CONSOLIDATED PLAN

2008 Proposed Use of Funds

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT
HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH
AIDS



CITY OF COLUMBUS

2008 PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS GRANT TOTALS

Community Development Block Grant	\$11,412,356
HOME Investments Partnership	\$4,982,692
Emergency Shelter Grant	\$286,322
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	\$608,000
TOTAL	\$17,289,370
Ordinance #1581-2007	\$16,748,023
Ordinance #1581-2007 Ordinance #1662-2007	\$16,748,023 \$541,347

2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

I. ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING LEVELS

(Aligned under themes established in the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan)

A. AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Department of Development	CDBG Request
Acquisition and Relocation Compliance Staff	\$66,301
Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund—CDBG	1,324,241
Fiscal Office—Rehab	299,013
Homebuyer Counseling and Housing Development	103,220
Homeowner Assistance Staff	1,476,214
Housing Administration	211,796
Housing Development and Finance Staff	201,349
Housing Services Staff	423,652
Department of Finance	
Fair Housing Services Contract	188,814
Department of Health	
AIDS Housing Program	55,744
AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY TOTAL	\$4,350,344

B. NEIGHBORHOOD AND TARGET AREA REVITALIZATION

Department of Development	CDBG Request
Code Enforcement	¢c00 c2c
Code Enforcement	\$690,636
Environmental Nuisance	296,160
Land Reutilization Program	234,940
Neighborhood & Agency Programs	436,325
Neighborhood Planning	104,371
Mayor's Office of Education	
Summer Youth Clean Teams	141,229

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & OPPORTUNITY

NEIGHBORHOOD AND TARGET AREA REVITALIZATION TOTAL

Department of Development	CDBG Request
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Brownfield Remediation	\$77,904
Business Development Office	164,950
Business Financing Office	265,835
Columbus Urban Growth Corporation	203,062
Economic Development Loan Fund	1,349,942
Neighborhood Commercial Development	319,546
Neighborhood Support Fund (Includes the following organizations)	409,813
Columbus Neighborhood Design Assistance Center - \$208,748	

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\$1,903,661

East Fifth Avenue Business Association - \$2,436

Franklinton Board of Trade - \$27,616

Greater Hilltop Community Development Corporation - \$14,250

Greater Linden Business Net - \$2,436

Greater Linden Development Corporation - \$48,735

Long Street Business Association - \$12,996

Mt. Vernon Avenue District Improvement Association - \$12,996

Parsons Avenue Merchants Association - \$21,118

Short North Business Association - \$29,241

University Community Business Association - \$29,241

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & OPPORTUNITY TOTAL

\$2,791,052

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D. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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Public Service Competitive Fund	\$135,879

Department of Health

Pregnancy Support	108,639
Sexual Health Awareness	191,617

Mayor's Office of Education

Department of Development

Capital Kids 264,771

Department of Recreation and Parks

Schools Out Program 245,000

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TOTAL \$945,906

E. PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT

Department of Development	CDBG Request
Administrative Support Fiscal and Legislation	\$127,043 93,463

Department of Finance

Grants Management Staff	585,862
Loan Servicing Contract-Economic Development	45,000
Loan Servicing Contract-Housing	150,000

PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT TOTAL \$1,001,368

TOTAL FUNDING FOR CDBG PROGRAMS \$10,992,331

Non-Program Expenditures:

Interest Earnings Payable to HUD <u>165,000</u>

PROPOSED CDBG BUDGET \$11,157,331

II. PROJECTED RESOURCES

A. <u>ENTITLEMENT FUNDS</u>

\$6,354,019

B. PROJECTED REVENUES & OTHER RESOURCES

TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR ACTIVITIES

PROJECTED REVENUES & OT	HER RESOURCES	
Housing Loan Repayments		\$1,378,420
Economic Development Loan Repayments Other Revenues		1,000,000 282,810
	Total Projected Program Income	\$2,661,230
Interest Earnings Payable to HUD		165,000
Reprogramming of Prior Year Projects		<u>1,977,082</u>
	Sub Total	\$4,803,312
TOTAL PROJECTED RESOURCE	CES	\$11,157,331
L	ess Interest Earnings Payable to HUD	(165,000)

III. 2008 CDBG FUNDING LIMITS

The CDBG program has regulated funding limits (commonly called "caps"). Planning and administration activities are limited to 20 percent of the program year's entitlement grant and program income. Public service activities are limited to 15 percent of the program year's entitlement grant and prior year program income. The cap limits for 2008 are calculated as follows:

