

Multnomah County's CDBG Program 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan Executive Summary

The County, as an entitlement jurisdiction, receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County's CDBG allocation for program year 2013-2014 totals \$289,449

This Annual Action Plan outlines the process and plan for the CDBG allocation in the coming year. Multnomah County is pleased to partner with other Consortium members (City of Portland and City of Gresham) in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan that is submitted to HUD by the City of Portland on behalf of the Consortium.

Geographic Distribution

Multnomah County's jurisdiction consists of the small cities in East County; Fairview, Maywood Park, Troutdale, Wood Village, and unincorporated Lake Oswego. The small cities of the county jurisdiction have been qualified as an *Exception Area*, where the area meets or beats the Upper Quartile Percentage of poverty for all areas of Multnomah County (37.96%). Following are the Low Mod Percentages for each of the cities:

Fairview: 52.4 percent, Lake Oswego: 24.0 percent, Maywood Park 16.4 percent, Troutdale: 31.0 percent, Wood Village: 44.2 percent, Rest of County 25.4 percent

While currently only Fairview and Wood Village qualify to receive funding using the Upper Quartile Percentage criteria, very low and low-mod-income citizens in the whole jurisdictional area receive direct assistance from housing and public services projects.

The single CDBG funded Public Facilities Improvements Project for Multnomah County is located in the lowest income residential area of Fairview as follows:

| City | Project | Census Tract/ Block Group | Upper Quartile Percentage |
|------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | | |
| City of Fairview | Main Street Sidewalk Improvement (Phase 5) | CT: 101. BG 1 CT: 101. BT2 | 61.1% 38.0% |

The table below shows race by Block Group and Census Tracts in project area. (2010 US Census Data)

| Summary of Project Area Population by Race | Census Tract 101 Block Group 1 Fairview, OR | Census Tract 101 Block Group 2 Fairview, OR |
|---|---|---|
| Total: | 739 | 2,973 |
| White | 590 | 2,331 |
| Black/African American | 5 | 92 |
| Asian | 10 | 140 |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 6 | 37 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 3 | 29 |
| American Indian/Alaska Native & White | 4 | 32 |
| Asian & White | 3 | 30 |
| Black/African American & White | 0 | 24 |
| American Indian/Alaska Native & Black/African American | 0 | 2 |
| Other Multi-Racial | 71 | 157 |

According to the most current statistics from the *American Community Survey*, 10% of families and 12.4% of individuals in Fairview, Oregon are below the poverty level. According to the 2010 Census, approximately 23% percent of the population is a race other than white.

The project site is located directly across the street from Fairview Elementary School. The students who attend Fairview Elementary School represent one or more of the races identified in the census tract identified in the previous chart.

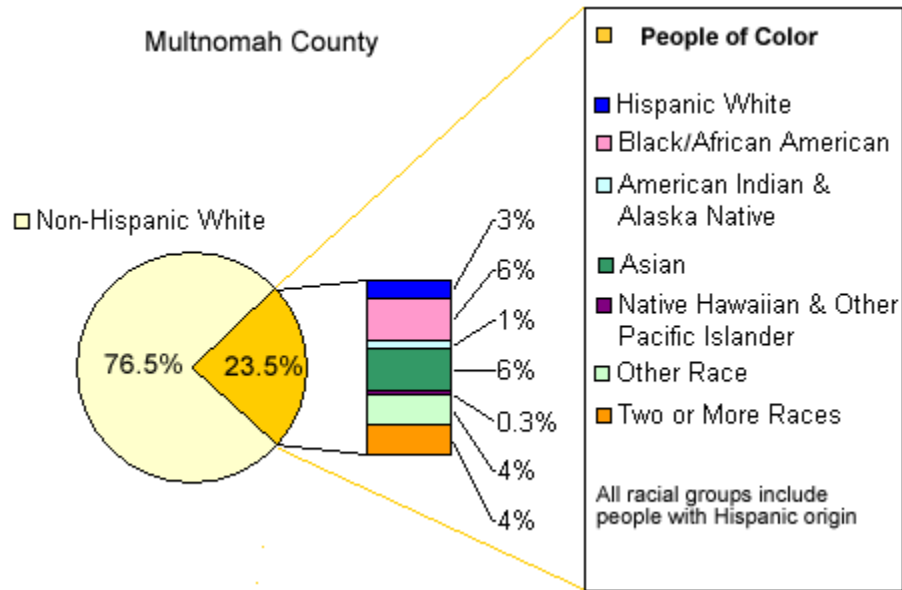
The chart below shows Multnomah County's area population by Race and Hispanic origin.

