

Maryland 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)

2020-2024 MD Consolidated Plan Year 3



Community Development Block Grants HOME Investment Partnerships National Housing Trust Fund Emergency Solutions Grant Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

# **CR-05** - Goals and Outcomes

# Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

The 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) is the third for the 2020-2024 Maryland (MD) Consolidated Plan. The State has been focused on responding to perilous affordable housing and community development needs statewide. The recovery from the COVID19 pandemic has continued to highlight the need for housing stability for more permanent, transitional, and affordable housing, both short-term and long-term as well as related services. In response to this need in 2022-2023, Maryland amplified its efforts to expand the agency's coordination to improve state housing policy by focusing federal and state funding sources to address this need. Although impacted by the challenge of supply shortages, contractor shortages, and increasing costs, the five Community Planning and Development programs continue to work towards priorities set in the 5-year Comprehensive Plan to:

(1) Provide decent housing by assisting homeless persons to obtain housing, retaining the affordable housing stock, increasing the availability of permanent housing that is affordable to low-income Americans without discrimination, improving access to housing credit, and increasing supportive housing that includes structural features and services to enable persons with special needs to live in dignity.

(2) Provide a suitable living environment by improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods, increasing access to quality facilities and services, reducing the isolation of income groups within areas by de-concentrating housing opportunities and revitalizing deteriorating neighborhoods, restoring, enhancing and preserving natural and physical features of special value for historic, architectural, or aesthetic reasons, and conserving energy resources.

(3) Expand economic opportunities for households by locating housing accessible to low-income persons and providing access to credit for community development that promotes long-term economic and social viability, and empowering low-income persons to achieve self-sufficiency in federally-assisted and public housing.

The CAPER is for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 (FFY2022) and State Fiscal Year 2023 (SFY2023). Both will be used interchangeably throughout the report:

# **HOME Program:**

The Home program received \$7,281,352 funding for FFY22; \$5.0 million was to be used to fund new multi-family rental projects that would be underway within one year and an additional \$1.1 million for CHDO Reserve Projects. \$431,014 was allocated to be used for single family rehabilitation, replacement/reconstruction and group home projects for the upcoming year. In addition to these funds, program income was received during the previous year FFY2021, of which \$1,847,821.14 to be used for

projects in FY2022. All the program income received in FFY2021 was allocated for multi-family projects. Three loans were completed and 349 units were completed of which 20 were HOME funded units. The loans and grants consisted of two multi family rental units and one (1) single family homeowner replacement housing project.

During the fiscal year three new multi-family projects were funded for a total \$4.0 million which yielded 217 units of which 22 are HOME units. There were also four single family rehabilitation/reconstruction loans funded for a total of \$743,393.

# **ESG Program:**

During the program year, a total of 3,250 people were assisted using ESG funds with street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, and homeless prevention. Homeless programs continued to use a combination of annual ESG and State Homelessness Solutions Program funds to keep 2,354 extremely low-income people experiencing a housing crisis in their homes, immediately stabilize 6307 unsheltered and homeless households with shelter, and successfully exit 2,162 households to permanent housing. Under ESG, nearly 40% of ESG funds were utilized for permanent housing, 30% on emergency shelter, 20% on homeless prevention activities, and the remainder on street outreach, HMIS, and administration of the program.

#### **CDBG Program:**

A total of \$6,900,037.00 was awarded to 14 new projects and 5 amendments to existing grants. The grants funded improvements to sewer and water systems, sidewalk improvements, demolition of a blighted building, construction or improvements to community facilities, housing rehabilitation, accessibility improvements, assistance to a business and several planning grants for various uses. These activities leveraged \$9.2 million from other sources.

#### **HTF Program:**

The HTF program received \$11,215,433 in funding for FY22 - All was to fund new multi-family rental projects that would be underway within one year. During the fiscal year FY22 (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023), five (5) loans were made, which will result in 1,294 units of which 55 are HTF units. Construction of all projects will be completed in FY23.

# Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals. See table on next page.

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Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Community Revitalization	Affordable Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$0 / HOME: \$ / CDBG- DR #1: \$ / CDBG- DR #2: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	205,215	0	0.00%	40,000	0	0.00%
Community Revitalization	Affordable Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$0 / HOME: \$ / CDBG- DR #1: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	200	0	0.00%			

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
	Community Development	/ CDBG- DR #2: \$								
Community Revitalization	Affordable Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$0 / HOME: \$ / CDBG- DR #1: \$ / CDBG- DR #2: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	44	0	0.00%			
Community Revitalization	Affordable Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$0 / HOME: \$ / CDBG- DR #1: \$ / CDBG- DR #2: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	64	0	0.00%	9	0	0.00%
Community Revitalization	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$0 /	Other	Other	3	1	33.33%	1	0	0.00%

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
	Homeless	HOME:								
	Special Needs	\$/								
	Non-Housing	CDBG-								
	Community	DR #1: \$								
	Development	/ CDBG-								
		DR #2: \$								
Community Revitalization - Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	100	0	0.00%			
Increase Affordable Rental Housing	Affordable Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$0 / HOME: \$ / HTF: \$	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	227	0	0.00%	19	0	0.00%
Increase Affordable Rental Housing	Affordable Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$0 / HOME: \$ / HTF: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	261	0	0.00%	79	0	0.00%

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
	Community Development									
Promote Homeownership	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$0 / HOME: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	400	0	0.00%			
Promote Homeownership	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$0 / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	53	0	0.00%			
Promote Homeownership	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$0 / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	25	0	0.00%			
Promote Homeownership	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$0 / HOME: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	100	0	0.00%			

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Reduce Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / ESG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	500	0	0.00%	100	0	0.00%
Reduce Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / ESG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1,000	0	0.00%			
Reduce Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / ESG: \$	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	5,000	2,388	47.76%	1,650	804	48.73%
Reduce Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / ESG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	11,000	2,840	25.82%	1,000	840	84.00%
Reduce Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / ESG: \$	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	250	60	24.00%	50	0	0.00%

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Reduce Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / ESG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	11,000	4,278	38.89%	1,000	0	0.00%
Reduce Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / ESG: \$	Other	Other	0	0		103	0	0.00%

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

# Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

The priority for ESG funds is to prevent homelessness and assist homeless households with quickly regaining safe and affordable housing. Homeless prevention funds were used to divert households from the homeless shelter system and restabilize their housing. For households who did become homeless, they were provided with low barrier emergency shelter and assessed quickly for permanent housing options. Throughout the COVID response period, DHCD supported grantees to also access FEMA funds for non-congregate housing, ESG-CV, and other traditional funding sources for non-congregate housing. DHCD has continued to provide biweekly technical assistance to support Rapid Rehousing programs efforts to transition households to permament housing. For administrative purposes, Maryland DHCD consolidated ESG funding to a more limited number of providers, which resulted in a decrease in the total number served with these funds, and is not a reflection of the total services provided under the State's Homelessness Solutions Program, which combines both Federal ESG funding and State funds.

The CDBG Program funds a variety of eligible CDBG activities that meet local needs and State priorities. Each year, the State estimates the types of projects that could be funded based on what is eligible and what was funded in the previous funding year. The State's Method of Distribution allows for eligible jurisdictions to apply for funding to meet their needs. Funds are awarded through two funding categories: (1) Community Development - competitive process awards majority of funds for different types of projects; and (2) Special Projects – provides funding when needed for planning, economic development and time sensitive projects.

In the Consolidated Plan and subsequent Action Plans, the State CDBG program estimates what types of projects we think we might fund based on what was funded in previous years. The State sets goals and priorities and the applicant submits applications that are eligible for funding based on their needs. The types of projects funded will not necessarily match what the State estimated at the times the Consolidation Plan or Action Plans were created.

Table 1 reflects data inputted into HUDs IDIS system. The CDBG program does not input new projects into IDIS until Grantees request their first payment due to other HUD reporting issues. Therefore, the data in the chart does not accurately represent what was funded during the program year. The attached Revised Table 1 for CDBG identifies what the State estimated, what was actually funded, and what measurements had been met by those activities before the end of the Program Year. As typical, the reports submitted to the State for recently funded projects reflect minimal accomplishments as of June 30, 2023. Grantees have a two year time period for grant activity. The list of funded projects is in the chart below. The CDBG Competitive Development funding round was initiated but awards were not finalized until the new fiscal year. These awards will be identified in the next CAPER. See revised table on the next page – CDBG only.

# Table 1 – REVISED - CDBG – FY 2021 Funded Projects and Outcomes – Chart reflects CDBG goals only

Goal	Category	Indicator	Units of Measurement	Estimated Beneficiar ies / Action Plan	Estimat ed Annual Amount to be Awarde d	Actual Amount of Funds Awarded	Expected Beneficiaries For Funds Awarded	Actual Beneficiaries by Year End
Increase Affordable Rental Housing	Affordable Housing- Homeless Non-Homeless- Special Needs	Rental housing constructed or renovated	Households Served	30	\$500,00 0	\$372,984	37	0
Promote Homeowners hip	Housing-New Construction Housing Rehabilitation – Multi-family Housing – Direct homeownership assistance	Public service activities for housing/ Direct financial assistance to homebuyers	Households Served	0	0	0	\$0	0
Community* Revitalization	Affordable Housing- Homeless Non-Homeless- Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than LMI Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted/ Households	40,000	\$6,500,7 13	\$5,427,053	25,525	0
Reduce Homelessnes s	Homeless	Public Facility	Persons Assisted	100	\$500,00 0	\$800,000	200	0
Economic ** Development	Assistance to Businesses	Jobs Created	Jobs Created	0	\$0	\$300,000	15	0

\* Community Revitalization – Projects Funded met these additional indicators: ADA improvements/ Single Family Housing Rehabilitation/ Planning \*\* Additional Project Funded that was not identified in possible goals but is eligible as a goal.

# CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted). 91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOME	HOPWA	ESG	HTF
White	3,387	5	30	1,483	4
Black or African American	3,253	15	94	1,460	30
Asian	167	0	2	21	0
American Indian or American Native	35	0	3	22	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	14	0	0	5	0
Total	6,856	20	129	2,991	34
Hispanic	29	0	0	139	4
Not Hispanic	6,827	20	0	3,062	30

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

### Narrative

The number of families assisted total by all programs 10,051 of which 49.0% and 48% are identified as White and Black or African American, respectively. The remaining 3.0% represent those of Asian, Ameircan Indian/American Native and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander descent. Of the total number of people assisted, 68.0% were from CDBG followed by ESG with a 30% of people assisted through ESG during the program year. From the total sample, over 99.0% of persons assisted identified as not Hispanic. The ESG program served 80.0% of those clients who identified as Hispanics.

