

2020 Annual Action Plan

October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021

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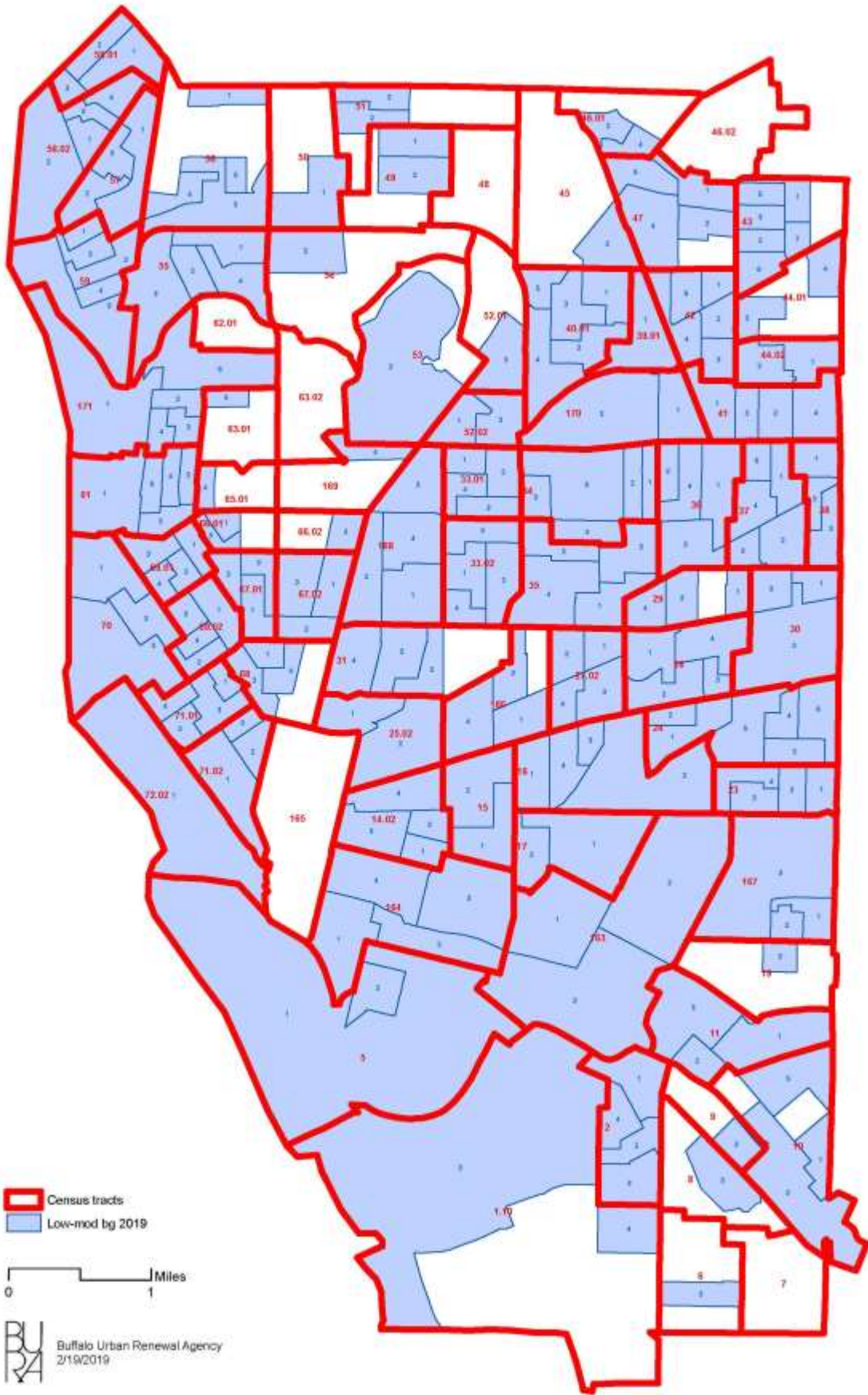
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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the City of Buffalo to prepare an Annual Action Plan (AAP) that outlines its proposed use of funds from four entitlement programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA). The city anticipates it will receive approximately \$19,408,921 million in grant funding for 2020-2021, which will be combined with \$1,120,000 million in CDBG and HOME program income, generated largely from loan repayments, and \$39,583 of funds unspent from previous years for a total of \$20,528,921. The City of Buffalo program year for all HUD Entitlement Grants runs from October 1st, 2020 to September 30th, 2021.

