

# Public Hearing

## Community Development Block Grant Program

### 2024 Annual Action Plan *Draft*

5:00 P.M.

March 13, 2024



Community and Economic  
Development Committee



# Intro to CDBG

Lee's Summit is an Entitlement community. As an Entitlement community, Lee's Summit receives an annual allocation of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

## Three National Objectives:

1. Benefit low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons
2. Address slums or blight; or,
3. Address a particularly urgent community need (disaster response)

# HUD Required Plans

- **Consolidated Plan (5 Year Strategic Plan)** – identifies community needs, prioritizes those needs, details strategies (goals and objectives) to address identified needs. (*adopted in Dec. 2019*)
- **Citizen Participation Plan** – Plan that sets forth policies and procedures to encourage public participation in plan preparation and amendments. Revisions are on an as needed basis. (*adopted in Dec. 2019; amended and adopted June 2020*)
- **Annual Action Plan**– more detailed plan with specific projects, activities, and budget for each of the 5 program years (July – June). This is our 5th year action plan.

# Action Plan Requirements

- Must identify annual goals and objectives and they must be directly linked to CON Plan goals and objectives.
- Must identify programs/projects to be carried out
- Must specify how these programs/projects will be funded
- Must indicate performance measures and anticipated accomplishments

# Action Plan Timeline

- Funding Application (Jan 8 – Feb 2)
- Staff Review (February)
- Staff Evaluation & Prioritization (February)
- Staff Funding Recommendation (February 22)
- Council CEDC Public Hearing & Recommendation (March 13)
- Public Review and Comment Period (March 13 – April 12)
- City Council Adoption (May)
- HUD Approval (submit in late-May)

# Evaluation and Prioritization

- Funding requests were first evaluated to determine:
  - Completeness of application;
  - Eligibilities (Agency, Program and Beneficiaries);
  - Meeting priority needs identified in Consolidated Plan;
  - Agency capacity to carry out CDBG funded activity in full compliance of the federal regulations and City standards.

# Evaluation and Prioritization

- Requests were prioritized taking into account:
  - Funding availability and constraints (caps)
    - Admin (20%)
    - Public service (15%)
    - At least 70% must be used to benefit low-to-moderate persons
  - Existing services City's CDBG program has been supporting or new service
  - Urgency and consequences if not funded
  - Agency's past history of performance and compliance risks

# Recent Grant Levels

The funding allocation for PY 2024 has not been announced yet. For planning purposes we have used PY 2023 allocations of \$354,909.

Year	State	Organization Name	Program Name & Type	Amount
2022	MO	Lees Summit, MO	CDBG	\$333,409.00
2021	MO	Lees Summit, MO	CDBG	\$355,770.00
2020	MO	Lees Summit, MO	CDBG	\$372,384.00
2020	MO	Lees Summit, MO	CDBG : CV1	\$219,061.00
2020	MO	Lees Summit, MO	CDBG : CV3	\$352,711.00
2019	MO	Lees Summit, MO	CDBG	\$373,739.00
2018	MO	Lees Summit, MO	CDBG	\$390,209.00
2017	MO	Lees Summit, MO	CDBG	\$354,769.00
2016	MO	Lees Summit, MO	CDBG	\$369,299.00
2015	MO	Lees Summit, MO	CDBG	\$365,566.00

# Recent CDBG Accomplishments

## PY 2023 Accomplishments:

- \$53,236 was awarded to four Public Service Agencies; to date this funding has benefitted 1,137 Lee's Summit residents.
- \$318,225 was awarded to Construction/Rehab Projects
  - Lee's Summit Housing Authority has completed Phases 3 (PY22) of the exterior remodel at Duncan Estates. This has benefitted 6 low-moderate income households.
  - Truman Habitat has continued the Home Preservation Program. Twelve LS households have benefitted by receiving minor home repairs– including siding repair, tree removal, roof repairs, foundation repairs, HVAC replacement and driveway repair.