**HTF** served a total of 34 families of which almost 90.0 are identified as Black/African American with the remaining 10.0% identifying as White or Hispanic.

**HOME** currently identifies 20 families assisted of which 75.0% identifies as Black/African American. Home has additional families that have been assisted in rental properties that are not occupied as of this date.

**ESG** served a total of 2,991 families. There are 259 clients that did not fit into the categories.

**CDBG** served a total 6,856 families of which 97.0% are identified as White or Black/African American. For the CDBG Program, when specific projects or activities are completed, the information is put in IDIS during the Program Year for all active grants.

**HOPWA** - Information is submitted in IDIS as reported by the HOPWA Project Sponsors in the Maryland CAREWare Network. The chart show that HOPWA served a total of 129 eligible individuals and all beneficiaries. Of the population served, 96.1% are identified as White and Black/African American.

# CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made	Amount Expended
		Available	During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	8,389,911	6,859,178
HOME	public - federal	9,052,962	6,152,904
HOPWA	public - federal	2,948,266	1,721,951
ESG	public - federal	1,181,507	570,384
HTF	public - federal	12,595,815	8,807,209
Continuum of Care	public - federal	0	
LIHTC	public - federal	16,000,000	
Section 811	public - federal	0	
Other	public - federal	0	
Statewide		58,950,154	24,111,626

### Identify the resources made available

#### Narrative

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

From July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, total resources available totaled \$58.9 million of which \$24.1 million or 41.0% were expended during the program year.

CDBG resources total \$8,389,911 and expended \$6,859,178 during the program year.

HOME resources total \$9,052,962 and expended \$6,152,904 or 68.0% during the program year.

HOPWA resources totaled \$2,948,266 and expended \$1,721,951 or 58.0% during the program year.

ESG resources totaled \$1,181,507 and expended \$570,384 or 82.0% during the program year.

HTF resources totaled \$12,595,815 and expended \$8,807209 70.0% during the program year. HTF projects under construction at the time the narrative was written are listed below:

Open HTF Projects	Open Award	HTF Units	FY
Villas at Lexwood	\$ 770,732	5	2023
1910 University Apts.	\$ 1,118,576	6	2023
Fox Memorial	\$ 2,900,000	15	2023
Total	\$ 4,789,308	26	

DHCD has fully complied with all provisions of our approved HTF Allocation Plan and all of the requirements of 24 CFR Part 93. Six (6) multi-family rental projects are currently under construction utilizing HTF funding, representing fifty-three units and \$9.4 million in awards. These projects are widely dispersed across the state, and are located in Anne Arundel, Howard, Montgomery, Somerset, and Washington counties, as well as the City of Baltimore. Additionally, four projects were successfully completed, representing nearly fifty units, with awards totaling over \$6.7 million dollars. A complete list of the projects supported to date include:

Project Name	Award	Units	Status
J Van Story	\$2,198,361	15	(100% Complete)
Greenmount & Chase	\$1,441,416	15	(100% Complete)
McCleary Hill I	\$1,951,490	11	Under Construction (80% Complete)
Silver Spring Artspace	\$1,941,652	11	(100% Complete)
Park View at Coldspring	\$1,152,972	8	(100% Complete)
River Bend	\$1,500,000	7	Under Construction (55% Complete)
Princess Anne Townhouses	\$755,000	5	Under Construction (65% Complete)
Newtowne 20	\$1,100,000	5	Under Construction (75% Complete)
Hickory Ridge	\$2,275,000	14	Under Construction (75% Complete)
McCleary Hill II	\$1,825,927	11	Under Construction (75% Complete)

Income renters are those that make income at or below 30% AMI. The Department awarded approximately \$25.2 million in Housing Trust Funds across the state.

Additionally, the Department has a pipeline of over \$5 million as soon as funds are available. All HTF-designated units in these properties serve households with incomes below 30% AMI.

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description					
Statewide	100%	100%						
Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments								

### Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Table 4(a) show total resources available of \$58.9 million of which 41.0% were expended during the plan year.

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year	Percent Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	\$8,389,911	\$6,859,178	82%
HOME	public - federal	\$9,052,962	\$6,152,904	68%
HOPWA	public - federal	\$2,948,266	\$1,721,951	58%
ESG	public - federal	\$1,181,507	\$570,384	48%
HTF	public - federal	\$21,377,508	\$10,093,890	47%
Continuum of Care	public - federal	\$0		
LIHTC	public - federal	\$16,000,000		
Section 811	public - federal	\$0		
Other	public - federal	\$0		
Total	public - federal	\$58,950,154	\$25,398,307	43.1%

# Table 5a – Identify the geographic distribution and percent of investments and disbursements

HOPWA utilized 82% of the resources that were made available. The total amount unspent was \$480,681.64: the Rural Program had \$100,288.36 unspent, and the Frederick/Montgomery EMSA had \$380,393.28 unspent.

While needs exist throughout the State, the State will not target its funds to certain jurisdictions, except as established by law. For example the State's allocation of CDBG funds may only be used in non-entitlement areas. Since there is a major emphasis on directing resources to growth areas and areas in need of revitalization, we will generally be targeting funds to projects located in Priority Funding Areas (PFAs) as well. The information below provides an outline of how funds will be targeted.

Programs (or parts of programs) that are not required to fund projects located only in PFAs.

- Federal and State Lead Paint Reduction programs
- Weatherization for Low Income Persons

- Indoor Plumbing Program
- Single Family Rehabilitation (MHRP: 1-4 units)
- Accessible Housing Grant and Loan Program (AHGLP)
- Group Home Financing
- HOME- for single family homes only
- Maryland Mortgage Program- for existing homes
- Local Government Infrastructure Financing
- Rental Allowance
- Emergency Solutions Grants
- CDBG- for single family housing rehabilitation, down payment assistance and renovation of existing houses for sale or rental
- Community Services Block Grants
- Maryland Appalachian Housing
- Accessory Shared and Shelter Housing
- Section 8 Voucher /Certificate
- Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation

# Programs required by law to fund projects located only in Smart Growth Areas

The Smart Growth- Priority Funding Areas Act of 1997 requires that the following DHCD programs be used exclusively in Priority Funding Areas (PFAs). Moreover, the Sustainable Communities Act of 2010 requires that certain programs must be located in a sub-area concentration now known as Sustainable Communities.

#### **Neighborhood Revitalization**

Community Investment Tax Credit- In Priority Funding Areas

Main Street Maryland/ Main Street Improvement Program- in Sustainable Communities

Community Legacy Program- in Sustainable Communities

Community Development Administration

Neighborhood BusinessWorks – in Sustainable Communities

#### Homeownership

Maryland Mortgage Program (MMP) - excluding O.B.O.- for new construction Maryland Home Financing Program – for new construction Preferred Interest Rate Loan Program – for new construction HOME- for new construction Rental Housing Elderly Rental Housing- for new construction Rental Housing Production- for new construction Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond Financing- for new construction

HOME- for new construction

# Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

DHCD supports community revitalization through Sustainable Community and Smart Growth efforts. The reason for this is to both have strong communities, as well to use resources in an intelligent, sustainable manner. Relatedly, at the national level, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), Department of Transportation (DOT), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have committed to coordinate their capital investments in alignment with the following six "Livability Principles":

1. Support existing communities. Target public and private resources toward existing communities—through strategies like transit oriented, mixed-use development, and land recycling—to increase community revitalization and the efficiency of public works investments and to safeguard rural landscapes.

2. Value communities and neighborhoods. Enhance the unique characteristics of all communities by investing in healthy, safe, and walkable neighborhoods—rural, urban, or suburban.

3. Coordinate and leverage policies and investment. Align policies and funding to remove barriers to collaboration, leverage funding, and increase the accountability and effectiveness of all levels of government to plan for future growth, including making smart energy choices such as locally generated renewable energy.

4. Enhance economic competitiveness. Improve economic competitiveness through reliable and timely access to employment centers, educational opportunities, services and other basic needs by workers, as well as expanded business access to markets.

5. Promote equitable, affordable housing. Expand location and energy-efficient housing choices for people of all ages, incomes, races, and ethnicities to increase mobility and lower the combined cost of housing and transportation.

6. Provide more transportation choices. Develop safe, reliable, and economical transportation choices to decrease household transportation costs, reduce our nation's dependence on

foreign oil, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote public health.

The State of Maryland's Sustainable Communities echo these federal policies, directing State resources to efforts that carry out these goals and the State's goals for communities.

For more information and a list of Sustainable Communities in Maryland by County, please visit DHCD's website at the following address: http://www.mdhousing.org/Website/Programs/dn/Default.aspx

# Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

During the FFY2022 (SFY2023) reporting period, no publicly owned land or property was used to address the needs identified in the plan. However, the following programs leveraged private, state and local funds to provide services toward the needs identified in the plan.

# ESG:

For the ESG 2022 Program Year, the State of Maryland allocated over \$10 million for the Homelessness Solutions Program, which provides funding for reducing and eliminating homelessness throughout the State. From those funds, \$1,181,507 were set aside for the purposes of matching the federal Emergency Solutions Grant, meeting the dollar-for-dollar requirement. Approximately \$1 million in additional matching funds were also made available for outreach, shelter, and rapid re-housing programs targeted specifically to homeless youth and young adults.

#### HOPWA:

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) was awarded HOPWA formula funds for our Rural HOPWA Program. These funds support a comprehensive program designed to prevent homelessness and to help low-income people with HIV/AIDS to live independently in the rural counties of the state. HOPWA activities include Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Permanent Housing Placement Assistance (PHP), and Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utilities Assistance (STRMU). The funds were intended to cover counties that do not qualify as Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area (EMSA) to receive direct HOPWA awards. These counties include the Eastern Region of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties, the Southern Region of St. Mary's County, and the Western Region of Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties.

A major accomplishment of MDH's HOPWA program's goal of ending homelessness was The City of Frederick was able to provide housing to 14 additional HOPWA households - totaling 37 - and eliminate their waitlist for HOPWA TBRA services. They additionally continue to work with three more new clients who have been approved for TBRA to locate acceptable units.