2008 Cap Calculations:	Planning/ Administration	Public Service
Projected 2008 Entitlement Grant	\$6,609,044	\$6,609,044
Projected 2008 Program Income/ 2007 Program Income	2,661,230	<u>2,617,530</u>
Total	\$9,270,274 <u>x 20%</u>	\$9,226,574 x 15%
Maximum Funding for Planning/Administration and Public Services	\$1,854,055	\$1,383,986
2008 Proposed Activities Subject to the Cap Limitations:		
Department of Development:		
Administrative Support	\$127,043	
Fiscal and Legislation	93,463	
Business Development Office	164,950	
Neighborhood and Agency Programs	436,325	
Neighborhood Planning	104,371	
Homebuyer Counseling and Housing Dev. contracts		103,220
Homeless Prev. and Crisis Transition Program (ORD#1662-2007)		255,025
Public Service Competitive Fund		135,879
Columbus Urban League – Fair Housing Contract	188,814	
Department of Finance:		
Columbus Urban League Fair Housing Contract	188,814	
Grants Management Staff	585,862	
Health Department:		
AIDS Housing Staff	55,744	
Pregnancy Support Program		108,639
Sexual Health Awareness Program		191,617
Mayor's Office of Education:		
Capital Kids Program		264,771
Recreation and Parks Department:		
Schools Out Program		<u>245,000</u>
Total	\$1,756,572	\$1,304,151
2008 Cap Percentages with Proposed Activities	18.95%	14.13%
Cap Reserve	\$97,483	\$79,835

DESCRIPTION OF CDBG ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING OBJECTIVES

Theme 1 Affordable Housing Opportunity

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Acquisition and Relocation Compliance Staff

\$66,301

Staff reviews all CDBG, HOME and Empowerment Zone activities for compliance with the Federal Uniform Acquisition and Relocation Act. Staff develops, reviews and monitors implementation of relocation plans; provides technical assistance and training to city divisions and the Columbus Compact; and provides optional relocation to low- and moderate-income individuals required to vacate units due to code enforcement orders.

Staff will assist 50 households with optional relocation services and complete 300 project reviews.

Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund

\$1,324,241

- A) Home Safe and Sound Program provides home repair loans and grants up to \$20,000 as well as additional grants to control lead based paint hazards in Neighborhood Pride Areas.
- B) Home Modification Program provides up to \$15,000 in grants to homeowners and up to \$10,000 for rental properties to make accessibility modifications.
- C) Chores Program provides up to \$1,000 in minor home maintenance to income-eligible elderly homeowners to enable them to remain in their homes.
- 50 households will receive assistance for home repairs and rehabilitation.
- 75 households will receive accessibility modifications.
- 75 elderly homeowners will receive home maintenance assistance.

Fiscal Office – Rehab \$299,013

The Fiscal Rehab office is responsible for financial record-keeping for the housing rehabilitation programs. These duties include budget preparation, quarterly financial reviews, contract payments and accounts payable.

Homebuyer Counseling and Housing Development

\$103,220

This program provides grants for activities that assist with homeownership opportunities in the city. Three grants are provided for homebuyer counseling and education to Columbus Housing Partnership, MidOhio Regional Planning Commission and Homes on the Hill Community Development Corporation.

This program will provide homebuyer education to 415 people.

Homeowner Assistance Staff

\$1,476,214

Staff implements the Home Safe and Sound, Home Modification, Chores Programs and two Home Again activities: Emergency Repair and Roof Repair. Activities consist of processing applications, feasibility assessments, preparation of rehabilitation specifications, assistance with the bid process, construction management and processing of change orders and draws. Staff also performs inspections for Homeownership Development and Rental Housing Production Preservation projects, reviews specifications for Homeownership Development projects and prepares housing rehabilitation specifications for Land Reutilization Program properties in the Community Development (CD) service area.

These are staffing costs in support of housing programs. See individual program descriptions for proposed accomplishments.

Housing Administration

\$211,796

Staff administers all housing programs including the Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund, Housing Services, Homebuyer Counseling and Housing Development, Residential Tax Incentive, Acquisition and Relocation Compliance and Lead Safe Columbus.

See individual program descriptions for proposed accomplishments.

Housing Development and Finance Staff

\$201,349

Provides staff and administrative costs to implement the Homeownership Development Program, Rental Housing Production/Preservation Program, Down Payment Assistance Program and to manage the city's housing loan portfolio.

See HOME Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund description for proposed accomplishments.