# Next Step

- Applicants will present their programs/ projects and funding requests
- Staff will present funding recommendations
- CEDC will discuss funding options
- CEDC will approve a recommendation for Council approval

# Funding Request Presentation

## City of Lee's Summit

CDBG Program Administration

Funding Request: \$0.00

Funding category: Planning and Admin

Subject to: 20% Cap of Total Grant

# Funding Request Presentation

## Coldwater of Lee's Summit BackSnack Program

Funding Request: \$8,000  
Funding category: Public Service  
Subject to: 15% Cap of Total Grant

# COLDWATER BACKSNACKS/WEEKEND FOOD PACKS PROGRAM

2024-25 School Year

CDBG request to fund 32 of the 258 students from

4-6 Lee's Summit elementaries,

1 Lee's Summit middle school,

Summit Ridge Academy,

Great Beginnings Early

Education Center,

LS School District

HeadStart schools &

the Early HeadStart program



# Lee's Summit's Chronically Hungry Children

More than 600 chronically hungry elementary age children in Lee's Summit, according to Harvesters' research

As of February **125** chronically hungry preschoolers in Lee's Summit identified for this school year by counselors & social workers at Great Beginnings Early Education Center & HeadStart schools

Coldwater currently funds up to 258



# **HOW Harvesters' BackSnacks & Weekend Food Packs MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

An evaluation of the program has shown the following:

- Grades improved by as much as 18%.
- BackSnack students had 14% fewer absences and 23% fewer tardies.
- 34% of parents say their children's health improved and 33% say their self-esteem improved.
- Schools report discipline issues for BackSnack students were cut in half.
- Teachers see significant improvement in social skills, responsibility, participation and behavior.



# Funding Request Presentation

## Hope House

### Court Advocacy Program

Funding Request: \$20,000

Funding category: Public Service

Subject to: 15% Cap of Total Grant



 Hope House  
**COURT ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

# COURT ADVOCACY PROGRAM

- Focuses on keeping survivors safe and holding domestic violence offenders accountable.
- Services provided include crisis intervention, criminal court advocacy/accompaniment, civil legal advocacy/accompaniment, and individual advocacy.
- Partners with local law enforcement agencies and area courts to ensure there is a coordinated and comprehensive response to domestic violence in the community.
- Hope House anticipates grant funding will provide approximately 100 unduplicated survivors who reside in Lee's Summit with 90 units of court advocacy services.

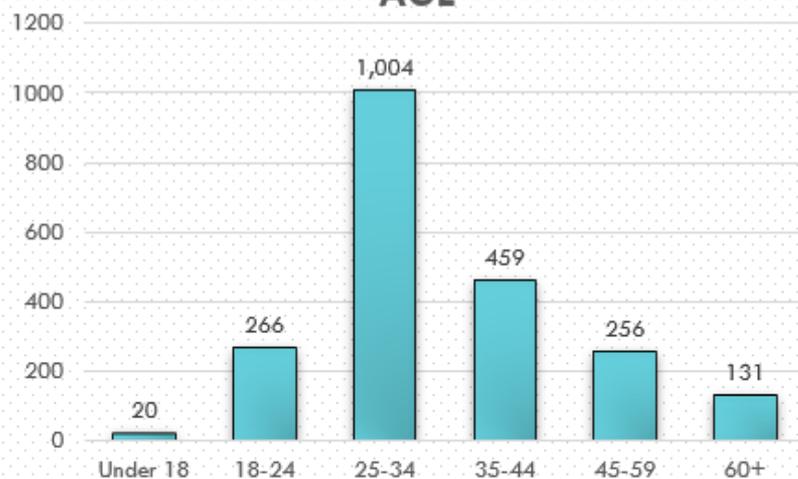
# NUMBER SERVED & DEMOGRAPHICS OVERALL PROGRAM (CY 2023)