# HOME:

The HOME program leveraged over \$ 88 million from other sources for multi-family rental projects and single family homeowner rehabilitation/reconstruction projects. Also, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD issued statutory suspension and regulatory waivers which waived 100% the match required for HOME program funds awarded during FY2020, 2021, and 2022. The match waiver was effective October 19, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

#### CDBG:

The CDBG Program leveraged \$9.2 million for the projects that were awarded during the program year. While match is not a program requirement, the Program awards more points during the rating process for those applications that include other funds.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match				
15,304,625				
147,301				
15,451,926				
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15,451,926				
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Table 6 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

### HTF:

HTF leveraged over \$107.0 million from other sources for multi-family 37 rental projects for a total of \$118.0 million in SFY2023.

	Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match	
Rental									
Assistance									
Program	10/01/2021	147,301	0	0	0	0	0	147,301	

Table 7 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

# HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period							
Balance on hand at begin-ning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$			
9,334,167	1,671,610	2,888,461.29	0	8,117,316			

Table 8 – Program Income

•	siness Enterprise tracts for HOME			•		and dollar
	Total			ess Enterprises		White Non-
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic
Contracts						
Dollar						
Amount	155,539	115,939	0	0	0	39,600
Number	3	1	0	0	0	2
Sub-Contrac	ts					L
Number	68	0	2	3	3	60
Dollar						
Amount	44,790,288	0	2,351,696	2,317,294	2,366,062	37,755,236
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Dollar						
Amount	155,539	0	155,539			
Number	3	0	3			
Sub-Contrac	ts					
Number	68	6	62			
Dollar						
Amount	44,790,288	1,456,052	43,334,236			

Table 9 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners         and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted         Total       Minority Property Owners       White Non-							
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dollar							
Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 10 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

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Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of								
relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition								
Parcels Acquired				0		0		
Businesses Disp	Businesses Displaced		0 0					
Nonprofit Orga	Nonprofit Organizations							
Displaced			0		0			
Households Ter	mporarily							
Relocated, not	Displaced			0		0		
Households	Total			Minority P	rope	rty Enterprises	5	White Non-
Displaced		Alas	kan	Asian o	or	Black Non-	Hispanic	Hispanic
		Nativ	e or	Pacific	:	Hispanic		
		Amei	rican	Islande	er			
		Indi	ian					

	mulan						
0	0	0	0	0	0		
0	0	0	0	0	0		
Table 11 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition							

Number Cost

# CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be		
provided affordable housing units	1,100	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be		
provided affordable housing units	13,083	74
Number of Special-Needs households to be		
provided affordable housing units	150	0
Total	14,333	74

Table 12 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through		
Rental Assistance	4,750	0
Number of households supported through		
The Production of New Units	1,397	19
Number of households supported through		
Rehab of Existing Units	4,686	55
Number of households supported through		
Acquisition of Existing Units	3,500	0
Total	14,333	74

Table 13 – Number of Households Supported

# Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

The HOME one year goal for the production of new units was six. This fiscal year we completed 19 new rental units. Our goal for Rental Assistance/rehab of existing units for multi-family rental projects was 22. We did not complete any multi-family rental rehab projects. The goal for rehab of existing units (homeowners was 33 but we only completed one) We have and continue to agressively promoted the HOME program to homeowners.

# Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Future annual action plans will take into consideration uncompleted projects from the prior fiscal planning year.

Note that the goals above are slightly lower than the goals listed for the numbers of households assisted. This is to prevent double counting. For example, persons with Special Needs will be helped with rental assistance, as well as the production of new units. So, they will be assisted in newly produced units while receiving rental assistance at the same time. The Rental Assistance category in general is also "front loaded", as it includes all of the households who are assisted with Section 8, as well as HOPWA and RAP and Section 811 funding. In future years this number will be significantly lower as we will not double count the Section 8 numbers, and only count persons assisted with HOPWA, RAP and 811 funding.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual	HTF Actual
Extremely Low-income	9	0	34
Low-income	8	20	0
Moderate-income	3	0	0
Total	20	20	34

	CDBG	HOME	HTF
Number of Persons Served	Actual	Actual	Actual
Number of extremely low-income renter			
households	29	5	0
Number of extremely low-income owner			
households	10	0	0
Number of low-income renter households	0	14	0
Number of low-income owner households	9	1	0
Number of moderate-income renter households	0	0	0
Number of moderate-income owner households	6	0	0
Number of middle-income persons served (80%)	0	0	0
Number of Homeless Persons	0	0	0
Total Households Served	54	20	0

Table 14 – Number of Households Served

Number of Low Income Homeowner/Renter Households Served

### **Narrative Information**

Accomplishments from all fund sources available through the State, including non-HUD funds, the State is able to report impressive numbers related to housing for the year for FFY2022. The Department is actively and regularly engaged in creating housing and service opportunities for the disabled and special needs populations including worst case needs. Through its rental housing programs, DHCD works closely with other State agencies (most notably the Department of Disabilities, the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services) in creating housing for these populations in integrated, community-based settings through programs such as 811, Bridge Subsidy, and the Weinberg initiative. DHCD also operates a Group Home Financing Program that provides financing for community-based group home opportunities. Through its Rental Services division, DHCD administers vouchers for worst case needs populations including persons with HIV/AIDS (through HOPWA) and veterans (through VASH).

Some of the new programs being created to help Marylanders include HomeOwnership Works as well as a program to help returning citizens settle back in place.

HTF narrative - From 7/1/2021 thru 6/30/2023, HTF completed 1,103 units of rental housing, of which 85 units were designated HTF units. These projects consisted of a total of 906 rehab units and 197 new construction units.

# CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

# Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The State successfully completed all Program Year 2022 objectives related to outreach and needs assessment:

- Implement a robust Coordinated Entry System for the Maryland Balance of State Continuum of Care, which includes a comprehensive assessment of needs.
- Increase availability of funding for street outreach and mobile services across the state to assess unsheltered individuals, provide basic needs assistance, transport individuals to shelter, and provide critical health services
- Provide funding to CoCs for conducting the 2023 unsheltered PIT Count

Local Continuums of Care continued to assess the needs of homeless persons and their individual needs at both the point of intake into street outreach and emergency shelter programs as well as through their local Coordinated Entry System. Most CoCs in Maryland use either the VI-SPDAT or Self-Sufficiency Matrix to assess households' needs, strengths, and supports that will be needed to regain housing stability, and some CoCs have been modifying their assessment approach to use a locally-developed tool. The Maryland Balance of State CoC, which constitutes most of the programs funded by State ESG, began using a standardized assessment tool and housing prioritization process in 2022-2023. Two Local Homelessness Coalition began implementation right away, and 100% of Local Homelessness Coalitions within the CoC will implement the new assessment and permanent housing prioritization process by early 2024.

In addition to service-based surveys, CoCs conducted one-time assessments of homeless households during the annual 2023 Point-In-Time Count. The State is leading a process for each CoC to strategically evaluate every Emergency Shelter program within their system to ensure the homeless service system is providing quality emergency services to households experiencing homelessness, and linking them with permanent housing options.

# Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The State successfully completed the majority of Program Year 2022 objectives related to emergency shelter and transitional housing:

• Support local Continuum of Care efforts to transition hotels into non-congregate shelters and renovate existing congregate shelters

Increase availability of funding for hotels/motels and specialized emergency shelters for youth and domestic violence survivors, as well as operation/building costs needed for adequate distancing
Implement training for shelters on harm reduction, best practices for serving LGBTQ+ individuals

The State continues to provide significant new funding through ESG-CV and State Relief Act funds for hotels and motels in addition to making funds available to CoCs to adapt congregate shelters to CDC best practices. Additionally, DHCD coordinated with the Maryland Department of Health to ensure all shelters were provided direct distributions of state purchase COVID-19 test kits to facilitate routine testing of symptomatic residents.

The State is also leading a process for each CoC to strategically evaluate every Emergency Shelter program within their system to ensure the homeless service system is providing quality emergency services to households experiencing homelessness, and linking them with permanent housing options.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The State successfully completed Program Year 2022 objectives related to helping families avoid becoming homeless or being discharged from an institutional setting:

- Streamline eligibility and household prioritization methods for ESG-funded homelessness prevention with new sources of eviction prevention assistance available through new federal and state rent and utility relief programs
- Continue Maryland Interagency Council on Homelessness actions to reduce discharges from systems of care into homelessness

DHCD continued to implement the new federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program. DHCD worked closely with Continuums of Care, Community Action Agencies, and county governments to assess the need for homeless prevention resources and develop a streamlined, cohesive plan for maximizing various funding sources to meet the needs of households at risk of eviction and those already displaced. ERAP assistance is primarily being used for households who are currently in permanent housing but at risk of eviction and those households that have been displaced and are living with family or friends but need new housing. ESG, ESG-CV, and State Homelessness Solutions Grant funding are being prioritized for households who have already become homeless and are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or in a hotel/motel.

Building on prior year work to limit discharge of individuals from inpatient healthcare and behavioral health institutions to homeless settings, the State and CoCs partnered closely with healthcare providers,

local departments of health, and the Maryland Department of Health to also ensure that individuals testing positive for COVID19 at a health facility were not discharged to homelessness. CoCs developed joint plans with health agencies to ensure that individuals were discharged to non-congregate shelters and worked to connect individuals with permanent housing assistance.

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and Department of Human Services continued to implement their policies prohibiting discharge of returning citizens and foster youth to homelessness. Both agencies require case managers to work with individuals being discharged from care to develop a reasonable housing plan prior to their discharge.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The State successfully completed most Program Year 2022 objectives related to helping families transition into permanent housing and prevent them from becoming homeless again:

- Established policies and procedures for new CDC funding and
- Maintained a DHCD-facilitated rapid re-housing workgroup and dedicated DHCD staff capacity to increase the effectiveness of rapid re-housing across the state
- Increased training and technical assistance for rapid re-housing providers 1:1 program coaching with DHCD staff, learning collaboratives, best practice manuals, program evaluations
- Increased partnerships between local rapid re-housing providers and local workforce boards through a \$400,000 funding opportunity created by the Department of Labor. The pilot paired workforce providers with homeless services programs to engage homeless jobseekers.
- Held a Statewide Workforce and Homeless Systems Symposium to bring together stakeholders from the workforce development world and the homeless service provider system to facilitate information sharing, foster new relationships, and build capacity to support jobseekers experiencing housing instability in your local communities.
- Increased effectiveness of CoC Coordinated Entry Systems in connecting people in shelter and on the street quickly to rapid re-housing and new Emergency Housing Vouchers, and facilitated MOUs/partnership building between CoCs and Public Housing Authorities
- Created bridges to permanently affordable, subsidized housing for rapid re-housing clients through new partnerships with LIHTC properties, HUD-financed multifamily housing, Housing Choice Vouchers, and Public Housing

# CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

# Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Department of Housing and Community Development (the Department/DHCD) does not operate public housing units as it is a Housing Choice Voucher only PHA. However, DHCD will continue to work with PHAs throughout the State to help them revitalize their physical units. DHCD will be working on major projects with the Baltimore City Public Housing Authority, among others, to revitalize properties through the RAD Demonstration Program. This multi-year effort is expected to rehabilitate over 15,000 public housing units in Baltimore City and other counties through 2024.

