

**Please Take Note:**

As of Monday August 1, 2022, the following updates have been made to the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan Summary Draft to correct a typo:

1. Under Public Services the total amount allocated to the category is correct, however two agencies were omitted from the chart. The total allocation remains the same and the following agencies are included in the list:

- a. Computers for Children.....\$47,520
- b. Northwest for North Buffalo.....\$47,250

# **2022 Draft Annual Action Plan Summary**

**October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023**

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HOME Investment Partnerships  
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Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS**



**City of Buffalo**

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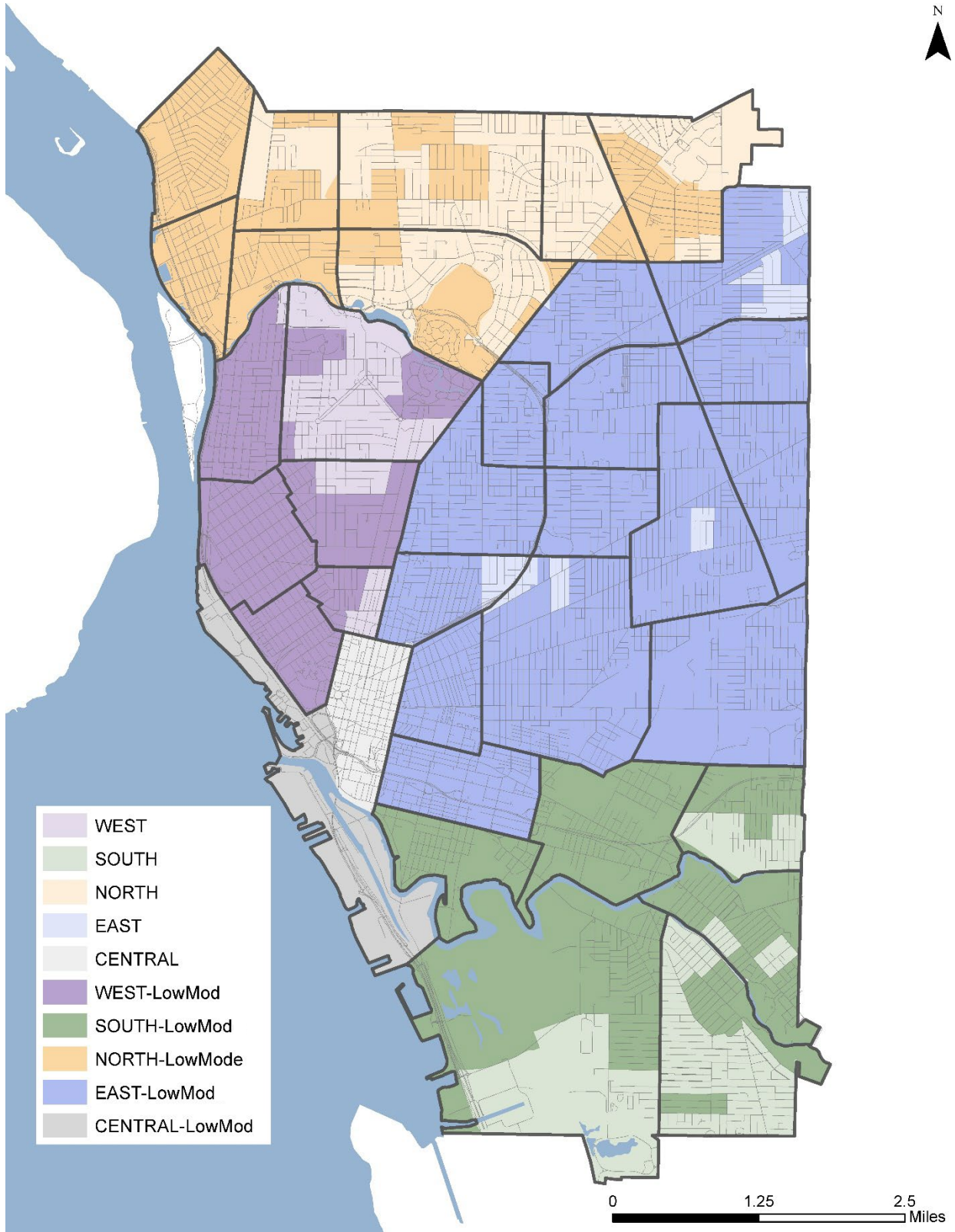
# City of Buffalo Annual Action Plan

