

2024 CDBG Preliminary Funding Recommendations

2024 Estimated Entitlement Amount: \$850,000
 Prior Year Funds \$299,000
 Estimated Program Income 2024 \$150,000
Total Projected Available Funds PY 2024: \$1,299,000

Public Services	Requests	Recommended
Public Services *	\$200,000	\$140,000
Subtotal	\$200,000	\$140,000
Capital, Admin. & Planning	Requests	Recommended
Capital	\$1,888,000	\$959,000
Administration, Planning	\$200,000	\$200,000
Subtotal	\$2,088,000	\$1,159,000
Total:	\$2,288,000	\$1,299,000

TYPE	Agency - Program	2023 \$ Awarded	2024 \$ Agency Requested	2024 \$ Commission Recommended	Notes
Public Services	Congregations for the Homeless - Enhanced Men's Shelter	\$166,200	\$200,000	\$140,000	Reference: §570.208(a)(2)(i)(A) Providing services to homeless individuals is an eligible activity under Public Services. Paying the cost of operating and maintaining that portion of a facility in which the service is located is also considered to fall under the basic eligibility category of Public Services, even if such costs are the only contributions made by CDBG. Public Services cannot exceed 15% of prior year program income + 15% of current year entitlement. In the 2023/2024 general funding cycle Congregations for the Homeless was awarded the CDBG Public Services funding for the program years 2023 and 2024. Year one they were awarded \$166,200 and for year two it was to be determined because of the cap. Based on the 15% cap the City estimates that funding can be provided through CDBG at \$140,000. With the 4.7% COLA added to the total amount the 2024 award is \$174,011, which will include \$34,011 allocated from the general fund budget. However, if the entitlement and/or program income are greater than estimated amount, they will cover the gap in funding up to the 15% cap as covered in the 2024 CDBG contingency plan.
Admin/Planning	City of Bellevue - CDBG Administration	\$88,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	Provides for staff and other costs associated with the administration of the CDBG program (24 CFR 570.206), including program monitoring and required reporting to the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and ensuring that human services are available to vulnerable populations. The request for 2024 is lower than the previous year to more accurately reflect the time staff time is spending on CDBG, since 2024 will be the year of developing the Consolidated Plan more funds are allocated for Planning. HUD caps the maximum amount that can be expended on Administration and Planning at 20% of entitlement amount and 20% of the current year program income.
Admin/Planning	City of Bellevue - CDBG Planning	\$136,600	\$125,000	\$125,000	CDBG Planning supports planning and research activities regarding human service needs of Bellevue residents and HUD required planning activities (24 CFR 570.205). In 2024 planning will include the 5-year Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments of Fair Housing. HUD caps the maximum amount that can be expended on Administration and Planning at 20% of entitlement amount and 20% of the current year program income.