# Actions taken to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The Department created a homeownership program for Section 8 Voucher holders several years ago and will continue its Section 8 homeownership program. In addition, PHA residents are eligible applicants under DHCD's homeownership programs which offer down payment and closing cost assistance and reduced interest rates to first time homebuyers through 2024.

# Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Anytime a PHA is designated as troubled, DHCD will cooperate with HUD to provide technical assistance to help the PHA lose its troubled status. The type of assistance offered will be based on the findings in HUD's scoring that resulted in the PHA's troubled status. Examples of technical assistance DHCD will offer could include asset management, property management, or day-to-day operations, as appropriate. (We would note that while we can provide some assistance, HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) require troubled PHAs to get assistance from HUD-approved TA providers such as Nan McKay (https://www.nanmckay.com) or NAHRO.

DHCD is not a HUD-approved TA provider. However, troubled PHAs, regardless of whether in entitlement or non-entitlement jurisdictions, are eligible applicants for DHCD's housing rehabilitation programs, including the rehabilitation of multi-family and single-family properties.

HUD's Office of Housing Choice Voucher Programs (OHVP) approved the transfer of the Housing Choice Voucher Program and associated budget authority from the Elkton Housing Authority (EHA) to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). DHCD is working to close out the transfer with the Baltimore Field Office and anticipates leasing all the Project-Based Vouchers units associated with the program.

# CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

DHCD continues to work as one of its mission to provide affordable housing and services to lowmoderate citizens by working with developers to overcome negative policies that affect the development of affordable housing. One of the biggest barriers to affordable housing in Maryland is the lack of supply, particularly for the most vulnerable populations such as persons with disabilities. DHCD also identified barriers to affordable housing that included the lack of knowledge about fair housing requirements, the need for expanded efforts for Persons of Limited English Proficiency (beyond Spanish) and working with the federal government on fair housing data.

DHCD continues to use its resources to help expand the supply of affordable housing, particularly rental housing. We continue to work on implementing the Section 811 demonstration program in order to help persons with disabilities move to affordable rental housing. The State also continues to provide bonus points in its Qualified Allocation Plan to developments which provide housing for persons with disabilities, and work with the Weinberg Foundation to address this population as well.

DHCD also continues to work to expand fair housing education, and address persons of Limited English Proficiency (LEP). DHCD made huge advances in working with persons who were of LEP in Spanish, but the changing demographics of the State require outreach (See our Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for actions and timetables related to this effort).

In terms of data, DHCD continues to work with HUD and other agencies to improve data and planning efforts related to fair housing. HUD published a notice in the Federal Register that it was re-thinking and re-issuing its proposed Fair Housing Tool for States, and will work to make it more effective for them in response to comments by DHCD and other State agencies. DHCD also continues to press the federal government to improve data such as Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Data to better examine, understand, and respond to issues in fair housing lending that may or may not be discriminatory.

Lastly, the Department has entered into a contract with BNI to undertake fair housing training, education, and testing in the State's rural areas to address gaps in fair housing knowledge and to determine if discrimination in renting exits.

# Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

In response to the needs assessment report which outlined the following relevant actions needed to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs; DHCD continues to work to:

• Offer operating subsidies for affordable housing developments

- Expand use of project-based vouchers
- Create housing trust funds
- Create housing preservation funds
- Establish dedicated revenue sources for affordable housing

• Increase awareness of available housing programs and assistance to navigate eligibility and other program requirements

• Develop cross-sector partnerships to provide integrated services, including health, employment, and education

- Increase tenant protections and access to information, legal services, mediation, or other supports
- Extend affordability periods associated with development subsidies
- Expand emergency rental assistance programs

#### Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

DHCD continues to be pro-active and operates its own lead abatement program funded with State appropriations that help control lead hazards. In addition to requiring lead abatement for all HUD funded projects, the Department also requires it when used with its own funds or other resources such as Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. The Maryland Department of the Environment enforces lead paint reduction and control rules for landlords which also helps substantially reduce childhood exposure to lead based paint.

#### Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The State of Maryland remains committed to reducing the number of households living in poverty. The State's anti-poverty strategy is founded on the coordination of resources and strong partnerships at the state and local levels. These efforts are geared toward helping individuals and families move from poverty to self-sufficiency and toward addressing the causes and conditions of poverty in communities across the state.

The Department administers the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program which is funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Annually, the Department receives approximately \$10 million in CSBG funding - 90% of which is distributed to the state's network of 17 locally-designated Community Action Agencies (CAAs). Another 5% of CSBG funding is awarded on a competitive basis to CAAs and other nonprofit organizations or units of local government to support asset-building programs, address gaps in services for low-income households, and support innovative approaches that alleviate poverty. CSBG funds also support communication and coordination among the CAA network and other capacity building activities that strengthen the impact of the network. The remaining 5% of annual CSBG funding is utilized by the Department for administrative costs, including providing training and technical assistance to recipients of these funds.

Key components to the success of the State's strategy are creating and maintaining linkages and coordination at the state level, as well as, supporting similar efforts at the local community level. Through effective coordination, the Department ensures increased access to CSBG-funded services and helps to avoid duplication of services. As required by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA), the Department of Housing and Community Development and Community Action Agencies are partners in the strategy to strengthen the state's workforce development system. The Department participates in policy development efforts led by the state's WIOA Alignment Group. The Department also assists in the development of training and resource materials for frontline workforce development staff. At the local level, Community Action Agencies participate in their jurisdiction's workforce development board. They also coordinate with local agencies to ensure an effective delivery of employment and training programs.

Similarly, both the Department and CAAs are engaged in the implementation of a Two-Generation/Whole Family Approach to service delivery. The Department coordinates with the Maryland Department of Human Services at the state level through participation in the Governor's Two-Gen Commission. At the local level, CAAs work with their jurisdiction's Department of Social Services to ensure coordination of safety net services (e.g. TANF, SNAP), to fill gaps in services and to avoid duplication of services so that their mutual clients are served effectively and efficiently.

As the State continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, CAAs focused on targeting resources to address emergency needs (i.e., health, housing, and nutrition) of the families and communities they serve. They implemented strategies to streamline service delivery and improve operational efficiencies in order to meet the increased demand for services brought on by the pandemic. Offering services remotely, utilizing mobile units to deliver food and essential services, and improving technology within their facilities made it possible for these organizations to continue addressing poverty during the public health emergency.

# Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The State used inter-departmental forums and meetings to coordinate resources, develop consistent policies and methods to achieve stated goals and objectives. DHCD has enacted several new policies in the past several years to improve the ability of developers to provide affordable rental housing. These programs include the rental housing preservation initiative with the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, streamlined bond program, the reopening of MHRP-MF, and changes to PRHP. The MacArthur Foundation preservation initiative includes working with HUD and the nine counties impacted most heavily by the BRAC to standardize underwriting for preservation projects, and working with the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) and Public Service Commission (PSC) to strengthen energy efficiency and green building initiatives. Community Development coordination was improved and streamlined through the State's Development Plan, as well as the federal and State Sustainable Community Initiatives.

# Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service

## agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

DHCD has a uniform application and process for allocating tax credits that is also used in awarding rental housing funds from State and federal resources. The uniform application and allocation process was developed in 1995 to improve coordination of all programs providing funding for multifamily rental housing projects. Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits will continue to be awarded through DHCD's uniform allocation process for multi-family housing.

In addition, to enhance coordination between public, private housing and social service agencies;

- DHCD will continue to work with the Department of Disabilities (DoD) and Department of Human Resources (DHR) to provide more housing for very low-income Marylanders. DHDC is coordinating the use of two Weinberg Grants with DoD and DHR on this effort.
- DHCD will continue its coordination for energy efficiency with MEA, PSC, weatherization and sources of funding from HUD, DOE, PSC, and utility companies.
- DHCD will continue to fund and operate its Homeownership for Individuals With Disabilities Program, working with MDH and other agencies to enable persons with disabilities, families with disabled children and borrowers who are guardians for an immediate family member who is disabled to purchase their own home.
- DHCD will continue to work with Maryland Department of Aging and the Maryland Department of Health to carry out the Accessible Housing Loan and Grant Program which was authorized as its own, stand-alone program in the 2013 legislative session.
- DHCD's Community Development Administration or DHCD's CDA division will continue to collaborate with the U.S. Small Business Administration to promote the Neighborhood BusinessWorks Program.
- DHCD's will continue to coordinate with the Governor's Office of Business Advocacy and Small Business Assistance (GOBA), the office of Minority Affairs, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Department of Commerce to increase their awareness of the Neighborhood BusinessWorks (NBW), Maryland Capital Access and Linked Deposit Program (inactive since 2012 due to lack of lender participation) for gap financing, credit assurance/loan loss reserves and interest rate "buydowns" available for state-up and expanding small and micro business located in revitalization areas across the State.

# Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

DHCD continues to be proactive in its efforts to provide fair housing education and training to nonentitlement areas of the state. Annually, through its contractor, DHCD will continue to conduct fair housing testing sessions to measure the quality, quantity and content of information and customer.

# CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

# **CDBG**

CDBG grantees receive technical assistance and training on grant management and on compliance with CDBG and other federal regulations. CDBG staff make site visits and have regular on-going communication with grantees. Grantees submit two reports a year regarding progress on meeting performance and outcome requirements, as well as accomplishments and beneficiaries. This information is reported in HUD's IDIS system.

CDBG Project Managers conducted 3 formal CDBG monitoring reviews during Program Year 2022. The low number was due to the prioritizing of the monitoring of COVID CDBG grantees. MD DHCD uses the team approach for on-site monitoring for regulatory compliance, accomplishments, performance measurement outcomes and national objectives of the various grant components. CDBG Project Managers provide technical assistance to grantees as needed during the administration of the grant.