| Summary | 2020-2021 (PY46) | 2019-2020 (PY45) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total | \$20,528,921 | \$20,411,124 |
| CDBG grant | \$14,042,558 | \$13,706,335 |
| CDBG program income (estimate) | \$1,039,583 | \$1,000,000 |
| HOME grant | \$3,342,830 | \$3,007,593 |
| HOME program income (estimate) | \$120,000 | \$1,175,216 |
| ESG grant | \$1,204,344 | \$1,160,583 |
| HOPWA grant | \$819,189 | \$798,764 |



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. Please note below that the program delivery listed for NYBDC will be to support past economic development activities.

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| TOTAL | \$15,082,141* |
| Housing | \$3,137,452 |
| Clearance | \$600,000 |
| Community facilities | \$2,465,000 |
| Parks/pools | \$900,000 |
| Street resurfacing | \$1,475,000 |
| Sidewalk replacement | \$1,175,210 |
| Public services | \$2,295,967 |
| Program delivery NYBDC | \$25,000 |
| Planning and administration | \$3,008,512 |

** Includes the \$14,042,558 awarded this year (PY46) plus \$1,000,000 in previous year's (PY45) Program Income to be spent in 2020-2021 (PY46) and \$39,583 in unspent funds.*

Housing

CDBG funds are used by BURA to administer an Emergency Repair Program and Housing Assistance Program to assist low income homeowners with staying safely in their homes. 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 six community-based organizations (CBOs) assist with the program by providing loan originations, work write-ups, and property inspections. BURA anticipates assisting approximately 115 homeowners during the 2020-2021 program year. In some cases, CDBG funds from this allocation may also be used for repairs to rental units in HOME assisted 2-4 family owner occupied structures. 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.

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| TOTAL | \$3,137,452 |
| Program delivery: CBOs | \$400,000 |
| Program delivery: BURA | \$450,000 |
| Program delivery: Belmont Housing Resources of WNY | \$550,000 |
| Rehab Loan & Homeowner Exterior Improvements: Single | \$868,726 |
| Rehab Loan & Homeowner Exterior Improvements: Multi | \$868,726 |

Clearance

Clearance funding is used to demolish vacant, dilapidated, abandoned and blighting residential, commercial, and industrial properties that are within targeted neighborhoods. It is anticipated that during 2020-2021, funding will be used for 20 residential demolitions, at an average cost of \$20,000 per residence, and one commercial structure at a cost of \$100,000.

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| TOTAL | \$600,000 |
| Demolitions | \$500,000 |
| Program delivery | \$100,000 |

Community Facilities

\$2,465,000 of CDBG funds will be used to renovate or improve city-owned community centers and non-profit community facilities which provide vital services to residents of the city, including recreation and social support.

Major rehabilitation work for 2020-2021 may incorporate the following building system improvements: site work including paving, walkways, walls, fences, exterior lighting; roofing and drainage systems and exterior work such as windows, stairs, structural/foundation, masonry, and exits; interior work including flooring, stairs, lighting, doors, and finishes; HVAC; plumbing and sewer including fixtures; electrical systems including elevators/lifts and emergency generators; fire and security systems. Opportunities for energy and water conservation and ADA accessibility compliance are evaluated at all facilities inspected.

This year the City will continue to undertake and implement the comprehensive evaluation of community centers, Facility Condition and Maintenance Assessments (FCAM). The FCAM shall prioritize capital improvement/major repairs necessary to improve building health, life, safety and meet ADA compliance, based on property condition and the current funding levels. The FCAM shall/may also identify funding levels necessary to maintain the facilities at a desired service level and include a current report of the condition of the facility. The goal of the report will be required for each year for each facility in order to properly maintain facilities and meet

overall city fiscal sustainability goals.

Building Stabilization and Environmental Remediation would be used for projects such as 725 Humboldt Parkway and the African American Cultural Center. At 725 Humboldt Parkway an assessment was done during PY 45 to determine the structural integrity of the building. Based on this previous work, funds will be utilized to stabilize the roof structure as well as environmental remediation. Funds will also be used for completion of work being conducted at the African American Cultural Center.