Housing Services Staff

\$423,652

Funds provide staff and administrative costs to operate the Mobile Tool Library which loans tools to individuals within the CD Service area and provides tools for 30 events such as community clean-ups, park beautification, community gardens, playgrounds and Pride Community Night events. Staff also provides feasibility assessments, specifications and referrals in the Neighborhood Pride areas.

The Mobile Tool Library will loan 5,000 tools to individuals in the CD Service area.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & MANAGEMENT

Fair Housing Services Contract

\$188,814

Funds are provided for administrative costs to the Columbus Urban League (CUL) to enable them to provide fair housing services to the residents of the city. These services include increasing the awareness of fair housing issues, fair housing barrier elimination, housing discrimination redress and preparation and implementation of the Fair Housing Action Plan.

The CUL will provide fair housing education and training; investigate all alleged housing discrimination complaints; coordinate and conduct 50 housing discrimination testing sets and 4 affirmative marketing monitoring visits on HOME projects; conduct homebuyer/homeownership education classes, advertising promotions/campaigns in order to reach protected groups; and coordinate the update and development of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

AIDS Housing Program Staff

\$55,744

This program coordinates the federal Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) HUD grant, other HIV disease housing grants and services, and an HIV disease housing plan. The HOPWA program provides long term, comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of low income individuals living with HIV/AIDS in order to increase access to HIV related medical care and decrease the risk of homelessness.

This program will serve 254 households that include an individual living with HIV/AIDS.

Theme 2 Neighborhood & Target Area Revitalization

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Code Enforcement \$690,636

The Code Enforcement program is responsible for making inspections and issuing notices and orders to property owners for violations of various sections of the Columbus City Code which

include the Health, Sanitation and Safety Code and Zoning and Housing Code. Inspectors meet with residents, owners and others to resolve issues that impact the health and safety of citizens. They offer testimony in court cases involving non-compliant owners, make referrals to other divisions and agencies, participate in Neighborhood Pride Initiatives and responds to citizen concerns from the 311 call center.

This unit will make 2,700 inspections in 2008.

Environmental Nuisance \$296,160

The Environmental Nuisance Program is designed to eliminate harmful environmental conditions within the CD service area. It is made up of the following: Environmental Blight Abatement cleans up alleys and vacant lots and boards up vacant, unsecured structures; Weed and Solid Waste Abatement provides for the removal of high grass, noxious weeds and solid waste from vacant lots and structures.

This program will maintain 200 vacant lots for the Land Bank Program, contract for weed cutting and solid waste disposal on 1,400 vacant lots and secure 250 vacant structures.

Land Reutilization Program

\$234,940

The program allows the city to designate and acquire certain tax delinquent properties for redevelopment or reuse. Structures are sold for rehabilitation or demolition for new infill development. The goal of the program is to turn non-productive property into a productive asset in the neighborhood.

20 blighted structures will be demolished; 30 vacant lots will be acquired, cleaned up and made ready for new infill homes; 10 new housing units will be built.

Neighborhood and Agency Programs

\$436,325

Staff serves as liaisons to various community groups to identify issues relating to housing, social service, code enforcement, rehabilitation and other projects. Staff facilitates community access to inter- and intra- department personnel, educates residents on the use of the citywide 311 call center, provides technical assistance, monitors city contracts and facilitates the evaluation of and recommends funding for various social service programs. By working with area commissions and civic associations, staff provides an avenue for residents to participate in revitalization activities that impact their communities.

Neighborhood Planning

\$104,371

The Neighborhood Planning staff works in partnership with the community to enhance and sustain neighborhoods. The primary objective of the program is to provide planning assistance to central city neighborhoods by preparing and implementing community-based area and neighborhood plans, reinvestment plans and development policies, economic development strategies and guidelines. Neighborhood Planning also maintains the INFObase website, a repository of city plans, demographic data and other neighborhood and city information useful to neighborhood organizations and citizens. The planning process for the program focuses primarily on redevelopment and revitalization issues.

5 urban neighborhoods will benefit from having a neighborhood plan (or plan updated). 3 urban neighborhoods will benefit from having tasks implemented that were recommended in their neighborhood plan.

Department of Mayor's Office

Summer Youth Clean Teams

\$141,229

The Summer Youth Clean Teams is a summer employment training program for low-income youth that provides blight abatement activities in Columbus neighborhoods and Neighborhood

Commercial Revitalization (NCR) areas.

Clean Teams will employ 100 youth to assist in alleviating blighted conditions.

Theme 3 Economic Development

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Brownfield Remediation \$77,904

The Brownfield Remediation Program strives to eliminate slum and blight conditions by cleaning up contaminated land and buildings that will be developed into viable commercial and industrial space. This is accomplished through applications to the State, Federal and local governments for clean-up money. Vacant land and buildings are redeveloped, thereby creating jobs and increasing investment in the central city.