Each project is monitored, at a minimum for eligibility, national objective and financial management. In most cases, the monitoring includes a review of all applicable areas specific to the project. Planning grants are monitored through a desk monitoring process. The CDBG Monitoring Handbook contains checklists for evidence of documentation to indicate that grantee practices are consistent with CDBG policies and regulation. There are checklists for:

- Environmental review
- Project Management and Record keeping
- Financial Management
- Procurement and Bonding
- Acquisition
- Relocation
- Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity
- Labor Standards
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Public Facilities / Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Subrecipient Monitoring
- Audit Compliance

The grant monitoring also includes a review of the evidence of documentation that the designated performance measures and outcomes have been met.

The grantee is sent a written report of the monitoring results. If there are findings or matters of concern, the report includes corrective actions that the grantee must achieve for compliance. When all findings

and matters of concern are resolved, the monitoring phase of the grant is completed and the grant moves to closeout.

**ESG Program** - DHCD completes a risk assessment of all ESG grantees (Continuums of Care and Local Homeless Coalitions for grantees in the Balance of State CoC) on an annual basis, and monitors all ESG grantees (Continuums of Care) bi-annually with priority given to those at higher risk. DHCD requires grantees to develop an annual calendar for monitoring their subgrantees based on an annual risk assessment. DHCD evaluates grantee/subgrantee compliance according to the ESG Program Regulations, COMAR, OMB Circulars for financial management, Federal regulations such as Fair Housing, ADA, and Limited English Proficiency, and Homelessness Solutions Program policy guides. DHCD uses standardized monitoring tools that evaluate all aspects of a grantee's capacity and performance, including financial management practices, programmatic implementation, and performance outcomes. Monitoring visits include both desk reviews and on-site work, including interviews with staff, reviews of financial records, reviews of client files, and physical inspections.

In Spring 2023, CoCs conducted a risk assessment of all their subgrantees in order to determine which subgrantees would be monitored and when for ESG-CV and ESG22. Monitoring visits conducted during Program Year 2023 reviewed both ESG22 and ESG-CV activities, and are now complete for half of selected grantees. CoCs will also be required to provide monitoring reports for their subgrantees selected for monitoring, and those reports will be reviewed by Maryland DHCD staff.

# HOME Program

Under the HOME Program there are several standards and procedures that are used to monitor activities, depending on the activity.

Down Payment Assistance - Currently there the State of Maryland DHCD is not providing Down Payment Assistance through the HOME Program. The monitoring currently exists of the monitoring of loans that are still open. This monitoring will be done to insure that it is still in the homeowner's name and that the homeowner is occupying the home.

Homeowner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Loans are monitored on an annual basis with a visit to the local agency to review the files for compliance and a site visit by our inspector to ensure that all work has been completed according to our rehabilitation standards. Due to Covid and virtual work standards we are now desk monitoring as well as on local agency visits.

Rental Units are monitored by our Asset/Loan Management Staff.

<u>Housing Trust Fund</u> - The Housing Trust Fund in accordance with regulatory standards will do the following: each applicant for residency of a Restricted Unit shall certify on a form provided by CDA (the " Tenant Income Certification") that his or her application for occupancy is for the purpose of obtaining housing in the Project and that the Annual Income of the Household is within the income limits established. In a manner prescribed or approved by CDA, the Borrower shall have obtained written evidence Household's application for occupancy and a Tenant Income Certification, copies of which shall be provided substantiating the information given on the Tenant Income Certification and shall retain this evidence in its files for a period of five years from the date of initial occupancy by such Household.

Borrower may not approve any Household to occupy any unit in the Project or any portion of it, without receiving the by the Borrower to CDA upon request. Annually and when requested by CDA at any time, the Borrower shall obtain and verify re-certification of income and other criteria of eligibility from the residents of the Restricted Units.

Continuing Occupancy in a Restricted Unit: At least once annually, the Borrower shall re-examine each tenant's annual income by obtaining from the tenant a written statement of the amount of the tenant's annual income and family size, along with a certification that the information is complete and accurate. Back-up documentation is not required with annual re-certifications provided that the recertification states that the tenant will provide source documents upon request. Every sixth year of a tenant's occupancy, the Borrower shall obtain Tenant's Income Certification with all back-up documentation.

**HOPWA Program** - Compliance and Monitoring - The State of Maryland Department of Health's (MDH) HOPWA program ensures programmatic and fiscal compliance by requiring each of its sub-vendors to submit performance and expenditure reports to the Program Officer, following the close of each quarter. Reimbursement of services rendered is not approved until all such reports are received, reviewed, and checked for compliance and performance issues.

When compliance issues are discovered the Program Officer reaches out to the vendor/site with corrective action plans and follow-up. In addition to the monitoring of the quarterly reports, the Program Officer visits each site no less than once a year for an in-person "Administrative Site Visit". At this time, the program officer provides technical assistance and program guidance on larger issues, such as changes in policies or procedures. In addition to this technical assistance, the Program Officer is in regular contact by phone (quarterly conference calls with each program). More frequent communications occur by phone and email.

More broadly, the monitoring Program Officer provides each site with an Operations Manual, a Tenant Handbook (updated in 2018-2019), and regular suggestions and guidance for pertinent training by HUD and other housing supports providers, such as Corporation for Supportive Housing webinars, etc.

# **Program Requirements and Planning**

MDH understands and deploys all related federal compliance requirements that support fair housing, minority business outreach (where applicable - the HOPWA program is a direct services program and not the development of "bricks and mortar"), and comprehensive planning requirements that bring all partners of interest to the table for feedback in that plans development and implementation.

MDH HOPWA supports DHCD's Annual Comprehensive Planning activities by ensuring participation and feedback by HIV positive persons throughout the State of Maryland through multiple mechanisms. These include participation in and invitations to: State of Maryland Quarterly HIV Planning Group (HPG) meetings (consumers and providers), The Continuum of Care Committee, Housing Sub-Committee (Greater Baltimore HIV Health Services Planning Council for Ryan White Part A Services), State of Maryland Department of Health's HIV Care Services' annual Consumer Satisfaction Survey (CSS), live and quarterly data not only through HOPWA reporting but also State of Maryland Ryan White Part B Services

reported by providers, statewide, through the CAREWare client services database system. All of the aforementioned data is coupled with, not only housing needs data, but also epidemiological data on HIV and homelessness to create needs planning each year and to direct funding to particular types of HOPWA services to meet vulnerable client needs.

#### Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

# Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

DHCD published notices in multiple newspapers in Maryland in advance to draw participation from citizens to provide public input and comment on the draft CAPER made available on our website using he following link: @https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Pages/ConsolidatedPlan.aspx.

DHCD scheduled and held four in-person hearings at the locations listed below and one virtual hearing. Below is the notice placed in the Baltimore Sun, Dorchester Star, Herald Mail, Kent County News and the Star Democrat. Hearings were scheduled to be held at the following locations from August 14, 2023 through August 30, 2023 with comment period open until close of business on Monday, September 18, 2023.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE – STATE OF MARYLAND**

#### Notice of State of Maryland

# DRAFT 2022 Consolidated Plan Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and Amendment to the Recovery Housing Program

Notice is hereby given that the State of Maryland has opened a 30-day public comment period on the Draft 2020 Consolidated Plan Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). In addition, notification is also given of an amendment to the Recovery Housing Program.

The Consolidated Plan is a planning document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is prepared by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). It covers a five-year period and is designed to coordinate Federal, and to a lesser extent State, resources to provide decent housing, economic opportunities, and an acceptable living environment for Maryland's citizens. The Plan is updated every year during the five-year period through an Annual Action Plan and includes a series of one year goals toward meeting the overall five year goals of the Plan.

Maryland's Consolidated Plan covers the State's non-entitlement jurisdictions. Entitlement jurisdictions – those that receive funding directly from HUD, including Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, and the Cities of Annapolis, Baltimore, Bowie, Cumberland, Frederick, Gaithersburg, Hagerstown, and Salisbury – prepare their own Consolidated Plans and are not covered by the State plan.

As part of the Consolidated Planning process, the State submits a CAPER to HUD which describes the progress the State has made in carrying out the one-year goals contained in the five-year Plan. DHCD has completed the third year of the five-year Plan that ended June 30, 2023, and the draft CAPER details the progress DHCD made toward it housing and community development goals in the last year.

DHCD is interested in public input and comment on the draft CAPER available on our website @https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Pages/ConsolidatedPlan.aspx. We will take written comments (via email) on the report through COB Monday, September 18, 2023. In addition, we will hold four in-person hearings at the locations listed below and one virtual hearing:

Citizens did not show up for any of the hearings at all locations including at the virtual hearing.

#### **First Hearing:**

Monday, August 14 · 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Owings - Calvert Library Fairview Branch 8120 Southern Maryland Blvd Owings, MD 20736

#### Second Hearing:

Tuesday, August 15 · 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Towson – Baltimore County Public Library 320 York Road Towson, MD 21204

#### **Third Hearing:**

Friday, August 18 · 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Caroline – Caroline Public Library Federalsburg Location 123 Morris Ave Federalsburg, MD 21632

#### **Fourth Hearing:**

Monday, August 28 · 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Cumberland - Allegany County Department of Economic and Community Development 701 Kelly Road Cumberland, MD 21502

#### **Fifth Hearing:**

Wednesday, August 30th · 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Time zone: America/New York Video call link: https://meet.google.com/biq-jxor-ife Or dial: (US) +1 575-518-3167 PIN: 151 751 081#

# CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

There are no changes to the CDBG program objectives.

# Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

None

# CR-50 - HOME 24 CFR 91.520(d)

# Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in 24 CFR §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

In FY2022, a total of 150 HOME properties were inspected of which 99% were rated Satisfactory" or "Above Average". Only one project was ranked unsatisfactory or below average at 209 E. Fifth Street due violations such as missing window screens, missing blinds, old/worn out dirty carpets, broken lavatory sink and faucet stoppers and unclean tub/shower. Summary findings were sent to ownership for action within 30 days on June 29, 2022. A copy of the report is available upon request.