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| TOTAL | \$2,465,000 |
| Community Buildings | \$320,000 |
| George K. Arthur Center | \$450,000 |
| JFK Community Center | \$350,000 |
| Dorothy J. Collier Center | \$400,000 |
| Edward Sauders Center | \$120,000 |
| Asarese Matters Center | \$100,000 |
| Pratt-Willert Center | \$165,000 |
| Stabilization & remediation | \$260,000 |
| Facilities A&E multi-year 45&46 | \$300,000 |

Please note: the amounts of capital improvements are estimated and subject to change depending on bids received.

Parks and Pools

The Department of Public Works provides an annual list of improvements needed at city parks and facilities located within those parks. After confirming that the parks serve HUD-eligible neighborhoods, BURA worked with DPW to address as many parks needs as funding will allow.

Necessary capital improvements and major repairs are proposed to improve the pool facilities and/or building health, life, safety, and meet ADA compliance of the two locations below. The rehabilitation work will be executed according to the priorities identified and the current funding levels. For 2020-2021, improvements are proposed at the two pools listed below.

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| TOTAL | \$900,000 |
| Asarese-Matters (Allison Pool) | \$500,000 |
| Kensington Pool | \$300,000 |
| Parks and pools A&E multi-year 46 & 47 | \$100,000 |

Please Note: the amounts for capital improvements are estimated and subject to change depending upon bids received.

Streets

DPW provides BURA with an annual list of streets that require resurfacing. Based on HUD guidelines, BURA conducts a two-part review to determine eligibility. 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. Due to a robust list from last year, 6 street segments have been carried over to this year. Also, after conducting a new analysis this year to identify additional segments, 25 new segments have been determined to be eligible for CDBG funding. Therefore, a total of 31 street segments are eligible to be completed this program year. 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.

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| TOTAL | \$1,475,000 |
| Street resurfacing | \$1,325,000 |
| Streets A&E multi-year 46&47 | \$150,000 |

* 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.

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| <i>Planning Neighborhood</i> | PY46 Proposed Streets | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------|
| | STREET | FROM | TO |
| <i>Lovejoy</i> | Armbruster | south-end | Broadway |
| | Davey | Reiman | North-End |
| | Goethe | Queen | Schiller |
| <i>Broadway Fillmore</i> | Bristol | Smith | Clare |
| | Bryson | Memorial | Curtiss |
| <i>Ellicott</i> | Fulton | VanRensselaer | Smith |
| <i>Genesee Moselle</i> | Shepard | Broadway | north-end |
| | Wex | Westshore | Walden |
| | Wood | Westshore | Walden |
| <i>Schiller Park</i> | Domedion | Heminway | Genesee |

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| | Erb | Genesee | East Delavan |
| | South Domedion | south-end | Heminway |
| Kaisertown | Wheelock | Clinton | Griswold |
| <i>Delavan Grider</i> | Longview | E.Delavan | Northland |
| <i>Fillmore Leroy</i> | Manhattan | Leroy | Central Park |
| | Rodney | Fillmore | Hill |
| <i>Upper West Side</i> | Barry Pl | Bird | Forest |
| | Parkdale | Arnold | Lafayette |
| <i>West Side</i> | Jersey | Prospect | Plymouth |
| <i>Riverside</i> | Beatrice | Ontario | Esser |
| <i>Black Rock</i> | Hamilton | Niagara | Tonawanda |
| <i>Hopkins Tiff</i> | Altruria | South Park | Hopkins |
| | Amber | South Park | Hopkins |
| <i>Seneca Cazenovia</i> | Hammerschmidt | Seneca | N. Legion |
| <i>University Heights</i> | Lisbon | Main | Bailey |
| | Cordova | Highgate | Lasalle |
| <i>North Park</i> | Norwalk | Hertel | Tauton |
| | Cheltenham | Delaware | Camden |
| <i>First Ward</i> | Alabama | Republic | South Park |
| <i>Seneca Babcock</i> | Baitz | Dorothy | North-end |
| <i>Kenfield</i> | Easton | Wilkes | Edison |

Sidewalks

DPW provides BURA with an annual list of sidewalks in need of repair. Based on HUD guidelines, BURA conducts a two-part review to determine eligibility. 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. Due to a robust list from last year, 23 sidewalk segments have been carried over to this year. Also, after conducting a new analysis this year to identify additional segments, 27 new street segments have been determined to be eligible for CDBG funding. Therefore, a total of 50 sidewalk segments are eligible to be completed this program year. 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.