Total Number of Survivors Served: 2,136

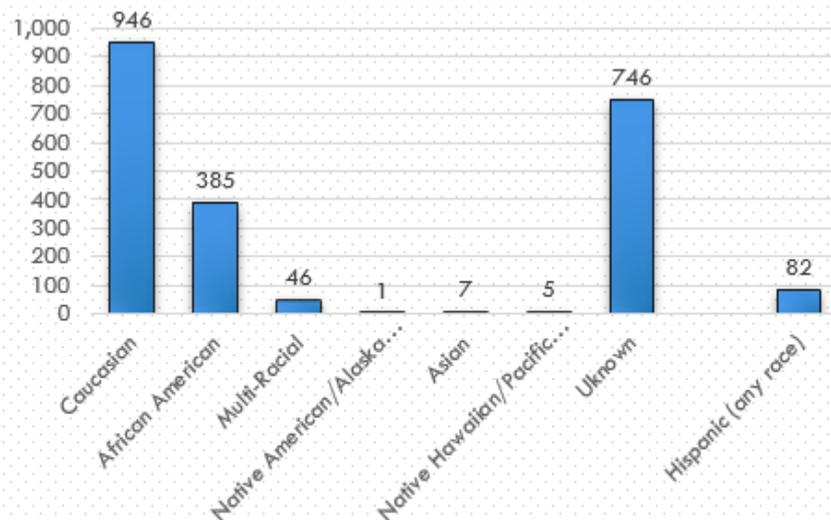
Total Interventions: 5,745

Total Hours of Service: 2,200.50

## AGE



## RACE/ETHNICITY



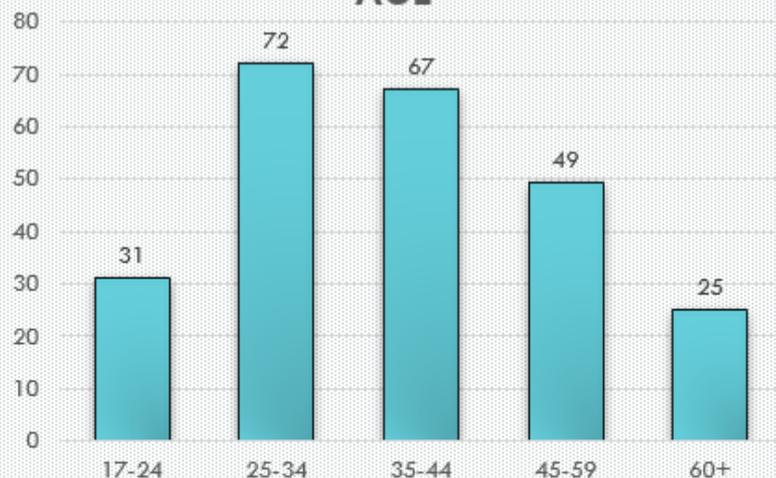
# NUMBER SERVED & DEMOGRAPHICS LEE'S SUMMIT RESIDENTS (CY 2023)

Total Number of Survivors Served: 244

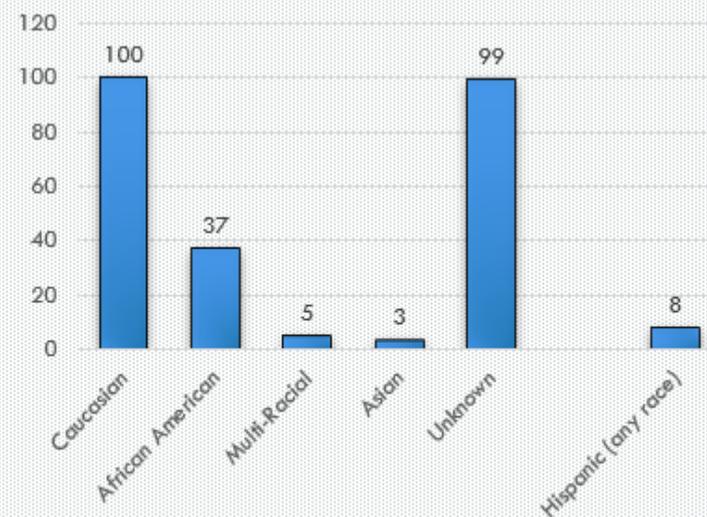
Total Interventions: 764

Total Hours of Service: 291.75

## AGE



## RACE/ETHNICITY



# LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

- Officers use a researched based tool to assess survivors' risk of lethality.
  