TYPE	Agency - Program	2023 \$ Awarded	2024 \$ Agency Requested	2024 \$ Commission Recommended	Notes
Capital	4 Tomorrow Microenterprise Assistance Program	\$150,000	\$178,000	\$177,000	4 Tomorrow received funding in 2023 for their microenterprise assistance program and at the time of submission of this application, they served 14 Latinx individuals in the first cohort and are currently operating the 2nd cohort serving 15 additional Latinx residents. They have submitted reimbursement requests in a timely manner and are demonstrating success at reaching their goals and outcomes. This project is an eligible activity under microenterprise assistance, 24 CFR (570.202(o)(1)(ii-iii)). Minimum requested \$150,000. Because there were multiple applications for microenterprise assistance projects and limited funding, the Human Services staff recommend funding of \$177,000 to equally fund the three eligible microenterprise applicants in 2024.
Capital	IACS Microenterprise Assistance Program	\$120,000	\$150,000	\$0	Incomplete application. IACS submitted their 2024 application, but the application was not fully completed and missing several sections of information. They submitted their 2023 application from the 2022 funding year but did not communicate what the intent was and the 2023 application was not updated to reflect what they are requesting for 2024. Because they did not submit a complete application, the Human Services staff does not recommend funding for the 2024 program year.
Capital	Centro Cultural Mexicano Microenterprise Assistance Program	\$0	\$450,000	\$177,000	This project is an eligible activity under microenterprise assistance, 24 CFR (570.202(o)(1)(ii-iii)). Minimum requested \$225,000 - first time funding for the microenterprise assistance program. Human Services would recommend less than what they requested due to multiple funding requests and limited budget. Staff did consult with agency to confirm that they will accept a lower amount of funding and determine how they will make services accessible to Bellevue residents. Because there were multiple applications for microenterprise assistance projects and limited funding, the Human Services staff recommend funding of \$177,000 to equally fund the three eligible microenterprise applicants in 2024.
Capital	WeeCare Microenterprise Assistance Program	\$0	\$420,000	\$177,000	This project is an eligible activity under microenterprise assistance, 24 CFR (570.202(o)(1)(ii-iii)). \$180,000 minimum request, first time funding through the City of Bellevue. WeeCare has experience with providing these support services to low and moderate income home daycare business owners and have experience with the Community Development Block Grant funding that they have received from multiple jurisdictions in other regions. They are proposing to provide support services to the business owners and services to low and moderate income families living in Bellevue. Childcare is critical to working families and WeeCare will provide important resources to home daycare owners to support their businesses and increase services and resources for low and moderate income Bellevue households. Because there were multiple applications for microenterprise assistance projects and limited funding, the Human Services staff recommend funding of \$177,000 to equally fund the three eligible microenterprise applicants in 2024.
Capital	City of Bellevue - Major Home Repair with King County Housing Authority	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$300,000	Provides low- and moderate-income Bellevue households with zero interest loans and a limited number of grants for major home repairs (24 CFR 570.202) such as roofing, electrical or plumbing. This fulfills the national objective that the CDBG program benefit mostly low- and moderate-income residents. In 2022, 19 unduplicated households were served. During the pandemic the amount of repair projects decreased significantly particularly during 2020 and 2021, due to the inability to enter an occupied home and the health and safety concerns. This resulted in excess funds carrying over to future program years. In addition because of the high housing market during 2021 and 2022 an unusually high amount of program income was received from the repayment of home repair loans due to the increase in sales of Bellevue homes. The program income is added to funding and HUD requires it to be spent before entitlement allocations are spent, this also led to excessive funding for the home repair program. To spend down the prior program year funds and use the excess funds to support other programs, Human Services staff is recommending funding the program at \$300,000 for 2024. \$150,000 will pay for administration of the program, and \$150,000 will pay for housing repair projects. Based on the average spend down of \$25,000 per month, the staff project that there is enough funding to cover the program through 2024 at the reduced amount.

TYPE	Agency - Program	2023 \$ Awarded	2024 \$ Agency Requested	2024 \$ Commission Recommended	Notes
Capital	Habitat for Humanity Home Repair Program	\$86,000	\$150,000	\$98,000	Provides low- and moderate-income Bellevue households with zero interest loans and a limited number of grants for major home repairs (24 CFR 570.202) such as roofing, electrical or plumbing. This fulfills the national objective that the CDBG program benefit mostly low- and moderate-income residents. In 2023 the City funded Habitat to help fill the gap between major home repair and minor home repair. Habitat is it's own general contractor and can carry out projects that are smaller budget that otherwise may not be completed due to a shortage of contractors that are willing to take on smaller projects. Habitat has successfully completed two projects so far this year, and has 3 additional projects in the pipeline. They were not able to start work until their 2023 contract was executed in June. While they requested \$150,000, human services staff is recommending that they are funded for \$98,000 since there were multiple applications and limited funding. This will allow for approximately 10 projects to be completed in 2024.
Capital	Sound Generations - Minor Home Repair	\$0	\$40,000	\$30,000	The Minor Home Repair Program provides maintenance services and repairs such as electrical, plumbing, carpentry and disability access (24 CFR 570.202) to Bellevue's low-income, elderly and/or disabled homeowners. The request for 2024 is \$40,000 because their spending was significantly slowed during 2020 through 2023 partially due to the pandemic. They didn't spend down their 2021 grant amount until the summer of 2023 and are currently spending down the 2022 grant of \$41,100. The City did not fund Sound Generations for 2023 because they still had ample funding. Staff is recommending this lower funding amount to allow them to spend down their 2022 grant and have enough funding to carry them through the end of the 2024 program year. Human Services staff recommend funding for the 2024 program year at \$30,000.