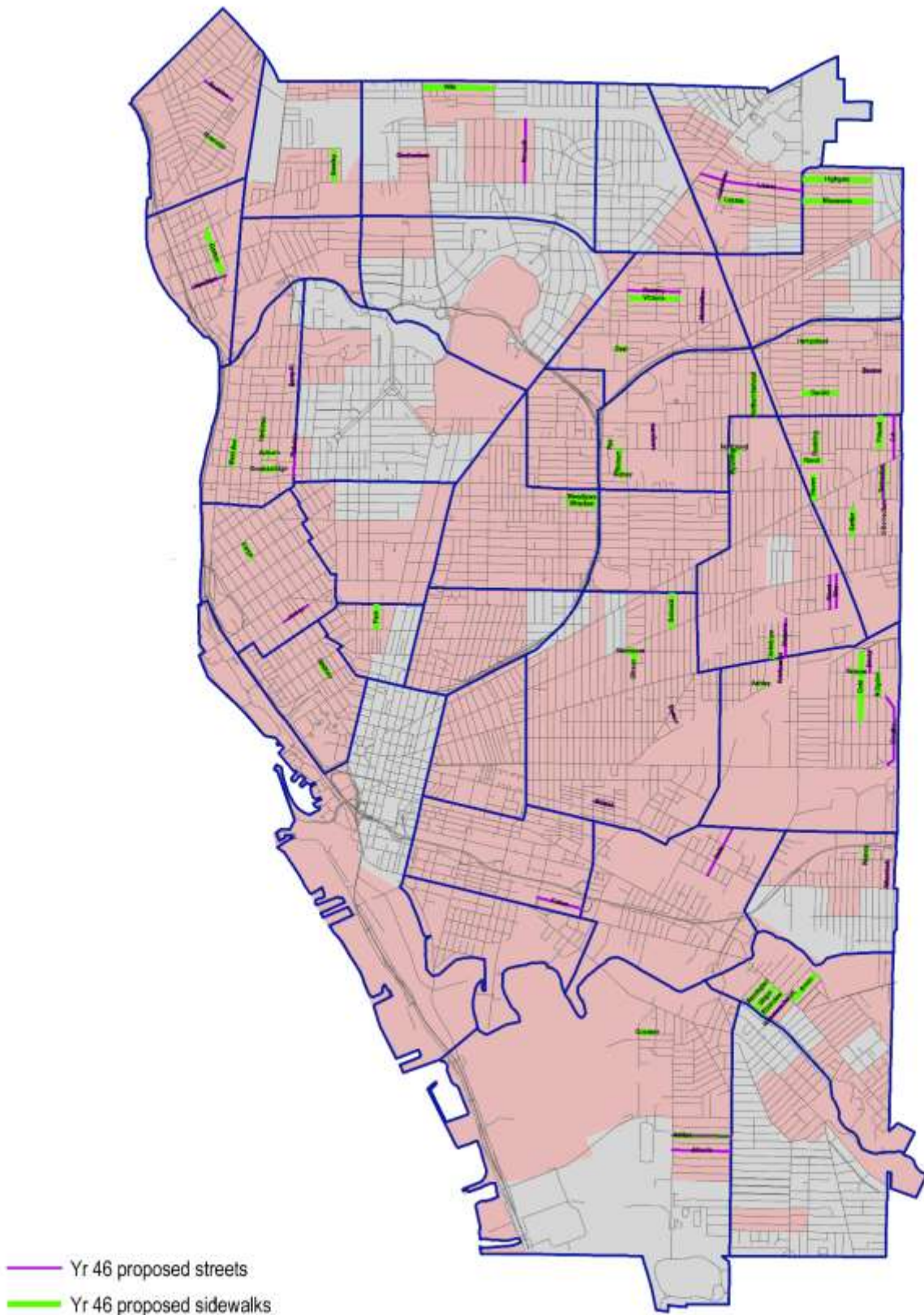
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| TOTAL | \$1,175,210 |
| Sidewalk replacements | \$1,025,210 |
| A&E multi-year 46&47 | \$150,000 |