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the City of Buffalo to prepare an Annual Action Plan (AAP) that outlines its proposed use of funds from four entitlement programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The City anticipates it will receive approximately \$19,257,436 in grant funding for 2022-2023, which will be combined with \$1,350,000 in CDBG and HOME program income, generated largely from loan repayments, for a total of \$20,607,436. The City of Buffalo program year for all HUD Entitlement Grants runs from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

<b>Summary</b>	<b>2022-2023 (PY48)</b>	<b>2021-2022 (PY47)</b>
Total	\$ 20,607,436	\$ 20,693,573
CDBG grant	\$13,332,794	\$14,131,481
CDBG program income (estimate)	\$1,100,000	\$1,000,000
HOME grant	\$3,814,259	\$3,388,479
HOME program income (estimate)	\$250,000	\$120,000
ESG grant	\$1,187,898	\$1,197,642
HOPWA grant	\$922,485	\$855,971



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

CDBG is designed to benefit low- to moderate-income (LMI) persons or areas. Funds are used for a variety of activities, including home repairs; demolition of abandoned blighting structures; improvements to public facilities such as community centers, parks, streets, and sidewalks in HUD-eligible (LMI) neighborhoods; and support for community groups serving city residents. Funding for program delivery and administration covers the costs for community-based organizations, the Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency (BURA), and the City to provide these services.

<b>CDBG TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,432,794*</b>
Housing	\$3,461,774
Clearance	\$1,550,000
Community facilities	\$400,000
Parks/pools	\$100,000
Street resurfacing	\$1,771,945
Sidewalk replacement	\$2,337,800
Public services	\$2,144,717
Planning and administration	\$2,666,558

*\* Includes the \$ 13,332,794 awarded this year (PY48) plus \$1,100,000 in previous year's (PY47) Program Income to be spent in 2022-2023 (PY48).*

## Housing

CDBG funds are used by BURA to administer an Emergency Repair Program, Housing Assistance Programs, and Homebuyer Programs to support the maintenance and creation of low-income homeownership. Funding assistance for unanticipated repairs is pivotal to the financial sustainability of low-income homeownership. BURA's Emergency Repair Program provides funding assistance to owner occupants for the replacement of roofs, furnaces, and hot water tanks; or to repair water, sewer, and electrical systems.

These funds help to protect homeowners' investments and ensure safe, healthy, and affordable housing, prevent further housing deterioration, create greater housing security, and stabilize neighborhoods. In addition, the investment of CDBG is often braided with non-federal sources such as Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) funding, the Erie County Lead Programs funding, matching grant funds from the New York State Affordable Housing Corporations Home Repair Program and other private sources secured and administered through the contracted partners.

Belmont Housing Resources and four community-based organizations (CBOs) assist with the program by providing loan originations, work write-ups, and property inspections. BURA will issue an RFP this year to potentially increase the number of CBOs.

BURA anticipates assisting approximately 144 homeowners during the 2022-2023 program year. The Homebuyer/Owner/ Rental Rehabilitation – Citywide program will fund acquisition, rehabilitation and resale of one- and two-family structures city-wide, and assist with Multi Family Rental Rehab projects by funding remediation, site prep, and related substantial rehab as needed to cover any project gaps. Lastly, program delivery will be used not only to support the efforts associated with the execution of these programs, but the marketing efforts associated with them as well.

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,461,774</b>
Program delivery: CBOs	\$386,900
Program delivery: Rehab	\$400,000
Program delivery: Belmont Housing Resources of WNY	\$777,000
Program delivery: Homeownership	\$75,000

Rehab Loan & Homeowner Exterior Improvements: Single	\$1,496,474
Homebuyer/Owner/ Rental Rehabilitation - Citywide	\$326,400

## Clearance

Clearance funding is used to demolish vacant, abandoned and blighting residential, commercial, and industrial properties that are within targeted neighborhoods. It is anticipated that during 2022-2023, funding will be used for residential demolitions, at an average cost of \$20,000 per residence, and commercial demolitions, including private or publicly owned housing, at an average cost of \$100,000 - \$1,000,000+ per structure.