- Hope House partners with 10 local police departments, including Lee's Summit to administer the program.
  
- In 2023, a total of 1,115 survivors were assessed; 86% screened as high lethality.
  - An increase of 4% from 2022.
  
- For Lee's Summit, a total of 307 survivors were assessed in 2023; 77% screened as high lethality.
  - An increase of 4% from 2022.

# PROGRAM SUCCESS

■ In 2023 survivors achieved the following outcomes:

- 99% increased their strategies to enhance their safety;
- 99% increased their knowledge of community resources;
- 100% reported they felt respected and supported by the Advocate who helped them;
- 100% reported they understood their role in the court process; and
- 100% reported feeling respected/supported by the Advocate who assisted them.

## PROGRAM SUCCESS CONTINUED

- Bianca (name changed for privacy and confidentiality purposes) contacted Lee's Summit Police Department for assistance.
- Bianca entered Hope House's shelter services with her children.
- Lee's Summit based Court Advocate contacted Bianca to safety plan and offer support and resources regarding her upcoming court case.
- Bianca was accepted into Hope House's Transitional Housing Program and was able to move into a new residence with her children.
- Bianca continues to access Hope House's services and remains in contact with the Court Advocate as needed.

# Funding Request Presentation

## Hillcrest Transitional Housing

Case Manager

Funding Request: \$20,000

Funding category: Public Service

Subject to: 15% Cap

# Hillcrest's Impact

**Mission:** To be a transitional housing program that helps homeless youth and families become self-supportive, self-reliant contributors to society.



## Last year...

We served more than  
**940 households**  
totaling **1,770 individuals**  
through our programs

Our program residents  
**paid off or reduced their  
debt** by nearly **\$95,000**  
and **saved over \$120,000**

**126 households**  
graduated from our  
90-day and Youth Programs  
or were housed through RRH



"I work full time, have my own place, am sober and drug-free, and now have full custody of my son. I am very grateful for [Hillcrest's] generous support because, without it, none of this would have been possible! I truly never could have foreseen my life being this great!"