Project ID	Project Name	Street No.	Street Name	Street Type	City	ZipCode	ProgramList	Site Visit Date	PhysRating
365	Glades West Apts.		Liberty	Street	Oakland	21550	HOME, RHPP	11-May-22	Above Average
368	Southern Pines	50	Appeal	Lane	Lusby	20657	HOME, MEEHA2, PRHP, RHPP	26-Jan-23	Above Average
886	Anchor House	160	West	Street	Annapolis	21401	HOME	18-Oct-22	Above Average
1000	3314 Coventry Court	3314	Coventry	Court	Ellicott	21042	GHFP, HOME	09-Jun-22	Above Average
1329	Chestertown Landing I	503	Morgnec	Road	Chestertown	21620	HOME	17-May-22	Above Average
1343	Glenburn Garden House	518	Glenburn	Avenue	Cambridge	21613	HOME	18-May-22	Above Average
1371	Chestertown Landing II	503	Morgnec	Road	Chestertown	21620	HOME	17-May-22	Above Average
1465	Town Center Apartments	8933	Chesapeake	Avenue	North Beach	20714	HOME	24-Jun-22	Above Average
1544	Village House (Sykesville)	7426	Village	Avenue	Sykesville	21784	HOME	09-Feb-23	Above Average
1686	The Cascades	701	Fourth	Street	Cumberland	21502	HOME	19-May-22	Above Average
1688	Snow Hill Senior Apartments	4854	Washington	Street	Snow Hill	21863	HOME	20-Apr-22	Above Average
1694	Shriner Court	1	Shriner	Court	Union Bridge	21791	FAF, HOME	29-Mar-22	Above Average
1700	Fairgreen Senior Community	100	Greenway		Perryville	21903	HOME	08-Jun-22	Above Average
1819	The Lodges at Naylor Mill	29339	Naylor Mill	Road	Salisbury	21802	HOME	12-May-22	Above Average
1853	Conifer Village at Cambridge	1040	Foxtail	Drive	Cambridge	21613	HOME	20-Apr-22	Above Average
1907	Liberty Square	470	Liberty	Street	Oakland	21550	HOME	25-May-22	Above Average
1912	Federalsburg Gardens Apartments	525	Gardens	Court	Federalsburg	21632	HOME	19-May-22	Above Average
1946	Cottages at River House III	1002	Riverhouse	Drive	Salisbury	21801	HOME	26-Apr-23	Above Average
1969	Calvert Heights	716	High	Street	Chestertown	21620	HOME, TCX	16-Jun-22	Above Average
1992	Baywood Village/Rock Hall Manor	5761	Judefind	Avenue	Rock Hall	21661	HOME, TCX	07-Jun-22	Above Average
2127	Cumberland Family Homes II	402	Second	Street	Cumberland	21502	HOME	26-May-22	Above Average
2240	Richmond Hill Manor Sr. Apartments	100	Carter	Street	Perryville	21903	HOME	23-Jul-22	Above Average
2244	New East Crossing	1000	Maresca	Circle	North East	21901	HOME, MEEHA2	04-May-22	Above Average
2246	Park View at Colonial Landing	6391	Rowanberry	Drive	Elkridge	21075	HOME(A), MBP, RHPP(A)	06-May-22	Above Average
2270	Riverwoods at St. Michaels	111	Mitchell	Street	Saint Michaels	21663	HOME, MBP, PRHP	09-May-22	Above Average
2273	North Creek Run Phase II		Stoney Run Creek	Road	North East	21901	HOME	28-Jun-22	Above Average
2282	Stewart's Neck Apartments	30512	Nutters	Lane	Princess Anne	21853	HOME	15-Jun-22	Above Average
2533	507 Mansfield Court	507	Mansfield	Court	Severna Park	21146	HOME-SL	25-Jul-22	Above Average
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	Cannon Street and Satterfield Court	&600	Cannon	Street	Chestertown	21620	HOME, MEEHA2, PRHP, PRHP(A)		Above Average
	Samuel Chase Apartments	12354	Somerset P	Avenue	Princess Anne	21853	HOME, MBP, MEEHA2		Above Average
	The Meadows at Mountain Lake Park	607		Street	Mountain Lake Park		HOME		Above Average
10344	Park View at Ellicott City I	8720	Ridge	Road	Daniels	21043	HOME(A), MBP, RHW	15-Jun-22	Above Average
10352	Fairbrooke Senior Apartments	700	Bel Air	Avenue	Aberdeen	21001	ERHP(A), HOME(A), MBP, MEEHA2, RHW	03-Apr-22	Above Average
	Taney Village Apartments	1421	Tanev	Avenue	Frederick	21701	HOME, PRHP		Above Average
	Bay Terrace Apartments	517	Bay	Street	Berlin	21811	HOME		Above Average
	Timothy House and Gardens	29	Washington	Street	Annapolis	21401	HOME, MEEHA2		Above Average
	Greenwood Village	1027	Cosby	Avenue	Cambridge	21613	HOME		Above Average
	Woodlands at Reid Temple	11609	Facchina	Place	Glenn Dale	20769	HOME, MBP, RHW		Above Average
	Lakeview at Victoria Park (New)	11080	Weymouth	Court	Waldorf	20601	HOME(A), MBP, MEEHA		Above Average

Below is the list of properties in the portfolio:

Project ID	Project Name	Street No.	Street Name	Street Type	City	ZipCode	ProgramList	Site Visit Date	PhysRating
480	21908 Leitersburg Pike	21908	Leitersburg	Pike	Hagerstown	21740	HOME-GH	22-Jul-22	Below Average
1827		14	Randolph	Avenue	Hagerstown	21740	HOME-GH	06-Jun-22	Below Average
1911		521	High	Street	Denton	21629	HOME	28-Mar-23	Below Average
2536		454	Railroad	Avenue	Centreville	21617	HOME-SL	27-May-22	Below Average
24		446	Barnes	Avenue	Westminster	21157	HOME-GH, SHOP	09-Jun-22	Satisfactory
		1701	Eastgate	Drive	Salisbury	21801	ERHP, HOME, MBP		Satisfactory
54		12537	Sparrows	Lane	Clear Spring	21722	HOME-GH	22-Jul-22	Satisfactory
94		809-A	Motter	Avenue	Frederick	21701	HOME-GH, SHOP	14-Jun-23	Satisfactory
130		400	Glades	Square	Oakland	21550	HOME, RHPP	09-Aug-22	Satisfactory
204		9950	Guilford	Road	Columbia	21046	HOME, PRHP	08-Jun-22	Satisfactory
	°	7166	Lauren	Lane	Easton	21601	HOME		Satisfactory
		802	Audrey	Place	Salisbury	21801	HOME-GH		Satisfactory
		800	Audrey	Place	Salisbury	21801	HOME-GH		Satisfactory
		62	Elk Chase	Drive	Elkton	21921	HOME, RHPP		Satisfactory
		23528	Myrtle Point	Road	California	20619	HOME-GH, SHOP		Satisfactory
		1030	St. Paul	Drive	Waldorf	20602	HOME-GH, SHOP		Satisfactory
			Mulberry	Street	Hagerstown	21740	HOME		Satisfactory
	-	120	Tanager	Court	La Plata	20646	HOME-GH, SHOP		Satisfactory
		12702	Silverbirch	Lane	Laurel	20708	GHFP, HOME-SL, SHOP		Satisfactory
	<u> </u>	4255	Mockingbird	Circle	Waldorf	20603	HOME-GH, SHOP		Satisfactory
		50	Pennsylvania	Avenue	Frederick	21701	HOME-GH, SHOP		Satisfactory
	-	12000	Orvis	Drive	Laurel	20708	GHFP, HOME, SHOP		Satisfactory
		3955	Gorden Stinnett	Avenue	Chesapeake Beach	20732	HOME		Satisfactory
		98	Liberty	Street	Westminster	21157	HOME-GH, SHOP		Satisfactory
		410	Sassafras	Court	Bel Air	21015	HOME-GH, SHOP		Satisfactory
		205	Baltimore	Avenue	Cumberland	21505	HOME		Satisfactory
		8613	Contee	Road	Laurel	20707	GHFP, HOME, SHOP		Satisfactory
		8502	Spruce	Hill	Laurel	20707	HOME, SHOP		Satisfactory
		45791	Sayre	Drive	Great Mills	20634	HOME-GH, SHOP		Satisfactory
		45762	Dee	Drive	Great Mills	20634	HOME-GH		Satisfactory
	Potomac Homes		a. II. I		Frederick	21701	HOME		Satisfactory
		23	Rollwin	Road	Baltimore	21207	GHFP, HOME-SL		Satisfactory
		9666	Dixon	Avenue	Baltimore	21234	GHFP, HOME-SL		Satisfactory
		402	Latimer	Road	Joppa	21085	GHFP, HOME-GH		Satisfactory
	-	13612	Engleman	Drive	Laurel	20708	GHFP, HOME		Satisfactory
		23311	Holly Hill	Lane	California	20619	GHFP, HOME		Satisfactory
		2110	Don Stone Change	Avenue	Westminster	21157 21776	GHFP, HOME-GH		Satisfactory
	-	1564	Stone Chapel	Road Pike	New Windsor	-	GHFP, HOME		Satisfactory
		2671	Hanover Dead Mill	-	Hampstead	21074	GHFP, HOME		Satisfactory
		15409 2431	Bond Mill West Benson	Road Road	Laurel	20708 21158	GHFP, HOME		Satisfactory Satisfactory
		53	Highview	Drive	Westminster Oakland	21158	GHFP, HOME-GH HOME, RHPP		Satisfactory
		40	Academy	Street	East New Market	21631	HOME, MEEHA2, PRHP		Satisfactory
		3935	Gordon Stinnett	Avenue	Chesapeake Beach	20732	HOME, MEERAZ, PRAP		Satisfactory
		2701	Elizabeth	Drive	Westminster	21157	GHFP, HOME-GH		Satisfactory
		1625	Shookstown	Road	Frederick	21702	GHFP, HOME-GH		Satisfactory
		1025	Stevens	Street	Snow Hill	21863	HOME		Satisfactory
		11060	Weymouth	Court	Waldorf	20602	HOME		Satisfactory
		105	Winterborne	Lane	Salisbury	21804	HOME		Satisfactory
		301-365	Coneflower	Drive	Williamsport	21795	FAF, HOME		Satisfactory
		5721	Sweetwind	Place	Columbia	21045	GHFP, HOME-GH		Satisfactory
		700	Cassel Ridge	Drive	Grantsville	21536	HOME		Satisfactory
	Hagerstown Robinwood Senior Housing		Rosebank	Way	Hagerstown	21740	HOME, RHPP		Satisfactory
1005	g station resulting		Allnut Ct. & Prince	,			,		
1726	Chapline II	115	Frederick	Boulevard	Prince Frederick	20678	HOME	16-Mar-23	Satisfactory
		7806	Beverly Hill	Avenue	Parkville	21234	HOME-GH		Satisfactory
		1101/111		Road	Salisbury	21204	HOME		Satisfactory
			Marda	Lane	Annapolis	21403	HOME, SHOP		Satisfactory
		3309	Arundel on the Bay		Annapolis	21403	HOME, SHOP		Satisfactory
		3605	Moses	Way	Waldorf	20602	HOME		Satisfactory
		301	Maple Heights	Court	Rising Sun	21911	HOME		Satisfactory
		522	Greenwood	Avenue	Cambridge	21613	HOME		Satisfactory
	ů.	555	West	Road	Salisbury	21801	HOME		Satisfactory
			Washington	Street	Hagerstown	21740	HOME-GH, STHGP		Satisfactory
		2611	Greenspring	Avenue	Joppa	21085	GHFP, HOME, SHOP		Satisfactory
		1320	Tollgate	Road	Bel Air	21015	GHFP, HOME, SHOP		Satisfactory
		2409	Windsor	Road	Parkville	21234	GHFP, HOME, SHOP		Satisfactory
		5005	Nicholas	Road	Waldorf	20601	HOME-GH, SHOP		Satisfactory
		209	Bynum Ridge	Road	Forest Hill	21050	GHFP, HOME-SL, SHOP		Satisfactory
	-	255	Pysell	Road	McHenry	21541	HOME		Satisfactory
		9024	Scotts Haven	Drive	Baltimore	21239	GHFP, HOME-SL, SHOP		Satisfactory
		1009	Shoreland	Drive	Glen Burnie	21060	GHFP, HOME-SL, SHOP		Satisfactory
		45910-45		Way	Lexington Park	20653	HOME, MBP, TCX		Satisfactory
	• ·	4300	Cardwell	Avenue	Nottingham	21236	ERHP(A), HOME, MBP		Satisfactory
			Bridgewell/Abbott	Drive	Elkton	21921	EECBG, HOME, HOME(A)		Satisfactory
		601	Tubman	Drive	Easton	21601	HOME-GH		Satisfactory
		45	Chase	Street	Westminster	21157	HOME-GH		Satisfactory
		305	Araminta	Place	Easton	21601	HOME-GH		Satisfactory
		323	Ashby Commons	Drive	Easton	21601	HOME-GH		Satisfactory
		318	Salmon	Avenue	Easton	21601	HOME-GH		Satisfactory