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,550,000</b>
Demolitions	\$1,420,000
Program delivery	\$130,000

## Community Facilities & Parks and Pools

Given the volatility in supply costs, contractor capacity, and labor, CDBG is not a good candidate for community facilities and parks and pools projects this year. A&E funds will be used to complete projects funded in prior Annual Action Plans and prepare for future year community facilities and parks and pools projects.

<b>TOTAL A&amp;E</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
Facilities A&E multi-year 48&49	\$400,000
Parks and pools A&E multi-year 48&49	\$100,000

## Streets

DPW prepares an annual list of streets that require resurfacing. Based on HUD guidelines, a three-step review to determine eligibility is completed. The first step is a check to ensure that each segment is located within a HUD-eligible neighborhood. The second step requires determining if 51% of the frontage on the street segment is classified as residential using the parcel property class code. The final step takes the estimated cost resurfacing each segment and divides it by the number of residential parcels, to eliminate any segments that have an unusually high cost per residential parcel. A total of 18 street segments are proposed to be completed this program year, adding to the previously approved list of streets. By approving the full list of eligible street segments, DPW has the flexibility to more strategically commit to street segments based upon other sources of funding and final bid amounts.

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,771,945</b>
Street resurfacing	\$1,541,500
Streets A&E multi-year 48&49	\$230,445

*\* All low-mod criteria's considered have been updated as per HUD notice CPD-19-02, which provided updated LMI standards based on 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) effective April 1, 2019.*

<i>Planning Neighborhood</i>	<b>PY48 Proposed Streets</b>		
	<b>STREET</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
<i>North Park</i>	Tennyson	Tacoma	Hertel
	Crestwood	Taunton	Hertel
	Tacoma	Lovering	Colvin
	Tacoma	Saranac	Stering
<i>Masten Park</i>	Wohlers	E. Utica	Northampton
<i>Pratt Willert</i>	Hickory	Genesee	William
<i>First Ward</i>	Mackinaw	Fitzgerald	E. End
<i>Grant Amherst</i>	Beaumaris	N. End	Woodette
	Beaumaris	Elmview	S. End
	Woodette	Beaumaris	Elmwood
	Elmview	Beaumaris	Elmwood



<i>South Park</i>	Tamarack	S. Legion	Abbott
<i>Seneca-Cazenovia</i>	Maywood	Newman	Seneca
	Newman	Seneca	Wildwood
	Wildwood	Seneca	Beyer
<i>Kenfield</i>	Arden	Newburgh	Suffolk
<i>Kensington-Bailey</i>	Hastings	Bailey	Orleans
<i>University Heights</i>	Custer	Main	W. Dead End

