

AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BUFFALO'S 2020 and PRIOR YEARS ANNUAL ACTION PLANS PROPOSED CHANGES

The City will amend its Annual Action Plan whenever it makes one of the following decisions: to make a change in its allocation priorities or the method of distributing funds; to carry out an activity using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan (including program income) not previously described in the Action Plan; or to change the purpose scope, location and/or beneficiaries of the activity.

The City will use the following criteria to determine what changes in planned or on-going activities constitute a substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan: substantial change occurs when the cumulative effect of an activity's budget amount is increased or decreased by more than twenty-five percent (25%), or when interim financing such as float loans are provided. A substantial change is not moving funds from unencumbered project balances from one year to another year for similar activities within the same target area. Nor is it transferring funds within the same HUD-eligible categories.

As part of a response to the ongoing need to protect the public by practicing social distancing as part of the response and recovery to COVID-19 and while public places may be closed to the public or in-person participation may not be feasible or large gatherings may be considered a public health risk, the City of Buffalo may opt to conduct public hearings and meetings virtually via conference call or live web-streaming with the ability to ask questions and provide comment in real time. During these times notifications of public hearings and comment periods will be available at <https://www.buffalony.gov/324/Consolidated-Plan-Documents>. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking persons upon request, such as sign language or language interpretation services. Copies of the document will be mailed or e-mailed upon request. Documents may not be available for public review at 920 City Hall or the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library if those places are not accessible by the public. Documents for public review will be shared via the City of Buffalo's website at <https://www.buffalony.gov/324/Consolidated-Plan-Documents>. A 5 day comment period will start Friday, July 2, 2021 and end at the end of the day Tuesday, July 6, 2021. The City of Buffalo will place documents detailing its amendments on a public website on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at: <https://www.buffalony.gov/324/Consolidated-Plan-Documents> The City will consider any comments or views of citizens submitted by email to HUDAdministrator@city-buffalo.com by the end of the day Tuesday, July 6, 2021. The City will respond by email to any comments made on these amendments. The amendments will be submitted to HUD along with a summary of any comments received, the City's written response, and a summary of any comments not accepted and the reasons therefore.

**Housing – Funding New Activities for
Weatherization Assistance and Down Payment
and Closing Cost Assistance**

Net Requested Funded Amount \$137,445.00

Weatherization Assistance program will provide funds for weatherization, to support energy efficiency and housing affordability in income eligible owner-occupied structures and/or qualified rental units in owner occupied structures. Program funds will improve the energy performance of dwellings for households in need and may be layered into the existing repair programs to reduce energy costs while ensuring resident health, safety and affordability. This is a HUD eligible activity per 24 CFR 570.202(b)(4). Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance (DPCC) is a new activity with funding to support Community Partners Initiative (CPI) contract activities for this program year, reprogramming other housing activity funds. This funding will increase the amount of new homebuyers in the City of Buffalo by providing Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance. This funding will support the homebuyer outreach efforts of the CPI partners and allow them “slots” so BURA can provide up to \$5,000 in funding to income eligible homebuyers. All new homebuyers will be required to attend homebuyer education offered by certified housing counseling agencies. This is a HUD eligible activity per 24 CFR 570.201(n).

Current Project

	Amt. including Prior Amendments	Increase	Amended Project Amt.
Weatherization Assistance (O.C. #DF9B2046 - Yr. 46)	\$ -	\$ 68,722.50	\$ 68,722.50
Down Payment & Closing Cost Assistance (O.C. #DF9B9007 - Yr. 46)	\$ -	\$ 68,722.50	\$ 68,722.50
Funding Sources:	Amt. including Prior Amendments	Decrease	Amended Project Amt.
Program Delivery - Belmont (O.C. #DF9B5036 - Yr. 46)	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 137,445.00	\$ 412,555.00

Housing – Funding New Activity for Program Delivery - Homeownership

Net Requested Funded Amount \$75,000.00

Funding will support the City and BURA's homebuyer efforts, specifically staffing and other eligible expenses to implement a variety of homeownership programs to facilitate the provision of housing purchase and related construction activities to qualified households in the city. CDBG funds may be used to provide direct homeownership assistance under 24 CFR 570.201(n).

Current Project

	Amt. including Prior Amendments	Increase	Amended Project Amt.
Program Delivery – Homeownership (O.C. #DF9B9016 - Yr. 46)	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00

Funding Sources:	Amt. including Prior Amendments	Decrease	Amended Project Amt.
Unallocated Program Income (O.C. #A19B5006)	\$ 682,097.67	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 607,097.67

**Housing – Funding New Activity for Homebuyer/
Owner/Rental Rehabilitation – Citywide**

Net Requested Funded Amount \$300,000.00

The City will provide funding for the acquisition, rehabilitation and resale of one and two family structures city-wide. Homes will be brought into compliance with local codes and lead based paint hazard reduction standards before resale to qualifying families. Eligible repairs may address code related issues, health and safety violations, substandard conditions, and lead based paint hazards, and will include the repair, or replacement of major housing systems as necessary. Moreover, funding will be used to provide renovations to owner-occupied properties purchased through the In Rem auction process or through a private sale and to existing owner-occupied properties in need of repairs. Eligible repairs may address code related issues, health and safety violations, substandard conditions, and lead-based paint hazards, and will include the repair or replacement of major housing systems as necessary. Lastly, funding will assist with Multi Family Rental Rehab projects by funding remediation, site prep, and related substantial rehab as needed to cover any project gaps. The projects are eligible under 570.202 Rehabilitation Activities.

Current Project

	Amt. including Prior Amendments	Increase	Amended Project Amt.
Homebuyer/Owner/Rental Rehabilitation – Citywide	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00

Funding Sources:	Amt. including Prior Amendments	Decrease	Amended Project Amt.
Program Delivery - Belmont (O.C. #DF9B5036 - Yr. 46)	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 850,000.00

**Funding Reallocation to Demolition/
Clearance**

Net Requested Funded Amount \$250,000.00

Funds will be used to assist in commercial demolition/clearance of 308 Crowley Avenue with any leftover balance to be used for residential demolition/clearance throughout the city. This is a HUD eligible activity per 24 CFR 570.201(d).

Current Project

	Amt. including Prior Amendments	Increase	Amended Project Amt.
Demolition (O.C. #DF9B3027 - Yr. 46)	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 750,000.00

Funding Sources:	Amt. including Prior Amendments	Decrease	Amended Project Amt.
Unallocated Program Income (O.C. #A19B5006)	\$ 607,097.67	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 357,097.67