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MAYOR

CITY OF SOMERVILLE FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Each year the City of Somerville receives federal funds for housing and community development activities. To receive these funds, the City must prepare a Consolidated Plan every five years, gathering information from many sources to identify Somerville's needs that can be addressed with this funding. Annual Action Plans identify how funds will be spent each year according to the goals and strategies established in the Consolidated Plan.

CDBG Program

Administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), CDBG funds can be used for many types of housing, community and economic development activities that address at least one of three "national objectives" set by Congress. Somerville receives approximately \$2.5 million annually from CDBG.

National Objectives

- Benefit to low- and moderate-income persons
 - Activities that serve specific vulnerable populations
 - Activities conducted in a service area where at least 51% of residents have low or moderate incomes
 - Job creation or retention activities serving low- or moderate-income people
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
 - Formally designated Slum & Blight area
 - Spot basis
 - Urban Renewal Areas
- Meet a need having a particular urgency
- Relating to recent emergency conditions that pose an immediate threat, for which no other funding is available

Examples of activities include:

- Housing
- Infrastructure Improvements
- Economic Development
- Public Facilities
- Public Services
- Homeless Programs

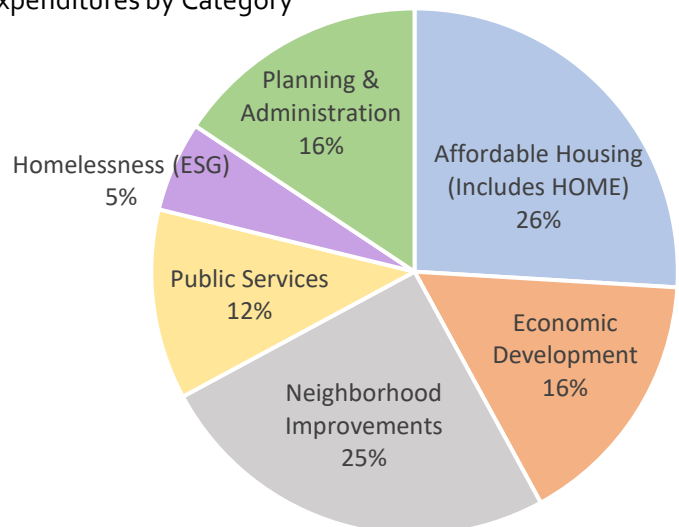
HOME Program

The purpose of the HOME Program is to increase the supply of safe, decent, sanitary, and affordable housing for income-eligible households. HOME funds may be used to fund a variety of housing activities including homebuyer programs, construction of rental housing, rehabilitation of privately-owned housing, and tenant-based rental assistance. Somerville receives approximately \$500,000 annually from HOME.

ESG Program

The Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program helps individuals and families regain stability in permanent housing after a housing crisis or homelessness. ESG funds may be used for programs such as street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, and rapid re-housing assistance. Somerville receives approximately \$200,000 annually from ESG.

Somerville FY2018-2022 CDBG, HOME & ESG
Expenditures by Category



Low to Moderate Income Neighborhoods

Shaded areas on the map indicate neighborhoods in which more than 51% of residents have very low, low, or moderate incomes. Urban Renewal Area boundary is black, and demonstration project area boundary is red.



Public Participation

To develop the Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plan, the City seeks input from residents, businesses, and social service organizations. The public is encouraged to participate in a series of public meetings and hearings, to take a virtual survey, or to submit written comments. The City also meets with stakeholder groups and conducts interviews with local organizations and individuals familiar with local needs.

Following the gathering of community input, the City will prepare a draft plan that describes Somerville's housing and community development needs and establishes funding priorities and goals or targets for the use of federal funds that the City expects to receive over the next five years. The draft plan will be made available for a 30-day public comment period, during which a second public hearing will be held.

Public Input Opportunities		
Community Meeting English/Spanish	Connexion, 149 Broadway	1/23/2024 6:30 PM
Community Meeting English/Portuguese	Upstairs at Bow, 1 Bow Mkt Way	2/6/2024 6:30 PM
Community Meeting (Virtual)	https://bit.ly/3vmioNu	2/8/2024 6:30 PM
Public Hearing (Virtual)	http://bit.ly/4aegnKT	5/2/2024 6:30 PM
Survey for Residents, Service Providers, and Businesses: http://bit.ly/3NZHbfn		1/15/2024 – 2/28/2024

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