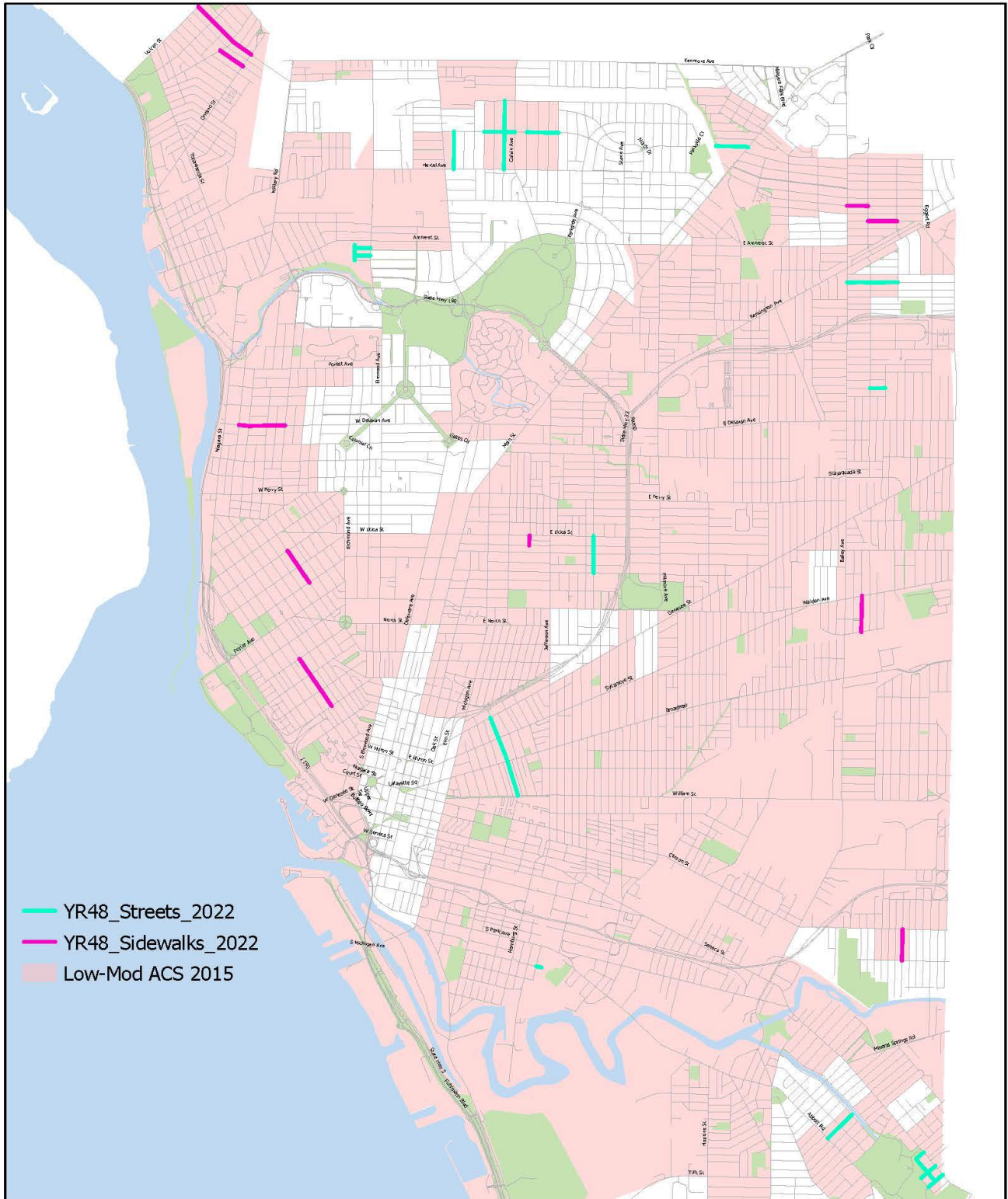
## Sidewalks

DPW provides BURA with an annual list of sidewalks in need of repair. Based on HUD guidelines, a three-part review to determine eligibility is completed. The first step is a check to ensure that each street segment is located within a HUD-eligible neighborhood. The second step requires determining if 51% of the frontage on the street segment is classified as residential using the parcel property class code. If a segment meets both criteria, it is HUD-eligible. The final step takes the estimated cost of sidewalk replacement for each segment and divides it by the number of residential parcels to eliminate any segments that have an unusually high cost per residential parcel. A total of 10 sidewalk segments are eligible to be completed this program year, adding to the previously approved list of sidewalks. By approving the full list of eligible sidewalk segments, DPW has the flexibility to more strategically commit to sidewalk segments based upon other sources of funding and final bid amounts.

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,337,800</b>
Sidewalk replacements	\$2,033,500
A&E multi-year 48&49	\$304,300

\* All low-mod criteria considered have been updated as per HUD notice CPD -19-02, which provided updated LMI standards based on 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) effective April 1, 2019.

	PY48 Proposed Sidewalks		
<b>Planning Neighborhood</b>	<b>SIDEWALK</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
<i>Masten Park</i>	<b>Purdy</b>	Laurel	E. Utica
<i>Lower West Side</i>	<b>Prospect</b>	Virginia	Pennsylvania
<i>Genesee-Moselle</i>	<b>Sumner</b>	Walden	Westshore
<i>Upper West Side</i>	<b>W. Delavan</b>	West	Grant
<i>West Side</i>	<b>14th</b>	Connecticut	Rhode Island
<i>Riverside</i>	<b>Skillen</b>	Ontario	Vulcan
	<b>Evelyn</b>	Ontario	Esser
<i>Kensington-Bailey</i>	<b>Shirley</b>	Bailey	Suffolk
	<b>Hewitt</b>	Suffolk	Orleans
<i>Kaisertown</i>	<b>Barnard</b>	Clinton	Casimir