- Jason, Hillcrest Graduate

# Who is Hillcrest?



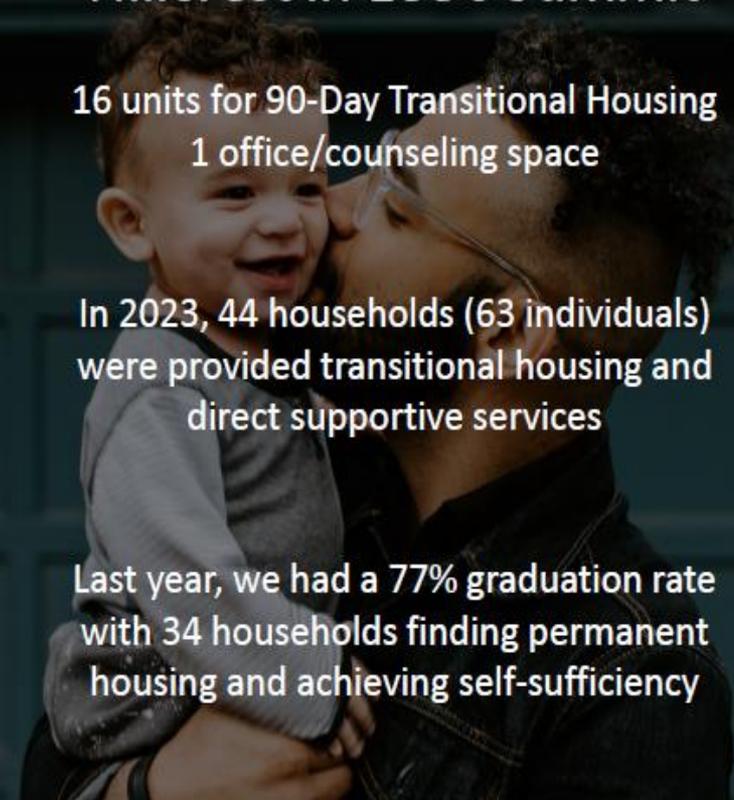
- Hillcrest Transitional Housing offers homeless families, singles, and youth a disciplined educational program within a caring, supportive environment, addressing the total life situation of the homeless families we serve.
- In exchange for rent/utility-free housing, adults are required by written agreement to find full-time employment, obey program guidelines, and attend weekly volunteer-taught classes in life skills, employment, community living, and budgeting. Youth participants must work toward an educational goal, obtain part-time employment, and attend weekly counseling and independent living classes.
- Hillcrest also provides clients the following through a network of community support: auto repair/donation, food pantry, medical assistance, dental work, GED classes, haircuts, glasses, school clothes, work uniforms, bus passes, thrift store vouchers, rapid re-housing financial assistance, etc.

## Hillcrest in Lee's Summit

16 units for 90-Day Transitional Housing  
1 office/counseling space

In 2023, 44 households (63 individuals)  
were provided transitional housing and  
direct supportive services

Last year, we had a 77% graduation rate  
with 34 households finding permanent  
housing and achieving self-sufficiency



# Homelessness in Our Community



## The Effects of Homelessness

- Living on the streets is stressful and made worse by exposure to communicable diseases, violence, malnutrition, and harmful weather exposure.
- Inability to maintain a healthy diet or access food regularly.
- Behavioral health issues such as depression, anxiety, or substance abuse develop or worsen.
- Minor issues such as cuts or common colds easily develop into large problems such as infections or pneumonia.
- ER visits increase due to a lack of access to regular medical, dental, and wellness doctors.
- Those experiencing homelessness are 3 to 4 times more likely to die prematurely.

*Ref – National Health Care for the Homeless Council*

## The Impact of a Gift from CDBG

- At least 39 homeless families receive safe, stable transitional housing and necessary supportive services (maintenance, utilities, salary, phone, insurance).
- Households move directly from homelessness, including the streets, emergency shelter, or situations involving violence or assault, into rental housing of their own, receiving necessary supportive services.
- 26 households break the cycle of poverty and homelessness FOREVER, obtaining permanent housing of their choosing, maintaining employment, and no longer receiving TANF welfare funds.
- These families pay off thousands of dollars in debt each year and place thousands in savings.
- They learn the skills necessary to lead stable, self-sufficient lives.
- Children and adults receive transportation assistance so they may successfully attend school and obtain or maintain employment.
- Households with high barriers to housing (multiple evictions, heavy debt load) may receive a deposit, first month's rent, utility payments, rental and/or utility arrears, and application fee assistance to help them exit homelessness and move into permanent housing of their choosing.

# Funding Request Presentation

## Lee's Summit Social Services

### Operating Expenses

Funding Request: \$25,000

Funding category: Public Service

Subject to: 15% Cap



# LS SS

Established in 1992, Our Mission is to assist low-income, elderly, and/or disabled persons in the Lee's Summit Social Services area with emergency needs while enabling them to maintain their dignity and learn to set and meet realistic goals that will lead to greater independence.

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## EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES THROUGH ESSENTIAL SUPPORT.