4 companies will benefit from Brownfield Remediation, creating 50 new jobs and helping to sustain economic opportunity.

Business Development Office

\$164,950

The Business Development Office strives to keep existing businesses growing and to bring new business and jobs to the city.

Staff will conduct site visitations, site and infrastructure research projects, coordinate financial assistance and capital improvement packages, employment assistance and network with local, state, federal and private sector entities to meet the needs of existing and prospective businesses.

Business Financing Office

\$265,835

The Business Financing Office services all economic development loans closed prior to 2004. Activities include payoffs, subordinations, forbearance agreements, delinquencies and legal action. The Business Financing Office is also the liaison between the City and its loan underwriters, Community Capital Development Corporation (CCDC) and the Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI).

60 jobs will be created through 15 loans and 5 loan workouts.

Columbus Urban Growth Corporation

\$203,062

Columbus Urban Growth Corporation (CUGC) acquires and develops unused or underutilized land on behalf of the City of Columbus. CUGC finds appropriate commercial and industrial uses for these properties in order to create economic opportunity for residents in the area. CUGC also assists with marketing, infrastructure design and the development of business incentive packages.

CUGC will create 100 jobs in order to create and sustain economic opportunity.

Economic Development Loans

\$1,349,942

This program will provide a variety of loans to small businesses. One loan product has an emphasis on minority-owned businesses. Another loan product provides micro-loans to low- and moderate-income individuals who own small businesses or want to start a small business. The fund will also make available fixed asset financing through expansion. Loans will leverage and/or reduce the cost of business borrowing. In addition, the program consists of a variety of integrated strategies coordinated to enhance the image of each business corridor. A variety of lending tool provisions will offer attractive financing terms to spur investment.

This program is projected to directly impact the creation of 60 jobs through loans in 2008-2009.

Neighborhood Commercial Development

\$319,546

Staff of the Neighborhood Commercial Development Program implements the city's initiatives in 15 targeted areas. These initiatives include: implementation of the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) Program, awarding of commercial grants, provision of training and technical assistance to NCR business associations as well as existing and prospective businesses, oversight of requested design services from the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) and the identification of additional resources to augment the NCR Program.

15 businesses and business associations will be provided technical assistance. 20 grants will be processed from commercial businesses and community development corporations in the 15 targeted areas. Staff will market loan programs and refer at least 50 prospective clients to CCDC and ECDI for commercial financing. Staff will conduct monthly meetings as well as quarterly site visits to review designs, installation and/or final recommendations to the NDC. At least \$500,000 in additional resources will be leveraged to augment the NCR program.

Neighborhood Support Fund

\$409,813

This program provides funding for neighborhood-based organizations to develop and implement their economic development projects, initiatives and services. Design services are provided to enhance the image of each business corridor. The funds will provide administrative funding for community development corporations, neighborhood-based organizations and business associations.

The Neighborhood Support Fund will assist 50 businesses.

Theme 4 Supportive Services

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Public Service Competitive Fund

\$135,879

The Public Service Competitive Fund represents the Department of Development's commitment to the maintenance and enhancement of critical public or social services. Funds will be allocated to those agencies that received funds during 2007 and have demonstrated that funds were utilized in accordance with their proposed application and contract.

The Public Service Competitive Fund will fund 4 contracts with social service agencies in order to promote workforce development in the city.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Pregnancy Support Program

\$108,639

The program offers in-home family centered coordination and education services to promote positive pregnancy and infant health outcomes for pregnant women and their infants up to age one. Staff identifies high risk women through active community outreach; provides mobile pregnancy testing and follow-up to prenatal, pediatric and primary care; and assists the women in obtaining necessary social services such as pregnancy education, infant and parenting information and assistance obtaining Medicaid and WIC assistance.

This program will administer 400 pregnancy tests and identify 86 clients to be followed through pregnancy.

Sexual Health Awareness Program

\$191,617

The Sexual Health Awareness Program will decrease the incidence of sexually transmitted infections by increasing the sexual health management skills of Columbus' most vulnerable populations. The program provides a continuum of sexual health education, diagnostic, treatment and referral services. These services are targeted toward low-income uninsured/underinsured persons/households.

4,500 clients will be provided services.

DEPARTMENT OF MAYOR'S OFFICE

Capital Kids Program \$264,771

The Capital Kids Program serves elementary and middle school students during non-school hours providing an environment where participants may increase their academic skills and gain positive interpersonal and social skills.