- YR48\_Streets\_2022
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- Low-Mod ACS 2015



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# Annual Action Plan - Year 48 Streets and Sidewalks

## Public Services

The City of Buffalo allocates approximately 15% of the total CDBG entitlement grant towards public services totaling \$1,979,717 for the upcoming year (2022-2023). In addition, 15% of the previous year's program income is also allocated, which is approximately \$165,000, for a total of \$2,144,717. This allows the City of Buffalo to support many agencies who help improve the lives of our most under-served communities. Nearly all funds were allocated to Subrecipient programming.

For this program year, programs were awarded based on multiple factors. The OCA received over forty-three (43) applications from agencies throughout the City. Youth-serving agencies and senior-serving agencies make up a majority of the contracted activities. The remaining are comprised of fair housing, crime prevention, and workforce development focused programs. These contracts span across twenty-nine (29) agencies located throughout the City of Buffalo, with some serving the community at multiple sites. Some were reduced due to non-compliance, and of the new applicants two were awarded funding for the upcoming year.

Agency	Award	Social Determinants of Health Addressed
African Cultural	\$61,490	Education
BCAT	\$38,016	Economic and Education
Be a Friend	\$23,760	Social
Boys and Girls - Northtowns	\$19,200	Education
Buffalo Urban League	\$28,512	Neighborhood
BUL Crucial	\$78,067	Education and Health
CAO	\$38,860	Economic and Social
CEO	\$27,562	Economic
Compeer	\$19,200	Social
Computers for Children	\$47,250	Youth
Erie Regional	\$104,544	Economic and Health
Friends Inc	\$48,470	Social
George K Arthur	\$15,552	Economic and Health
Harvest House	\$19,200	Health
Hennepin	\$45,985	Neighborhood and Social
Hispanics United	\$16,029	Neighborhood and Social
HOME	\$42,768	Neighborhood
King Urban	\$30,318	Education
Legal Aid Bureau	\$54,173	Economic and Neighborhood
Matt Urban	\$129,159	Economic and Health
Metro CDC	\$110,400	Economic and Social
NLS	\$22,524	Neighborhood
Northwest Buffalo	\$158,185	Education and Social
Old First Ward	\$41,818	Social
PAL	\$95,040	Education and Health
Peace of the City	\$19,200	Education
Resource Council	\$24,710	Education and Health
Salvation Army	\$19,200	Economic and Health
Schiller	\$62,536	Neighborhood and Social
Seneca Babcock	\$39,605	Economic and Social

Seneca Street	\$19,200	Education
South Buffalo CA	\$86,486	Health and Neighborhood
University District CDA	\$132,391	Health and Social
Valley Community	\$19,958	Neighborhood
West Side CS	\$172,023	Economic and Social
Northwest for North Buffalo	\$47,250	Seniors
YMCA	\$38,016	Health and Social
YWCA	\$47,520	Economic
Community Crime Prevention Initiative	\$100,000	

**Planning and Administration**

CDBG permits the allocation of no more than 20% of CDBG Entitlement Grant and program income generation for the use of planning and administration costs associated with the implementation of the CDBG grant.

<b>Planning &amp; Administration Total</b>	<b>\$2,686,558*</b>
Planning & Admin (EN)	\$2,446,558
Planning & Admin (PI)	\$220,000

*\*Amount may vary throughout program year, but will remain under 20% cap*

## HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME)

HOME provides formula grants that communities use - often in partnership with local nonprofit groups - to fund a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership. HOME is the largest Federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households.

HOME funding will be used to support new construction, or the substantial rehabilitation of owner-occupied and rental housing for low- to moderate-income individuals and families. HOME funding is also used to assist with the work of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). BURA administers the City's HOME funds via a HUD-approved Subrecipient agreement.

CHDO's receive a 15% HUD required set aside, of the City's HOME allocation to acquire and rehabilitate housing to be sold to low and moderately low-income households, or to support the new construction of housing in targeted communities to be sold to low and moderately low-income households. This program also supports CHDO organizations to build multi-family rental housing. The City may also set aside up to 5% of the HOME allocation to cover CHDO operating cost.