* 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.

| PY46 Proposed Sidewalks | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Planning Neighborhood | SIDEWALK | FROM | TO |
| <i>Hopkins Tifft</i> | Amber | S. Park | Hopkins |
| | Oconner | New Abby | Germania |
| <i>Seneca Cazenovia</i> | Armin | Pawnee Pkwy | Seneca |
| | Remington | Seneca | N. Legion |
| | Riverview | Seneca | N. Legion |
| | Unger | Seneca | N. Legion |
| <i>Upper West Side</i> | Auburn | Herkimer | Grant |
| | Breckenridge | Herkimer | Grant |
| | Herkimer | W. Delavan | Lafayette |
| | West Ave | Lafayette | Breckenridge |

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| <i>Schiller Park</i> | Domedion | Genesee | Heminway |
| | Freund | E. Delavan | Lang |
| | Haven | Genesee | Dead end |
| | Navel | Bailey | Texas |
| | Roebing | Wecker | Lang |
| | Sattler | Block | Doat |
| <i>West Side</i> | Fargo | Rhode Island | Massachusetts |
| <i>Kenfield</i> | Gerald | Bailey | Newburgh |
| | Hempstead | Bailey | Suffolk |
| <i>Fillmore Leroy</i> | Gesl | Pauline | Fillmore |
| | Victoria | Fillmore | Hill |
| <i>Broadway Fillmore</i> | Gibson | Beck | Stanislaus |
| | Sobieski | Sycamore | Walden |
| | Stanislaus | Fillmore | Gibson |
| <i>Lovejoy</i> | Ashley | Brownell | Deshler |
| | Gold | Vanderbilt | E. Lovejoy |
| | Gold | Reiman | Vanderbilt |
| | Gold | King | Reiman |
| | N. Ogden | Vanderbilt | Reiman |
| | Reiman | Gold | Benzinger |
| <i>Black Rock</i> | Gorton | Hamilton | Hertel |
| <i>West Hertel</i> | Greeley | Hertel | Race |
| <i>University Heights</i> | Highgate | Bailey | Eggert |
| | Lasalle | Cordova | Parkridge |
| | Minnesota | Bailey | Eggert |
| <i>Genesee Moselle</i> | Northland | Cambridge | Wyoming |
| | Schutrum | Broadway | Pullman |
| | Wyoming | Northland | Scajaquada |
| <i>Delavan Grider</i> | Northumberland | Sussex | E. Delavan |

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| | Rex | Northland | N. end |
| | Rickert | Sidney | Northland |
| | Sidney | Rickert | Fillmore |
| <i>Allentown</i> | Park | North | Allen |
| <i>Riverside</i> | Riverside | Ontario | Hunt |
| <i>North Park</i> | Villa | Delaware | Colvin |
| <i>Kaisertown</i> | Weaver | Griswold | Willet (N. service road) |
| <i>Lower West Side</i> | Whitney | Maryland | Virginia |
| <i>Masten Park</i> | Winslow | W. Humboldt | Wohlers |
| | Woodlawn | Wohlers | W. Humboldt |



Public Services

The City of Buffalo allocates 15% of the total CDBG entitlement grant towards public services totaling \$2,106,384 for the upcoming year (2020-2021). In addition, 15% of the previous year's program income is also allocated, which is approximately \$150,000 and \$39,583 of funds unspent for the current year for a total of \$2,295,967. This allows the City of Buffalo to support many agencies who help improve the lives of our most under-served communities.

For this program year, programs were evaluated and awarded based on proposals to provide services that address the social determinants of health, which are the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age that shape the health and wellbeing of people, and how addressing these factors can improve health and reduce poverty in a community.

The Contract Administration Unit received 46 CDBG applications for Year 46 (2020-2021). 10 of these applications were from new agencies, nine of which were funded. 17 agencies received previous years funding amount due to satisfactory performance, seven agencies received funding increases due to excellent compliance, and five agencies received a 10% reduction from previous year award amount due to poor performance or applications.