Assistance Provided:

- Rent/Utility Assistance
- Food Assistance
- Personal Hygiene/Baby Care items
- Prescriptions
- Back to School Program
- Christmas Program





# 2023 STATISTICS:

- Total amount of utility assistance: \$223,870.64
- Total amount of giving for 2023: \$1,457,484.16
- 19,242 services provided to 2,593 individuals.



# Funding Request Presentation

## Lee's Summit Housing Authority

### Duncan Estates Exterior Rehab

Funding Request: \$250,000.00

Funding category: Other

Subject to: No Cap



# FY-2024/25 CDBG Application

The Public Housing Authority (PHA) of the city of Lee's Summit, MO and greater Jackson County

Recipients pay 30% of total household income for rent & utilities

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher

- Baseline of 649 vouchers
- Serves families

Public Housing Program

- Serves Seniors (age 62+) and Disabled
- Lee Haven Apartments – 50 units, opened 1967
- Duncan Estates – 66 units, opened 1996

# Duncan Estates Exterior Rehab Phases 1 - 5



Built in 1996, building exterior systems nearing end of useful life. Scope of Work - Replacement of all exterior systems. This includes cement fiberboard siding, windows, doors, gutters and downspouts, eaves and soffits, front porch posts, etc.



FY-2023: City made grant of \$110,000 to complete Phase 3 (8 units)



Phases 1 & 2 = 10 buildings (20 units) complete.  
Phase 3 completed 2023. Phase 4 to begin spring 2024.

# Need: Phase 4 of Duncan Estates Exterior Rehabilitation to begin Spring 2024



The exterior vinyl siding, windows, doors, gutters, downspouts, soffits, and front porches are 25-years-old & near end of useful life.



Total Project Scope for Phase 4: Total replacement of all exterior systems for five (5) buildings containing ten (10) units



Total Project Cost: \$300,000 for Phase 4



Request for Phase 4 (spring 2024) = \$250,000



Would leverage approximately \$50,000 in HUD Capital Improvement Funds for FY-2024

# Need: Phase 5 of Duncan Estates Exterior Rehabilitation to begin Spring 2025



The exterior siding, trim, fascia, windows, and doors near the end of their useful life.



Total Project Scope for Phase 5: Total replacement of all exterior systems for five (5) buildings containing ten (10) units



Total Project Cost: \$300,000 for Phase 5



Request for Phase 5 (spring 2025) = \$300,000



Would leverage approximately \$50,000 in HUD Capital Improvement Funds for FY-2024

# Funding Request Presentation

## Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity

### Home Preservation Program

Funding Request: \$300,000.00

Funding category: Other

Subject to: No Cap

# Home Preservation Program 2024-25

Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity is seeking to continue their partnership with the City of Lee's Summit by providing a variety of construction related services for existing low-to-moderate income homeowners in Lee's Summit. This collaboration between the City and the Home Preservation Program at Truman Habitat has assisted over 40 Lee's Summit homeowners since 2020.



**We build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.**

**LS**

# Home Preservation in Lee's Summit

2024-25 Critical Needs Include:

- Hazardous electrical remediation
- Plumbing/sewer failure
- HVAC replacement
- Radon mitigation
- Foundation repair and water diversion
- Hazardous tree removal
- Weatherization to reduce utility cost burdens
- Code violations



# Habitat provides a **Hand-up**. Not a Hand-out.

Lee's Summit homeowners agree to partner with Truman Habitat's Home Preservation Program for their critical and minor home repairs by participating in Sweat Equity. Sweat equity provides an opportunity for families to increase personal investment in their home and support Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity's mission.



## Sweat Equity Opportunities Include:

- Prepare space for home repair
- Volunteer at Construction site, Habitat office, or ReStore
- Donate household items to ReStore
- Participate in HOPE Program workshops
- House yard sign
- Share testimonial

# Funding Allocation Recommendations

PY 2024

**\$354,909**

Funding allocations will be updated once PY2024  
funding is announced.

# Discussion

## CEDC Recommendation