The Multi-Family Rehab/Construction program provides HOME funding for the rehabilitation of developer-owned affordable rental units, identified problem properties, or for the construction of new rental units. Funding is also used to ensure the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing for extremely low, very low, and moderately low-income renters. The program may also be used for the new construction of single-family homes which will be sold to low to moderately low-income households. Program funds will be used for rehab expenses in targeted neighborhoods that bring assisted units into compliance with building codes, including interim controls, or abatement to alleviate lead-based paint hazards. The City distributes this funding through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

The Owner-Occupied Rehab Program provides HOME funding for the substantial rehabilitation of existing one to four family units, to ensure the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing for extremely low, very low, and moderately low-income households. Program funds will be used for rehab expenses in targeted neighborhoods, or as matching funds for other targeted programs, including interim controls to alleviate lead-based paint hazards. Belmont Housing Resources and four Community- Based Organizations (CBO's) assist with this program by providing loan originations, work write-ups, and property inspections. BURA will issue an RFP this year to potentially increase the number of CBOs.

Lastly, the new HOME Commitment Rule requires grantees to plan for all program income received in the prior year. As a result, an estimated \$423,073 received in program income in PY 2021 will be used for continued efforts in support of new construction, substantial and rental rehabilitation activities in PY 2022. The City also estimates it will receive another \$250,000 in program income this program year that will be used to support HOME efforts in PY 2022, 10% of which will be used in PY 2022 for administration costs in the amount of \$25,000.

*\* Program Income (PI) amounts are estimates only and may increase or decrease throughout the program year according to receipts. Final PI amount will be provided to planned HOME categories as needed but within the 5 budgeted areas below.*

<b>HOME TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,064,259*</b>
Substantial rehab/new construction: multi-family	\$3,035,694*
Acquisition/rehabilitation (CHDO)	\$572,139
CHDO operating	\$50,000
Administration	\$406,426

*\*Includes program income held from prior year.*



## EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

ESG funds are used to assist people who experience a housing crisis or homelessness and help them quickly regain stability through permanent housing and supportive services. Individuals and families served through ESG must fall into one of the categories of homelessness as described by HUD.

The City of Buffalo received a total of \$1,187,898 in ESG grant funding for 2022-2023. ESG funding is used in conjunction with the Continuum of Care (CoC) grant funding awarded to homeless-serving agencies. Up to 60% of the ESG funding amount can be used exclusively for shelters and outreach programs. ESG is utilized to address gaps in services that the CoC is unable to cover. With these two grant-funders working together, the City can carry out a comprehensive strategy in addressing its homeless population. The Office of Contract Administration (OCA) received 20 ESG applications for 2022-2023. The OCA receives recommendations from the CoC Review Committee and uses them to help determine funding allotment for the upcoming year.

<b>ESG TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,187,898</b>
Shelter	\$277,600
Outreach	\$310,000
Prevention	\$190,000
HMIS-HAWNY	\$50,012
Rapid Rehousing	\$350,000
Administration	\$10,286

## HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)

The HOPWA grant is used to assist people who have an HIV/AIDS diagnosis and low income and help them quickly regain stability through permanent housing and supportive services. HOPWA funding is essential in providing financial and supportive assistance to individuals and families. The City received a total of \$922,485.00 in HOPWA grant funding for 2022-2023. The City of Buffalo will fund two programs through this year's HOPWA grant: Evergreen and Harvest House. Both agencies will provide services helping individuals secure permanent housing, rental assistance, and other supportive services. In addition, the Office of Contract Administration will be using \$159,206.49 in prior year HOPWA funds to supplement this year's programs

<b>HOPWA Total</b>	<b>\$1,081,691*</b>
Evergreen -TBRA	\$180,000
Evergreen - FBHSA	\$200,484
Evergreen - STRMU	\$75,000
Evergreen - PHP	\$50,000
Evergreen - Supportive Services	\$234,714
Evergreen Administration-Project Sponsored Administration	\$22,205
Harvest House - TBRA	\$90,000
Harvest House - STRMU	\$17,760
Harvest House - PHP	\$35,500
Harvest House - Support Services	\$127,853
Harvest House Administration-Project Sponsored Administration	\$20,500
City Administration	\$27,675

*\*Includes Prior Year Funds.*