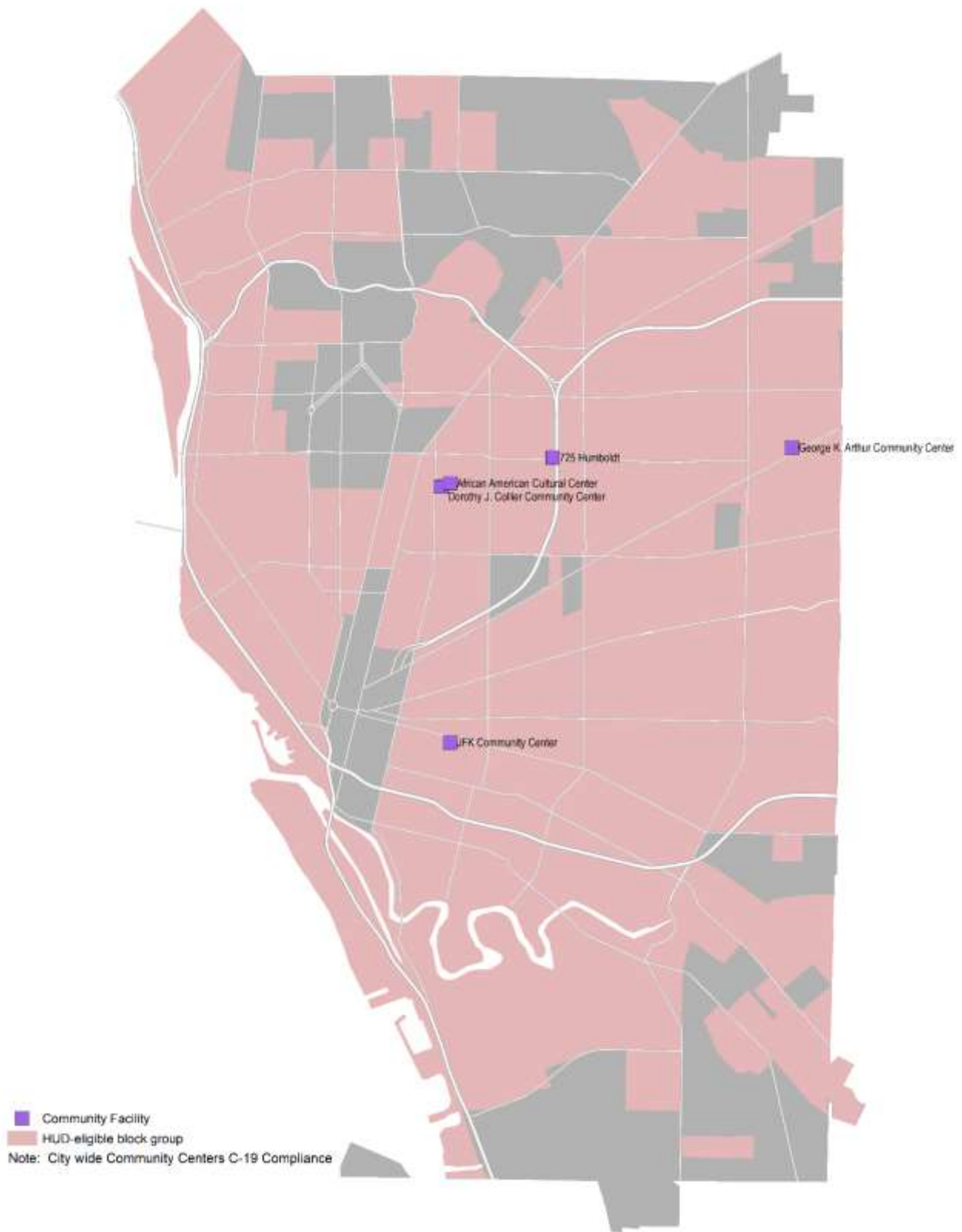
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| Public Service: Total | \$2,295,967 |
| Economic | \$496,010 |
| Education | \$277,594 |
| Health | \$228,459 |
| Neighborhood | \$290,679 |
| Social | \$1,003,225 |

| Agencies | Award |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| African American Cultural Ctr | \$ 69,700 |
| Social | \$ 69,700 |
| BCAT | \$ 40,000 |
| Economic | \$ 20,000 |
| Education | \$ 20,000 |
| Be a Friend | \$ 25,000 |