180 students will be provided assistance during non-school hours.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS

School's Out Program \$245,000

The School's Out Program is designed to benefit the children of working parents by providing a camp for children, ages 6 to 14 years, which operates during all periods throughout the year when school is not in session. School's Out offers a day long, well supervised program that allows children to take part in a variety or recreational, educational, cultural and physical fitness activities in a safe and secure environment

This program will serve 600 children in 2008.

Programmatic Support

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Administrative Support \$127,043

Support staff provides clerical and administrative support for the various CDBG planning, implementation and monitoring activities provided by the Department of Development. Staff activities include: document, form and report preparation, filing and maintenance of inventories of materials and supplies.

Fiscal and Legislation \$93,463

The Fiscal and Legislation unit is responsible for all financial record-keeping functions, including budget preparation, quarterly financial reviews, contract payments, legislation processing and accounts payable.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & MANAGEMENT

Grants Management Staff \$585,862

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, completion of environmental reviews, loan servicing, prevailing wage compliance, project eligibility issues and the preparation of required federal reports.

Loan Servicing Contract - Economic Development Portion

\$45,000

Funds provide for a loan servicing contract that will assist in the administration of the City's economic development loan portfolio.

Loan Servicing Contract - Housing Portion

\$150,000

Funds provide for a loan servicing contract that will assist in the administration of the City's housing loan portfolio.

Grand Total \$10,992,331

2008 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

I. ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING LEVELS

A. AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FUND—HOME	\$3,487,884
B. COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (CHDO) OPERATING SUPPORT	249,135
C. COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SET-A-SIDE	747,404
E. HOME ADMINISTRATION	498,269
TOTAL FUNDING LEVEL	\$4,982,692
PROJECTED RESOURCES	

TOTAL PROJECTED RESOURCES

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING OBJECTIVES

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT Theme 1 Affordable Housing Opportunity

A. ENTITLEMENT FUNDS

II.

Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund (HOME)

\$3,487,884

\$4,982,692

\$4,982,692

- A) Rental Housing Production/Preservation Program provides gap financing to developers and owner/investors to acquire and/or construct new or rehabilitate existing rental housing.
- B) Rebuilding Lives Program provides tenant-based rental assistance. Local preference is the assistance of chronically homeless persons needing permanent supportive housing. The selection criteria are: single homeless men and women needing some level of supportive services to transition into a safe, secure living situation who meet one or more of the following definitions of chronic homelessness: a) using the emergency shelter system for more than a total of 120 days over a period of two years; or b) living on the street for a total of more than 120 days; or c) repeated emergency shelter use (four or more times/year).
- C) Homeownership Development Program (HDP) provides gap financing for the development and/or purchase of new infill homes or acquisition/rehabilitation of existing single-family homes for sale, with preference for developments in Neighborhood Investment Districts.
- D) Downpayment Assistance provides deferred loans to enable first time homebuyers to acquire a home.

250 households will be provided with decent, affordable housing.

Community Housing Development Organization Operating Support

\$249,135

HUD regulations allow the city to reserve 5% of its HOME allocation for operating expenses of

Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). The HOME funds are provided to the Community Development Collaborative, which awards grants to CHDOs based upon evaluation of performance in achieving the CHDO mission, goals and objectives of their strategic plan, management successes and production of affordable housing.

Operating support is provided to six non-profit CHDOs in order to create decent, affordable housing.

Community Housing Development Organizations Set-Aside

\$747,404

The City of Columbus has reserved 15% of its HOME allocation for affordable housing development projects sponsored or developed by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).

Financial assistance is provided to eligible CHDOs that will create 25 decent, affordable housing units for low income individuals.

HOME Administration \$498,269

This activity funds administrative expenses for implementing the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Staff manages and administers funded programs including the Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund, Rebuilding Lives Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, CHDO Projects and CHDO Operating Set-Asides.

Grand Total \$4,982,692

2008 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)

I. ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING LEVELS

A. <u>HOPWA PROGRAM</u> \$608,000

TOTAL FUNDING LEVEL \$608,000

II. PROJECTED RESOURCES

A. ENTITLEMENT FUNDS \$608,000

TOTAL PROJECTED RESOURCES \$608,000

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING OBJECTIVES

Theme 1 Affordable Housing Opportunity

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

\$608,000

The HOPWA program coordinates the federal HOPWA formula grant program for the eight county (Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Pickaway and Union) Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). HOPWA funds will be used to assure Housing Assistance resources are maintained and/or expanded and are accessible for income—eligible persons within the MSA who are infected with HIV/AIDS.

Grand Total \$608,000