Multnomah County Jurisdictional Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

| Census 2000 | Total Pop-ulation | Total Population by Race | | | | | | | | Hispan-ic Origin (of any race) |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|--|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Single Race | | | | | | | 2 or More Races | |
| | | Total | White | Black African American | American Indian & Alaska Native | Asian | Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander | Other Race | Total | |
| Multnomah County | 660,486 | 633,622 | 522,825 | 37,434 | 6,785 | 37,638 | 2,320 | 26,620 | 26,864 | 49,607 |
| Fairview | 7,561 | 7,138 | 5,762 | 230 | 63 | 260 | 28 | 795 | 423 | 1,210 |
| Gresham | 90,205 | 86,759 | 74,619 | 1,707 | 848 | 3,007 | 243 | 6,335 | 3,446 | 10,732 |
| Lake Oswego* | 2,274 | 2,218 | 2,092 | 20 | 5 | 88 | 1 | 12 | 56 | 37 |
| Maywood Park | 777 | 745 | 687 | 16 | 7 | 31 | 1 | 3 | 32 | 18 |
| Portland** | 526,986 | 505,086 | 410,372 | 35,085 | 5,574 | 33,367 | 1,981 | 18,707 | 21,900 | 35,945 |
| Troutdale | 13,777 | 13,290 | 12,061 | 262 | 127 | 571 | 34 | 235 | 487 | 636 |
| Wood Village | 2,860 | 2,727 | 2,336 | 16 | 37 | 49 | 7 | 282 | 133 | 435 |
| Unincorporated | 16,046 | 15,659 | 14,896 | 98 | 124 | 265 | 25 | 251 | 387 | 594 |

* Includes only the portion of Lake Oswego in Multnomah County

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Approximately, 82% of the CDBG funded Housing Rehabilitation projects are focused in Fairview and Wood Village, and Troutdale. The remaining 18% live in outlying unincorporated areas of the County. All recipients of rehab work are qualified by intake process, using the most current median income guidelines and are extremely low to low-mod income.

Public Services projects use intake forms to qualify recipients and serve the lowest income population of the whole jurisdictional area.

Funding Priorities

Multnomah County allocates CDBG funds through a competitive process. Applications reviewed are by staff. Their ratings are submitted to the Policy Advisory Board (PAB) that is made up of a member from each of the small cities in the jurisdiction and one member from the Board of County Commissioners.

Following are three main priorities identified by stakeholders and the public that reflect the needs of the community. All funded projects are tied to at least one of these priorities:

- Priority 1: Invest in housing programs that focus on providing decent, stable housing for those with greatest need.
- Priority 2: Invest in infrastructure and public facilities improvements development that promotes stabilizing and revitalizing low-income communities.
- Priority 3: Support social services operations for organizations assisting homeless families, low-income citizens, and special needs populations to help expand economic opportunities.

Keeping in mind the funding Priorities of the 5-year Strategies for Multnomah County, the PAB recommended continuing the following approximate percentages to use in the allocation of funds:

- Housing 41%
- Public Facilities Improvements 24%
- Public Services 15%
- Administration 20%

These percentages are adjusted according to funding factors, applications received, and current needs of the community.

The 2013-14 allocations were distributed as follows:

- Housing 41% (2 projects)
- Public Facilities Improvements 24% (1 project)
- Public Services 12% (3 projects)
- Administration 20%

Two projects were funded under Housing Rehab. The Adapt-a-Home program addresses the need for improved accessibility in homes of low-income persons. This program focuses on providing decent, stable housing for those with the greatest need. The accessibility measures installed in homes make a significant impact on the resident's quality of life, allowing those with physical disabilities and seniors to remain in their homes and community rather than being forced into restrictive institutional living circumstances.

The Mend-a-Home program provides critical home repairs for homeowners for both standard and manufactured housing. By providing housing rehabilitation for low-income homeowners, it not only helps to provide them decent housing, it helps to preserve communities by protecting affordable housing stock in low-income neighborhoods.

The Public Facilities and Improvement project in City of Fairview invests in the community by developing adequate pedestrian sidewalks in areas adjacent to the Fairview Elementary School where current pedestrian sidewalks are missing or inadequate. This project will install new sidewalks in the City's Old Town Neighborhood. The lack of adequate pedestrian facilities in this area results in compromised safety of the children. The previous year's completed side walk projects have brought great praise from the residents and the school district. The ultimate outcome will increase availability and enhance the safety for all residents.

The County and the City Fairview have partnered on many projects over the years with storm water/sewer improvements, facilities improvements and park improvements that focus on helping to stabilize the low-income neighborhoods.

Funding for public services supports organizations assisting homeless families with transitional housing, and low-income citizens with fair housing needs, energy education workshops, and emergency services and I & R for Latino families. Each agency makes

every effort to utilize their small grant, to the greatest extent possible to help and expand economic opportunities for low-income citizens.

Citizen Participation

The County convened two public hearings; one held on March 29, 2013 at the Wood Village City Hall and the second will be held on June 13, 2013 before the Board of County Commissioners. Combined hearings with the City of Portland and the City of Gresham were held at various times and locations. The hearings were publicized in local newspapers and the Daily Journal of Commerce. Flyers were placed in the commons areas of local the City Halls and libraries. Additionally, notices were posted on county and city websites.

Previous Public input helped to identify the jurisdiction's top needs as follows:

- **Housing Needs:** Improvement/rehabilitation of residential housing to maintain and increase housing stock in low-income neighborhoods.
- **Community Development Needs:** Public Facilities and infrastructure improvements to help in the stabilization of small communities by improving water and sewer lines, roads and sidewalks, parks.
- **Social Services Needs:** support for homeless service providers and transitional housing, operation support for addressing fair housing barriers, energy education and workshops, programs for support of Latino families.

For the March 29, 2013 hearing, there were no public comments or staff responses. For the June 13, 2013 hearing before the Board of County Commissioners, public comment will be recorded and submitted in a separate attachment.

Multnomah County is committed to efficiently administering and utilizing CDBG funds in the east Multnomah County area by conscientiously soliciting and choosing projects that will best serve the low-moderate residents while working closely with our community partners.