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| Social | \$25,000 |
| Boys and Girls Northtowns | \$ 20,000 |
| Economic | \$10,000 |
| Education | \$10,000 |
| Buffalo Urban League | \$ 30,000 |
| Neighborhood | \$ 30,000 |
| BUL Crucial | \$ 100,000 |
| Economic | \$ 15,000 |
| Education | \$ 35,000 |
| Social | \$ 50,000 |
| CAO | \$ 39,888 |
| Economic | \$ 3,199 |
| Education | \$ 25,385 |
| Social | \$ 11,304 |
| Catholic Charities | \$ 20,000 |
| Social | \$ 20,000 |
| CEO | \$ 29,000 |
| Economic | \$ 29,000 |
| Compeer | \$ 20,000 |
| Social | \$ 20,000 |
| Erie Regional Housing Dev Corp | \$ 110,000 |
| Economic | \$ 50,000 |
| Social | \$ 60,000 |
| Every Bottom Covered | \$ 20,000 |
| Health | \$ 20,000 |
| Friends Inc | \$ 50,000 |
| Social | \$ 50,000 |
| George K Arthur | \$ 16,200 |
| Education | \$ 16,200 |
| Harvest House | \$ 20,000 |
| Economic | \$ 3,200 |
| Health | \$ 16,800 |
| Hennepin Community Ctr | \$ 52,650 |
| Economic | \$ 52,650 |
| Hispanics United | \$ 19,100 |
| Economic | \$ 6,366 |
| Health | \$ 6,368 |
| Social | \$ 6,366 |
| Housing Opportunities Made Equal | \$ 45,000 |
| Neighborhood | \$ 45,000 |
| Inner City Ballet | \$ 20,000 |
| Social | \$ 20,000 |

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| King Urban | \$ 31,900 |
| Education | \$ 31,900 |
| Legal Aid Bureau | \$ 57,000 |
| Economic | \$ 17,000 |
| Neighborhood | \$ 40,000 |
| Matt Urban | \$ 134,900 |
| Economic | \$ 82,300 |
| Health | \$ 52,600 |
| Metro CDC | \$ 95,000 |
| Economic | \$ 30,000 |
| Social | \$ 65,000 |
| Mission Ignite | \$ 50,000 |
| Economic | \$ 50,000 |
| North Buffalo CDC | \$ 88,900 |
| Neighborhood | \$ 24,300 |
| Social | \$ 64,600 |
| Neighborhood Legal Services | \$ 23,700 |
| Neighborhood | \$ 23,700 |
| Northwest Buffalo Comm Ctr | \$ 165,439 |
| Education | \$ 29,507 |
| Neighborhood | \$ 25,932 |
| Social | \$ 110,000 |
| Old First Ward Comm Ctr | \$ 34,960 |
| Education | \$ 4,600 |
| Neighborhood | \$ 7,167 |
| Social | \$ 23,193 |
| Omega Mentoring Program | \$ 20,000 |
| Social | \$ 20,000 |
| PAL | \$ 100,000 |
| Education | \$ 20,780 |
| Social | \$ 79,220 |
| Peace of the City | \$ 20,000 |
| Economic | \$ 20,000 |
| Resource Council | \$ 27,800 |
| Education | \$ 12,800 |
| Social | \$ 15,000 |
| Salvation Army | \$ 20,000 |
| Economic | \$ 20,000 |
| Schiller Park | \$ 72,000 |
| Social | \$ 72,000 |
| Seneca Babcock Comm Assoc | \$ 46,530 |
| Economic | \$ 25,365 |
| Social | \$ 21,165 |

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| Seneca Street CDC | \$ 20,000 |
| Education | \$ 10,000 |
| Social | \$ 10,000 |
| South Buffalo Comm Assoc | \$ 90,000 |
| Health | \$ 30,000 |
| Neighborhood | \$ 40,000 |
| Social | \$ 20,000 |
| University District CDA | \$ 138,300 |
| Health | \$ 82,691 |
| Social | \$ 55,609 |
| Valley Comm Assoc | \$ 21,000 |
| Neighborhood | \$ 21,000 |
| WEDI | \$ 20,000 |
| Education | \$ 20,000 |
| West Side CS | \$ 182,000 |
| Economic | \$ 45,263 |
| Education | \$ 24,755 |
| Neighborhood | \$ 33,580 |
| Social | \$ 78,402 |
| William Emslie YMCA | \$ 40,000 |
| Health | \$ 20,000 |
| Social | \$ 20,000 |
| YWCA | \$ 50,000 |
| Economic | \$ 16,667 |
| Education | \$ 16,667 |
| Social | \$ 16,666 |
| Grand Total | \$ 2,295,967 |



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.