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2508	709 Howard Street	709	Howard	Street	Easton	21601	HOME-GH	27-May-22	Satisfactory
2510	3307 Dorchester Road	3307	Dorchester	Road	Baltimore	21215	HOME-GH, MAHT	29-Jun-22	Satisfactory
2527	1827 Lawnview Drive	1827	Lawnview	Drive	Frederick	21702	HOME-GH	29-Jun-22	Satisfactory
2529	30 Victoria Square	30	Victoria	Square	Frederick	21702	HOME-GH	29-Jun-22	Satisfactory
2534	Talbot County Initiative-Leontyne Place	904	Leontyne	Place	Easton	21601	HOME	27-May-22	Satisfactory
2535		13	Ridge	Road	Carrollton	21157	HOME-SL	26-Jul-22	Satisfactory
2537	310 Dorchester Ave	310	Dorchester	Avenue	Cambridge	21613	HOME	27-May-22	Satisfactory
2539	6572 Sweet Fern	6572	Sweet Ferm		Columbia	21045	HOME-SL	29-Jun-22	Satisfactory
2540	456 N. Centre St	456	Centre	Street	Cumberland	21502	HOME-SL	09-Aug-22	Satisfactory
2541	Hagerstown Housing Initiative I	41	Wakefield & 43	Road	Hagerstown	21740	HOME-SL	26-Jul-22	Satisfactory
2542	538 W Church Street	538	Church	Street	Hagerstown	21740	HOME-SL	17-May-22	Satisfactory
2543	37 Fairground Ave	37	Fairground	Avenue	Hagerstown	21740	HOME-SL	18-Oct-22	Satisfactory
2544	434-436 Carrollton Avenue	434-436	Carrollton	Avenue	Hagerstown	21740	HOME-SL	17-May-22	Satisfactory
2545	20105 Kellys Lane	20105	Kelly	Lane	Hagerstown	21742	HOME-SL	17-May-22	Satisfactory
2546	337 Westside Avenue	337	West Side	Avenue	Hagerstown	21740	HOME	17-May-22	Satisfactory
2547	9 Winter Street	9	Winter	Street	Hagerstown	21740	HOME-SL	17-May-22	Satisfactory
2548	813-815 View Street	813-815	View	Street	Hagerstown	21740	HOME-SL	17-May-22	Satisfactory
2549	51 Charles Street	51	Charles	Street	Hagerstown	21740	HOME, MHRP-MF	17-May-22	Satisfactory
2550	518-520 W Franklin Street	518-520	Franklin	Street	Hagerstown	21742	HOME-SL	17-May-22	Satisfactory
2551	525-527 S Potomac Street	525-527	Potomac	Street	Hagerstown	21740	HOME	17-May-22	Satisfactory
2552	1930 Abbey Lane	1930	Abbey	Lane	Hagerstown	21740	HOME-SL	17-May-22	Satisfactory
2553	1864 Abbey Lane	1864	Abbey	Lane	Hagerstown	21740	HOME-SL	17-May-22	Satisfactory
2554	45-47 Antietam Street	45-47	Antietam	Street	Hagerstown	21740	HOME-SL	17-May-22	Satisfactory
2555	1019 Ross Street	1019	Ross	Street	Hagerstown	21740	HOME-SL	17-May-22	Satisfactory
2557	961 Breakwater Drive	961	Breakwater	Drive	Annapolis	21403	HOME-SL	16-Mar-23	Satisfactory
10258	Old Towne Manor	1510 A	Old Towne	Road	Cumberland	21501	HOME, MEEHA2	01-Jun-22	Satisfactory
10440	Sunshine Village (new)	22	Bradley	Court	Pocomoke City	21851	HOME, MEEHA2	23-Mar-22	Satisfactory
10518	520 North Market Apartments	520	Market	Street	Frederick	21701	HOME	24-Jun-22	Satisfactory
10573	Bethel Gardens Apartments	356	Henry	Avenue	Hagerstown	21740	HOME(A), RHW	27-Feb-23	Satisfactory
10594	Calvert Hills East	346	Radio	Drive	Prince Frederick	20678	HOME	28-Apr-22	Satisfactory
10837	Pleasant Manor (new)	301	Church	Street	Snow Hill	21863	ERHP, HOME, HOME(A)	12-Apr-22	Satisfactory
1863	209 E. Fifth Street	209	Fifth	Street	Frederick	21701	HOME-GH	29-Jun-22	Unsatisfactory

# Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 24 CFR 91.520(e) and 24 CFR 92.351(a)

DHCD requires all recipients of HOME funds to have an Affirmative Marketing Plan as part of the requirement for receiving HOME funds. This obligation, along with the obligation to comply with all HOME requirements, is memorialized in the Deed of Trust recorded at initial closing on the financing. DHCD shall hold a kick-off meeting for all multifamily projects financed through the Department. This meeting is attended by all members of the development team for the project, including the management company.

Whenever departmental financing includes HOME funds, the HOME Program Administrator attends the kick-off meeting to review all HOME requirements. DHCD emphasizes the affirmative marketing obligations and provides written guidance outlining how the owner should comply with this obligation.

As part of its underwriting for the financing, DHCD requires submission of a marketing plan for the property and will review the Plan for outreach to individuals with disabilities and to ensure that an affirmative marketing plan is included as part of the overall project's marketing plans. Failures to include the plan, as well as any deficiencies in the submitted plan are noted in a report back to the development team. All deficiencies must be corrected prior to initial closing of the loan.

Owners are reminded at the project kick-off and at the pre-closing meeting that projects that receive HOME funding are required to keep Affirmative Marketing Plans on site and that such plans will be reviewed as part of compliance monitoring carried out on-site by Portfolio Managers from the Division of Credit Assurance. During the on-site compliance review, Portfolio Managers will determine whether the Affirmative Marketing Plan is present, record the goals in the plan, and help capture the data on initial occupants in housing projects, which is also captured in IDIS.

# Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

During 2022 HOME used \$4,743,393.00 to fund projects. There were three (3) multi-family rental projects funded \$4,000,000.00 with a total # of units of 217 of which 22 are HOME units. There were also four (4) single family reconstruction/rehabilitation projects funded \$743,393.00.

All of these projects are currently under construction. Tenant characteristics are not available at this time.

# Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 24 CFR 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 24 CFR 91.320(j)

DHCD continues to undertake efforts to increase affordable housing projects in Maryland. Over 10 years, DHCD will seek to increase rental housing preservation by 10,000 units statewide including both entitlement and non-entitlement areas. DHCD continues to undertake a comprehensive approach toward systemic streamlining and financing to increase production levels statewide. DHCD continues to leverage LIHTC with other funding sources to help fund affordable housing in the State of Maryland.

# CR-55 - HOPWA 91.520(e)

#### Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Table for report on the one-year goals for the number of households provided housing through the use of HOPWA activities for: short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance payments to prevent homelessness of the individual or family; tenant-based rental assistance; and units provided in housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds.

Number of Households Served Through:	One-year Goal	Actual
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility		
assistance to prevent homelessness of the		
individual or family	66	41
Tenant-based rental assistance	150	171
Units provided in permanent housing facilities		
developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA		
funds	0	0
Units provided in transitional short-term		
housing facilities developed, leased, or		
operated with HOPWA funds	0	0
	216	212

Table 15 – HOPWA Number of Households Served

#### Narrative

During this reporting period resources made available totaled \$2,797,678 of which 80.0% or \$2,237,661.72 was expended. Unspent amount \$560,016.28 (EMSA \$468,698.33 and Rural \$91,317.95)

Hopwa Utilized 80% of the resources that were made available MDH will provide training with this Project Sponsor and conduct meetings to build collaboration with the Frederick Health Department to ensure that housing assistance needs are being met to prevent homelessness.

A copy of the HOPWA CAPER is available via the link below:

# CR-56 - HTF 91.520(h)

# Describe the extent to which the grantee complied with its approved HTF allocation plan and the requirements of 24 CFR part 93.

