

City of Columbus Consolidated Plan 2012 Action Plan - Description of Activities and Funding

Supplemental CDBG Funding Budget \$1,453,474

Program Name	Additional CDBG Budget	Program Description
Department of Development		
Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund - Old Oaks Pilot Program	\$601,858.00	Funds are provided to allow for the redevelopment of vacant and abandoned properties in historic districts or homes that are historically significant. The redevelopment would be in keeping with the historic nature of the properties or the area. Eligible applicants must be households at or below 80% of area median income (AMI).
Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund - Home Safe and Sound Program	No Budget Change	The Home Safe and Sound Program (Homeowner Assistance Program) provides home repair loans and grants not to exceed \$40,000. Program will operate citywide.
Land Reutilization Program	\$297,000.00	For Land Bank properties, funds will be used for cutting grass and weeds, securing properties, and general property maintenance. The city anticipates more properties in the Land Bank thereby creating the need for additional dollars to maintain them up to code.
Fair Housing - Analysis of Impediments	\$10,000.00	The Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments is required to be updated periodically. The update is currently due but additional funds are needed to complete the project.
Graffiti Abatement Program	\$300,000.00	Graffiti is a public safety and economic development issue that can be found in every community in Columbus. When graffiti is allowed to remain on the side of a property, it says that the neighborhood is unsafe and a bad place to do business. Funds will be used to assist residents and business owners to quickly clean graffiti from their property.
Department of Recreation & Parks		
2012 Columbus Kids: Ready, Set, Learn!	\$145,000.00	About 40% of the children entering Columbus City Schools (CCS) kindergarten require intervention because they lack foundational skills. This initiative is designed to decrease those numbers and increase the number of children who enter CCS kindergarten classrooms ready to learn. With support from more than 100 community partners, United Way of Central Ohio is leading an effort to provide school readiness screening and referral services for approximately 16,700 2 1/2 to 4 year old children and their families in the CCS district. This number represents all of the 2 1/2 to 4 year old children in the CCS system. In 2012, the initial work in five neighborhoods, approximately 8,245 children and their families will be served, roughly half of those in need. When needed, initial screenings will be provided and/or six month learning check-ups. Funding will be used for personnel to administer learning check-ups as well as follow-up with parents on referrals and six month rechecks. Assessment materials as well as resources for parents to use with their children will also be purchased.
Department of Finance and Management		
Grants Management Staff	\$99,616.00	The staff of the Grants Management Office administers the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant, HOME and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS programs. Duties include budget development, financial resource management, program monitoring, technical assistance, regulatory compliance, completion of required environmental reviews, loan servicing, prevailing wage compliance, project eligibility issues and the preparation of required federal reports. CDBG funds will be used for staffing allowing NSP funds to become available for additional projects.
Supplemental CDBG Total	\$1,453,474.00	