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| Planning & Administration Total | \$3,008,512* |
| Planning & Admin (EN) | \$2,808,512 |
| Planning & Admin (PI) | \$200,000 |

**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 six Community-Based Organizations (CBO's) assist with this program by providing loan originations,

work write-ups, and property inspections.

Lastly, the new HOME Commitment Rule requires grantees to plan for all program income (PI) received in the prior year. The City also estimates it will receive another \$120,000 in program income this program year that will be used to support HOME efforts in 2020-2021, 10% of which will be used for administration costs in the amount of \$12,000.

** 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.*

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| HOME TOTAL * | \$3,462,830 |
| Substantial rehab/new construction: multi-family | \$2,565,122 |
| Acquisition/rehabilitation (CHDO) | \$501,425 |
| CHDO operating | \$50,000 |
| Administration | \$346,283 |

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 \$1,204,344 in ESG grant funding for the upcoming year (2020-2021). 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, which allows for more flexibility in helping fill the gaps in services 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.

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| ESG TOTAL | \$1,204,344 |
| Shelter | \$277,600 |
| Outreach | \$241,000 |
| Prevention | \$181,677 |
| HMIS-HAWNY | \$54,167 |
| Rapid Rehousing | \$449,900 |

The Contract Administration Unit received 12 ESG applications for 2020-2021. The Contract Administration Unit receives recommendations from the CoC Review Committee and uses them to help determine funding allotment for the upcoming year. Overall, the slight adjustments to this upcoming year's funding allocations reflects the changing needs in the city's homeless population. With an increase in emphasis on homeless prevention and outreach, the Contract Administration Unit aims to address homelessness at an earlier stage with a more proactive mindset.

After careful consideration of the ESG applications that were submitted for federal funding, the agencies in the below chart were recommended. Decisions were based on previous performance measures, prior outcomes, eligibility according to HUD guidelines, possible community impact and overall implied, or proven, success of the program as it related to the purpose of ESG funding. This

funding breakdown also took into consideration the need for no more than 60% of ESG funding to support shelter and outreach.

ESG AGENCY BREAKDOWN

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| Matt Urban – outreach | \$154,000 |
| Matt Urban – Hope House (S) | \$35,200 |
| Compass House (S) | \$55,500 |
| Salvation Army (S) | \$52,800 |
| Jericho Road (S) | \$34,200 |
| Back to Basics (S) | \$17,600 |
| Teaching and Restoring Youth (S) | \$29,500 |
| Restoration Society – Code Blue (S) | \$52,800 |
| Restoration Society – Outreach | \$87,000 |
| Catholic Charities RRH | \$245,000 |
| Compass House RRH | \$154,900 |
| NLS Prevention | \$40,000 |
| HOME RRH | \$50,000 |
| Catholic Charities Prevention | \$141,677 |
| HAWNY | \$54,167 |

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)

The HOPWA grant is used to assist people who have an HIV/AIDS diagnosis with an income at or below the 30% median (as determined by HUD) 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 \$819,189 in HOPWA grant funding for 2020-2021 which can be used to assist various forms of housing designed to prevent homelessness including emergency housing, shared housing arrangements, apartments, single room occupancy (SRO) dwellings, and community residences.

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.

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| HOPWA TOTAL | \$819,189 |
| TBRA (Tenant Based Rental Assistance) | \$246,497 |
| FBHSA (Facilities Based) | \$100,000 |
| STRMU (Short-term Rent, Mortgage, Utility) | \$21,900 |
| PHP (Permanent Housing Placement) | \$21,200 |
| Supportive services | \$376,000 |
| Project sponsored administration | \$53,592 |