigned to a project/program	\$ 108,084.00
Grand Total	\$ 2,346,627.95

POLICY

"SECTION 109" OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974

- 1) No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title.

- 2) Displacement of persons will be minimized and will only take place as a final alternative to sound residential development. In the event of displacement of persons as a result of community development activity under this program, assistance of those persons displaced will be provided as prescribed by the Federal Uniform Real Estate Acquisition and Relocation Policy Act of 1970 as amended.

Draft copies of the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan will be available at the following locations from June 27th, 2024 to July 29th, 2024 for a 30-day comment period: At the governmental offices of all cities and towns being funded in FY 2024 in the Urban Lake County area, the Lake County Government Center (address below), and the Lake County Public Library located at 1919 West 81st Avenue, Merrillville, IN 46410. Copies may be reviewed during regular business hours at

these locations. Copies of the Annual Action Plan will be available on the County website lakecountyin.org. Persons wishing to submit comments on the Plan should direct them to: Mr. Timothy A. Brown, Executive Director, Lake County Community Economic Development Department, Lake County Government Center, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307, telephone (219) 755-3225. Office hours are 8:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Comments concerning the proposed plan must be received prior to 4:00 PM CST on July 29th, 2024 to be considered. The County intends to submit the Plans to the Indianapolis Area Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on, or after, July 29th, 2024. HUD has forty-five (45) days to review and approve the Plan.

The County will hold a second and final, Public Hearing on the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan on Monday, July 29th, 2024. All residents of Urban Lake County are invited to attend and comment on the Plan. The hearing will be at 4:00 P.M. in the Lake County Community Development office (3rd Floor, RM A-310), Lake County Government Center, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307.

The County Government Facilities are handicapped accessible. All program materials including notices, resolutions, agendas, plans, plan amendments, and final plan documents are available for persons with limited English proficiency upon request. Contact Tim Brown by phone at 219-755-3225 or by email at brownta@lakecountyin.org. Provisions will be made to large groups (10 or more persons) who require assistance in a language other than English upon notice to the County.

Editor's Note:

Please print on Thursday, June 27th, 2024.