There were approximately \$38.6 million in Housing Trust Fund projects across the state. DCHD has fully complied with all provisions of our approved HTF Allocation Plan and all of the requirements of 24 CFR Part 93. Six(6) multi-family rental projects are currently under construction utilizing HTF funding, representing 582 units and \$8.8 million in awards. These projects are widely dispersed across the state and located in Anne Arundel, Frederick, Queen Anne's, and Cecil counties and the city of Baltimore. Ten projects were completed, representing nearly 91 units, with awards totaling over \$15 million.

Tenure Type	0 - 30%	0% of 30+ to	% of the	Total	Units	Total
	AMI	poverty line	higher of	Occupied	Completed,	Completed
		(when	30+ AMI or	Units	Not	Units
		poverty line	poverty line		Occupied	
		is higher	to 50% AMI			
		than 30%				
		AMI)				
Rental	39	0	0	39	0	39
Homebuyer	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### Below is a list of closed properties as well as those currently under construction.

#### Table 15 - CR-56 HTF Units in HTF activities completed during the period

Closed Projects					
Project Name	Fiscal Year 2021	Fiscal Year 2022	Total Award	Units	Status
South Street Family	\$821,000	\$0	\$821,000	5	69% complete
Woodlands Gardens II	\$361,434	\$770,732	\$1,132,166	7	95% complete
Slippery Hill	\$0	\$955,000	\$955,000	5	25% complete
Bon Secours	\$197,948	\$1,579,552	\$1,777,500	5	10% complete
Morris Blum	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	11	7% complete
Elk Chase	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	6	3% complete
Total	\$1,380,382	\$6,305,284	\$7,685,666	39	

# PR-58 – Section 3

## Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	4	3	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours	0				
Total Section 3 Worker Hours	0				
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours	0				

Table 16 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing					
Targeted Workers					
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding					
Targeted Workers.					
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).					
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition					
for, off-site training.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g.,					
resume assistance, coaching).					
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business					
concerns.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand					
and bid on contracts.					
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by					
Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment					
including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job					
opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.					
Held one or more job fairs.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can					
provide direct services or referrals.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide					
one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings,					
interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.					
Assisted residents with finding child care.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four					
year educational institution.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.					
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.					
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids					
from Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online					
technologies.					
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create					
opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.					
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as					
designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and					
Opportunity Act.					
Other.	1	1	1	1	

Table 17 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

#### Narrative

**CDBG** - Per HUD, hours are to be added into the IDIS system upon completion of a project. The Final Report requires grantees to provide information on qualitative efforts. Until projects are completed, no information can be provided.

# CR-60 - ESG 91.520(g) (ESG Recipients only)

ESG Supplement to the CAPER in *e-snaps* 

#### For Paperwork Reduction Act

1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Co Basic Grant Information	omplete
Recipient Name	MARYLAND
Organizational DUNS Number	028492598
UEI	
EIN/TIN Number	526002033
Indentify the Field Office	BALTIMORE
Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or	Cumberland/Allegany County CoC
subrecipient(s) will provide ESG	
assistance	
ESG Contact Name	
Prefix	Honorable
First Name	Jake
Middle Name	R
Last Name	Day
Suffix	
Title	Secretary
ESG Contact Address	
Street Address 1	7800 Harkins Road
Street Address 2 City	Lanham
State	MD
ZIP Code	
Phone Number	- 3014297452
Extension	5014297452
Fax Number	
Email Address	jake.day@maryland.gov

ESG Secondary Contact	
Prefix	Mr
First Name	Stuart
Last Name	Campbell
Suffix	
Title	Director, Community Services Programs
Phone Number	3014297522
Extension	
Email Address	stuart.campbell@maryland.gov

#### 2. Reporting Period—All Recipients Complete

Program Year Start Date	07/01/2022
Program Year End Date	06/30/2023

#### 3a. Subrecipient Form – Complete one form for each subrecipient

Subrecipient or Contractor Name: GARRETT COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC. City: Oakland State: MD Zip Code: 21550, 1307 DUNS Number: UEI: Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N Subrecipient Organization Type: Other Non-Profit Organization ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount: 45000

Subrecipient or Contractor Name: WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC. City: Hagerstown State: MD Zip Code: 21740, 5508 DUNS Number: 147773535 UEI: Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N Subrecipient Organization Type: Other Non-Profit Organization ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount: 105000 Subrecipient or Contractor Name: CARROLL COUNTY, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS City: Westminster State: MD Zip Code: 21157, 5108 DUNS Number: 067385510 UEI: Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N Subrecipient Organization Type: Unit of Government ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount: 80000

Subrecipient or Contractor Name: FREDERICK, CITY OF City: Frederick State: MD Zip Code: 21701, 5527 DUNS Number: 074927054 UEI: Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N Subrecipient Organization Type: Unit of Government ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount: 100000

Subrecipient or Contractor Name: ALLEGANY COUNTY, BOARD OF COMISSIONERS City: Cumberland State: MD Zip Code: 21502, 2882 DUNS Number: 064891476 UEI: Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N Subrecipient Organization Type: Unit of Government ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount: 50000

Subrecipient or Contractor Name: Somerset County Health Department City: Westover State: MD Zip Code: 21871, 3922 DUNS Number: 828635615 UEI: Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N Subrecipient Organization Type: Unit of Government ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount: 130000 Subrecipient or Contractor Name: Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. City: Easton State: MD Zip Code: 21601, 7436 DUNS Number: 806182994 UEI: Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N Subrecipient Organization Type: Other Non-Profit Organization ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount: 202894

Subrecipient or Contractor Name: Three Oaks Homeless Shelter, Inc. City: Lexington Park State: MD Zip Code: 20653, 4385 DUNS Number: 941492852 UEI: Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N Subrecipient Organization Type: Other Non-Profit Organization ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount: 180000

Subrecipient or Contractor Name: Cecil County Health Department City: Elkton State: MD Zip Code: 21921, 5501 DUNS Number: 031513132 UEI: Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N Subrecipient Organization Type: Unit of Government ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount: 50000

Subrecipient or Contractor Name: Harford Community Action Agency City: Edgewood State: MD Zip Code: 21040, 3830 DUNS Number: 021697878 UEI: Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N Subrecipient Organization Type: Other Non-Profit Organization ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount: 90000 Subrecipient or Contractor Name: Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services City: Columbia State: MD Zip Code: 21046, 1561 DUNS Number: 102547127 UEI: Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N Subrecipient Organization Type: Unit of Government ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount: 60000

## **CR-65 - Persons Assisted**

#### 4. Persons Served

#### 4a. Complete for Homelessness Prevention Activities

Number of Persons in	Total
Households	
Adults	
Children	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 16 – Household Information for Homeless Prevention Activities

#### 4b. Complete for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

Number of Persons in	Total
Households	
Adults	
Children	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 17 – Household Information for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

#### 4c. Complete for Shelter

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 18 – Shelter Information

#### 4d. Street Outreach

Number of Persons in	Total
Households	
Adults	
Children	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 19 – Household Information for Street Outreach

#### 4e. Totals for all Persons Served with ESG

Number of Persons in	Total
Households	
Adults	
Children	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 20 – Household Information for Persons Served with ESG

#### 5. Gender—Complete for All Activities

Total

Table 21 – Gender Information

## 6. Age—Complete for All Activities

	Total
Under 18	
18-24	
25 and over	
Don't Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 22 – Age Information

## 7. Special Populations Served—Complete for All Activities

Subpopulation	Total	Total Persons	Total Persons	Total Persons
		Served –	Served –	Served in
		Prevention	RRH	Emergency
				Shelters
Veterans				
Victims of				
Domestic				
Violence				
Elderly				
HIV/AIDS				
Chronically				
Homeless				
Persons with Disabili	ities:			
Severely				
Mentally III				
Chronic				
Substance				
Abuse				
Other				
Disability				
Total				
(unduplicated				
if possible)				

#### Number of Persons in Households

Table 23 – Special Population Served

# CR-70 – ESG 91.520(g) - Assistance Provided and Outcomes

#### **10. Shelter Utilization**

Number of New Units - Rehabbed	0
Number of New Units - Conversion	0
Total Number of bed-nights available	0
Total Number of bed-nights provided	0
Capacity Utilization	0.00%

Table 24 – Shelter Capacity

# **11.** Project Outcomes Data measured under the performance standards developed in consultation with the CoC(s)

The performance outcomes included are pulled from the 2021 CAPER, and will be updated as soon as FY 2022 data is available:

All Projects

HMIS Data Quality -

Outreach

Exits to Permanent Housing - 16% Median Length of Stay - 259

Shelter Exits to Permanent Housing - 38% Median Length of Stay - 133 Exits to Permanent Housing - 72%

Rapid Re-Housing Prior Residence = Homeless or Institution - 77% Length of Time between Project Entry Date and Residential Move-in Date - 53.90 (ESG data) Median Length of Stay - 311 Exits to Permanent Housing - 72%

**Homelessness Prevention** 

Household's Prior Residence is Permanent Housing - 95% Percent of Households that Exit to Permanent Housing - 97%

# **CR-75** – Expenditures

### 11. Expenditures

#### 11a. ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2020	2021	2022
Expenditures for Rental Assistance			
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and			
Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance			
Expenditures for Housing Relocation &			
Stabilization Services - Services			
Expenditures for Homeless Prevention under			
Emergency Shelter Grants Program			
Subtotal Homelessness Prevention			

Table 25 – ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

#### 11b. ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2020	2021	2022
Expenditures for Rental Assistance			
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and			
Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance			
Expenditures for Housing Relocation &			
Stabilization Services - Services			
Expenditures for Homeless Assistance under			
Emergency Shelter Grants Program			
Subtotal Rapid Re-Housing			

Table 26 – ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

#### **11c. ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter**

	Dollar Amount	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2020	2021	2022	
Essential Services				
Operations				
Renovation				
Major Rehab				
Conversion				
Subtotal				

Table 27 – ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

## 11d. Other Grant Expenditures

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2020 2021 2022		
Street Outreach			
HMIS			
Administration			

Table 28 - Other Grant Expenditures

#### 11e. Total ESG Grant Funds

Total ESG Funds Expended	2020	2021	2022

Table 29 - Total ESG Funds Expended

#### 11f. Match Source

	2020	2021	2022
Other Non-ESG HUD Funds			
Other Federal Funds			
State Government			
Local Government			
Private Funds			
Other			
Fees			
Program Income			
Total Match Amount			

Table 30 - Other Funds Expended on Eligible ESG Activities

## 11g. Total

Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities	2020	2021	2022

Table 31 - Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities