

Maryland FFY 2023
(SFY 2024)
Consolidated Annual
Performance
Evaluation Report
(CAPER)

2020-2024 MD Consolidated Plan

## **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.

Each year the State of Maryland submits a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in fulfillment of the requirements detailed at 24 CFR 91.520. The purpose of the CAPER is to provide HUD, State Officials, and the general public with an opportunity to review the activities undertaken utilizing federal funding during the program year and to evaluate the State's progress in meeting the goals established in its Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The Program Year 2023 CAPER is the fourth report for the State's 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

This report covers Program Year 2023 or Federal Fiscal Year 2023 (State Fiscal Year 2024) and it discusses the activities that occurred between July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Program Year 2023, Federal Fiscal Year 2023, and State Fiscal Year 2024 may be used interchangeably during this report to refer to activities completed during the reporting timeframe. During this period, the State of Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) received \$22,316,861.20 in HUD funding through five programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and the National Housing Trust Fund (HTF).

All activities funded through these various programs prioritized the housing and community development goals identified in the State of Maryland's Consolidated Plan which include providing decent housing, creating suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities for low-to-moderate income households. DHCD also amplified its efforts during this program year to address the ongoing challenges of supply chain shortages, labor/contractor shortages, and increasing housing costs that are impacting Marylanders in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Programmatic outcomes during Program Year 2023 included:

- 3,336 individuals received street outreach services, overnight emergency shelter, or rapid re-housing.
- 2,019 homeless households received emergency rental assistance through CDBG-CV funded projects.

- 19 municipalities and counties awarded CDBG grant funds for place-based and infrastructure projects such as sewer and water system upgrades, sidewalk improvements, demolition of blighted property, construction and/or improvement to community facilities, housing rehabilitation, accessibility upgrades, and planning grants.
- 37 extremely low-income and low-income households received housing services through CDBG, HOME, and HTF funds.
- 6 loans completed by HOME and HTF to help finance the construction of 645 new units.
- 171 persons with HIV/AIDS received tenant based rental assistance.

The State of Maryland has also continued to coordinate the Maryland Interagency Council on Homelessness and bring together private and public partners to improve and collaborate on shared policy, programs, and priorities related to homelessness.

## 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.

| Goal                        | Category  | Source /<br>Amount                                    | Indicator   | Unit of<br>Measure  | Expected –        | Actual –<br>Strategic | Percent<br>Complete | Expected<br>–   | Actual –<br>Program | Percent<br>Complete |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                             |   |   |   |                     | Strategic<br>Plan | Plan                  | Jan Proce           | Program<br>Year | Year                |                     |
| Community<br>Revitalization | Affordable Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / CDBG-DR #1: \$ / CDBG-DR #2: \$ | Public Facility or<br>Infrastructure<br>Activities other than<br>Low/Moderate Income<br>Housing Benefit | Persons<br>Assisted | 205215            | 35997                 | 17.54%              | 50000           | 4,700               | 9.40%               |
|                             | Development   | Ψ   |   |                     |                   |                       |                     |                 |                     |                     |

| Goal                        | Category  | Source /  | Indicator   | Unit of                      | Expected          | Actual –          | Percent  | Expected             | Actual –        | Percent  |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
|                             |   | Amount  |   | Measure                      | Strategic<br>Plan | Strategic<br>Plan | Complete | –<br>Program<br>Year | Program<br>Year | Complete |
| Community<br>Revitalization | Affordable Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / CDBG-DR #1: \$ / CDBG-DR #2: \$ | Public service activities<br>other than<br>Low/Moderate Income<br>Housing Benefit | Persons<br>Assisted          | 200               | 1658              | 829.00%  |                      |                 |          |
| Community<br>Revitalization | Affordable Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / CDBG-DR #1: \$ / CDBG-DR #2: \$ | Rental units<br>rehabilitated   | Household<br>Housing<br>Unit | 44                | 84                | 190.91%  |                      |                 |          |

| Goal                        | Category  | Source /  | Indicator                            | Unit of                      | Expected          |                   | Percent  | Expected        | Actual –        | Percent  |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
|                             |   | Amount  |                                      | Measure                      | Strategic<br>Plan | Strategic<br>Plan | Complete | Program<br>Year | Program<br>Year | Complete |
|                             | Affordable<br>Housing   | CDBG: \$  |                                      |                              |                   |                   |          |                 |                 |          |
| Community<br>Revitalization | Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development                    | / HOME:<br>\$ /<br>CDBG-DR<br>#1: \$ /<br>CDBG-DR<br>#2: \$ | Homeowner Housing<br>Rehabilitated   | Household<br>Housing<br>Unit | 64                | 106               | 165.63%  | 35              | 12              | 34.29%   |
| Community<br>Revitalization | Affordable Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / CDBG-DR #1: \$ / CDBG-DR #2: \$       | Homeless Person<br>Overnight Shelter | Persons<br>Assisted          | 0                 | 0                 |          | 850             | 840             | 98.82%   |

| Goal  | Category  | Source /<br>Amount                                    | Indicator             | Unit of<br>Measure | Expected  - Strategic Plan | Actual –<br>Strategic<br>Plan | Percent<br>Complete | Expected  - Program Year | Actual –<br>Program<br>Year | Percent<br>Complete |
|---|---|---|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Community<br>Revitalization                     | Affordable Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / CDBG-DR #1: \$ / CDBG-DR #2: \$ | Buildings Demolished  | Buildings          | 0                          | 0                             |                     | 10                       | 0                           | 0.00%               |
| Community<br>Revitalization                     | Affordable Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / CDBG-DR #1: \$ / CDBG-DR #2: \$ | Other                 | Other              | 3                          | 1                             | 33.33%              |                          |                             |                     |
| Community Revitalization - Economic Development | Non-Housing<br>Community<br>Development   | CDBG: \$  | Jobs created/retained | Jobs               | 100                        | 256                           | 256.00%             |                          |                             |                     |

| Goal                                     | Category  | Source /<br>Amount                     | Indicator  | Unit of<br>Measure           | Expected  - Strategic Plan | Actual –<br>Strategic<br>Plan | Percent<br>Complete | Expected  - Program Year | Actual –<br>Program<br>Year | Percent<br>Complete |
|--|---|--|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Increase<br>Affordable<br>Rental Housing | Affordable Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$<br>/ HOME:<br>\$ / HTF:<br>\$ | Rental units<br>constructed  | Household<br>Housing<br>Unit | 227                        | 136                           | 59.91%              | 62                       | 41                          | 66.13%              |
| Increase<br>Affordable<br>Rental Housing | Affordable Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$<br>/ HOME:<br>\$ / HTF:<br>\$ | Rental units<br>rehabilitated  | Household<br>Housing<br>Unit | 261                        | 113                           | 43.30%              | 67                       | 39                          | 58.21%              |
| Promote<br>Homeownership                 | Affordable<br>Housing   | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$                    | Public service activities<br>for Low/Moderate<br>Income Housing<br>Benefit | Households<br>Assisted       | 400                        | 0                             | 0.00%               |                          |                             |                     |
| Promote<br>Homeownership                 | Affordable<br>Housing   | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$                    | Homeowner Housing<br>Added   | Household<br>Housing<br>Unit | 53                         | 0                             | 0.00%               |                          |                             |                     |

| Goal                     | Category              | Source /<br>Amount              | Indicator   | Unit of<br>Measure           | Expected  - Strategic Plan | Actual –<br>Strategic<br>Plan | Percent<br>Complete | Expected  - Program Year | Actual –<br>Program<br>Year | Percent<br>Complete |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Promote<br>Homeownership | Affordable<br>Housing | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$             | Homeowner Housing<br>Rehabilitated  | Household<br>Housing<br>Unit | 25                         | 0                             | 0.00%               |                          |                             |                     |
| Promote<br>Homeownership | Affordable<br>Housing | CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$             | Direct Financial<br>Assistance to<br>Homebuyers   | Households<br>Assisted       | 100                        | 480                           | 480.00%             | 40                       | 120                         | 300.00%             |
| Reduce<br>Homelessness   | Homeless              | CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / ESG: \$  | Public Facility or<br>Infrastructure<br>Activities other than<br>Low/Moderate Income<br>Housing Benefit | Persons<br>Assisted          | 500                        | 0                             | 0.00%               |                          |                             |                     |
| Reduce<br>Homelessness   | Homeless              | CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / ESG: \$  | Public service activities<br>other than<br>Low/Moderate Income<br>Housing Benefit                       | Persons<br>Assisted          | 1000                       | 0                             | 0.00%               |                          |                             |                     |
| Reduce<br>Homelessness   | Homeless              | CDBG: \$  / HOPWA: \$ / ESG: \$ | Tenant-based rental<br>assistance / Rapid<br>Rehousing  | Households<br>Assisted       | 5000                       | 2404                          | 48.08%              | 700                      | 713                         | 101.86%             |
| Reduce<br>Homelessness   | Homeless              | CDBG: \$  / HOPWA: \$ / ESG: \$ | Homeless Person<br>Overnight Shelter  | Persons<br>Assisted          | 11000                      | 10430                         | 94.82%              | 850                      | 934                         | 109.88%             |

| Goal                   | Category | Source /<br>Amount             | Indicator   | Unit of<br>Measure  | Expected  - Strategic Plan | Actual –<br>Strategic<br>Plan | Percent<br>Complete | Expected  - Program Year | Actual –<br>Program<br>Year | Percent<br>Complete |
|------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Reduce<br>Homelessness | Homeless | CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / ESG: \$ | Overnight/Emergency<br>Shelter/Transitional<br>Housing Beds added | Beds                | 250                        | 70                            | 28.00%              |                          |                             |                     |
| Reduce<br>Homelessness | Homeless | CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / ESG: \$ | Homelessness<br>Prevention  | Persons<br>Assisted | 11000                      | 3665                          | 33.32%              | 1200                     | 836                         | 69.67%              |
| Reduce<br>Homelessness | Homeless | CDBG: \$ / HOPWA: \$ / ESG: \$ | Other   | Other               | 0                          | 0                             |                     |                          |                             |                     |

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.

DHCD primarily achieved positive outcomes towards its program year 2023 goals. Four outcomes either exceeded or met the desired goals for 'community revitalization', 'promote homeownership', and 'reduce homelessness'. Another three outcomes achieved strong results when compared to previous years in 'increase affordable rental housing' and 'reduce homelessness'. The remaining three outcomes, primarily in 'community revitalization', provide areas of improvement for DHCD's programming. However, the shortfalls in these outcomes could be attributed to the type of CDBG projects that were applied for and completed by local governments. DHCD will continue to examine the outcome

rates for these goals and, if trends do not improve, the department may consider modifying its target outcomes to better reflect the types of projects that it consistently funds.

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 re-stabilize their housing. Any households that did become homeless were provided with low barrier emergency shelter and assessed quickly for permanent housing options. Throughout the COVID response period, DHCD-supported grantees could 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 that transition households to permanent housing. For administrative purposes, 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 future projects may be funded based on prior year projects. The State subsequently sets goals and priorities against which applicants can then submit applications based on individual needs. Due to this structure of the CDBG program, the types of projects funded may not necessarily match what the State estimated at the time the Consolidation Plan or Action Plans were created.

Table 1 reflects data inputted into the HUD 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.

CR-5: Table 1 – REVISED - CDBG – FFY 2023 Funded Projects and Outcomes – Chart reflects CDBG goals and outcomes only

| Goal                               | Category   | Indicator  | Units of  Measurement                   | Estimated<br>Beneficiarie<br>s / Action<br>Plan | Estimated<br>Annual<br>Amount to<br>be Awarded | Actual<br>Amount of<br>Funds<br>Awarded | Expected<br>Beneficiaries<br>For Funds<br>Awarded | Actual Beneficiaries by Year End |
|------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Increase Affordable Rental Housing | Affordable Housing- Homeless Non- Homeless-Special Needs   | Rental<br>housing<br>constructed<br>or renovated                                 | Households<br>Served                    | 100   | \$2,800,000                                    | \$0                                     | 0   | 0                                |
| Promote<br>Homeownership           | Housing-New Construction  Housing Rehabilitation — Multi-family  Housing — Direct homeownership assistance | Public service activities for housing/ Direct financial assistance to homebuyers | Households<br>Served                    | 40  | \$1,000,000                                    | \$220,000                               | 30  | 0                                |
| Community* Revitalization          | Affordable Housing- Homeless Non- Homeless-Special Needs   | Public Facility<br>or<br>Infrastructure<br>Activities<br>other than              | Persons Assisted / Buildings Demolished | 50,300 /  | \$9,300,000                                    | \$4,861,897<br>/<br>\$338,700           | 26,154 /  | 0                                |

|                               | Non-Housing<br>Community<br>Development | LMI Housing<br>Benefit                |                      |     |     |             |     |   |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----|-----|-------------|-----|---|
| Community<br>Revitalization** | Affordable<br>Housing                   | Homeowner<br>Housing<br>Rehabilitated | Households<br>Served | 0   | 0   | \$1,245,000 | 56  | 0 |
| Reduce<br>Homelessness**      | Homeless                                | Public Facility                       | Persons<br>Assisted  | 100 | \$0 | \$574,800   | 200 | 0 |

<sup>\*</sup> Community Revitalization – Projects Funded met these additional indicators: Planning

<sup>\*\*</sup> Additional Projects 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 | HTF | HOPWA |
|---|-------|------|-----|-------|
| White                                     | 7,448 | 21   | 0   | 85    |
| Black or African American                 | 2,026 | 10   | 0   | 139   |
| Asian                                     | 302   | 1    | 0   | 0     |
| American Indian or American Native        | 18    | 3    | 0   | 0     |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 18    | 0    | 0   | 0     |
| Total                                     | 9,812 | 35   | 0   | 224   |
| Hispanic                                  | 981   | 4    | 0   | 28    |
| Not Hispanic                              | 9,582 | 31   | 0   | 196   |

## Describe the clients assisted (including the racial and/or ethnicity of clients assisted with ESG)

|   | HESG  |
|---|-------|
| American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous | 15    |
| Asian or Asian American                       | 18    |
| Black, African American, or African           | 1,547 |
| Hispanic/Latina/e/o                           | 27    |
| Middle Eastern or North African               | 1     |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander           | 1     |
| White   | 1,538 |
| Multiracial                                   | 11    |
| Client doesn't know                           | 0     |
| Client prefers not to answer                  | 11    |
| Data not collected                            | 167   |
| Total   | 3,336 |

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

## **Narrative**

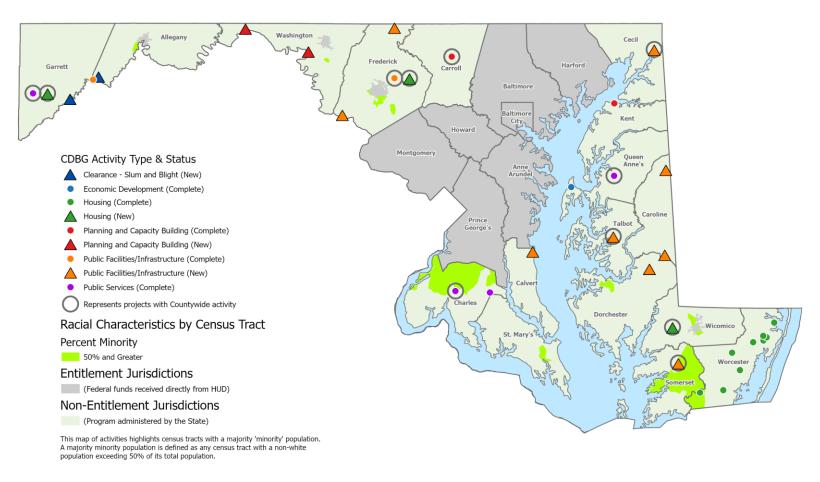
The State of Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development does business in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Act which prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions based on race, color, national origin,

relgion, sex, familial status, and mental or physical disability.

The 2020 U.S. Census reported that Maryland's population was 48.7% White, 29.5% Black or African American, 6.8% Asian, 0.5% American Indian or American Native, 0.1% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and 14.4% other racial combinations. 19.6% of the population also identified its ethnicity as Hispanic.

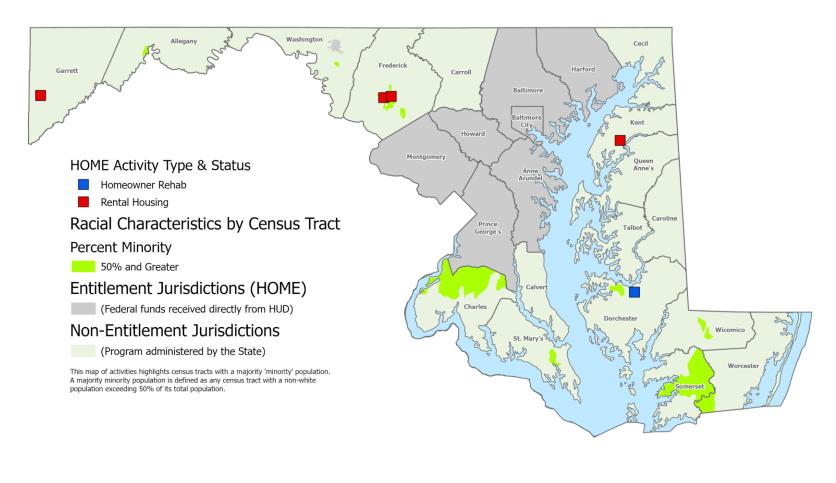
Actual distribution of resources is based on priority and need identified through various programs' application process. Attached to this report are two maps that reflect the location of CDBG and HOME funded projects in relation to Maryland census tracts which have a non-white population that exceeds 50% of its total population.

# Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) located in relation to Majority Minority Census Tracts



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# The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) located in relation to Majority Minority Census Tracts



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

### Identify the resources made available

| Source of Funds   | Source           | Resources Made | Amount Expended            |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
|                   |                  | Available      | <b>During Program Year</b> |
| CDBG              | public - federal | 13,365,077     | 7,546,949                  |
| HOME              | public - federal | 9,091,517      | 6,585,597                  |
| HOPWA             | public - federal | 3,575,439      | 2,201,519                  |
| ESG               | public - federal | 2,021,939      | 1,518,307                  |
| HTF               | public - federal | 26,618,691     | 6,400,000                  |
| Continuum of Care | public - federal | 0              |                            |
| LIHTC             | public - federal | 15,718,768     |                            |
| Section 811       | public - federal | 0              |                            |
| Other             | public - federal | 0              |                            |

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

#### **Narrative**

During Program Year 2023, total entitlement resources available totaled \$54,672,663 of which \$24,252,372 or 44.36% was expended during the program year (excluding LIHTC resources). Total program expenditures for this program year fell short of the budgeted amounts due to various delays associated with supply chain or construction issues as well as a lack of available units for rent.

## Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

| Target Area | Planned Percentage of Allocation | Actual Percentage of<br>Allocation | Narrative Description |
|-------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Statewide   | 100%                             | 100%                               |                       |

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

#### **Narrative**

The State of Maryland's programs target communities through the entire state with the exception of CDBG entitlement communities and HOME participating jurisdictions. CDBG entitlement jurisdictions include Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties, and the cities of Annapolis, Baltimore, Bowie, Cumberland, Frederick, Gaithersburg, Hagerstown, and Salisbury. HOME participating jurisdictions include Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties and the cities of Baltimore and Hagerstown. In general, the State emphasizes the direction of resources to growth areas and areas in need of revitalization located in "Priority Funding Areas". A list detailing how funds are targeted for specific State of Maryland programs has been included as an attachment to this report (page 19 in word document). (Note: at the time of submission

the CAPER table 4 is unavailable for modification. The state's target area is "statewide" with a 100% planned percentage of allocation and a 100% actual percentage of allocation.)

DHCD also supports community revitalization through Sustainable Communities and Smart Growth efforts. This reinforces the department's commitment to building strong communities and using resources in an intelligent and sustainable manner. Capital investments are further in alignment with the six 'Livability Principles' outlined by HUD, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These principles include: support existing communities, value communities and neighborhoods, coordinate and leverage policies and investment, enhance economic competitiveness, promote equitable, affordable housing, and provide more transportation choices. A complete list of Sustainable Communities in the State of Maryland can be found on DHCD's website at (Sustainable Communities: Enhancing Maryland Communities by Prioritizing Investment).

ESG funds are made available under the Homeless Solution Program which grants funding to sixteen Continuum of Care/Lead Homeless Coalitions that are located and provide services throughout the entire state.

HTF investments are also located in all jurisdictions within the state. Seven multi-family rental projects (including 61 total HTF units) are currently under construction utilizing HTF funding and are located in Allegany, Anne Arundel, Cecil, and Queen Anne's counties and Baltimore City and the City of Frederick.

### CR-15: Priority Funding Areas in State of Maryland

Programs (or parts of programs) that are not required to fund projects located only in Priority Funding Areas:

- 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 Investment Partnership Program (Single Family Only)
- Maryland Mortgage Program (Existing Homes Only)
- Local Government Infrastructure Financing
- Rental Allowance
- Emergency Solutions Grant
- CDBG (Single Family Housing Rehabilitation, Down-Payment Assistance and Renovation of Existing Houses for Sale or Rental)
- Community Services Block Grant
- Maryland Appalachian Housing
- Accessory Shared and Shelter Housing
- Section 8 Voucher/Certificate
- Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation

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

- Community Investment Tax Credit (Priority Funding Areas)
- Main Street Maryland/Main Street Improvement Program (Sustainable Communities)
- Community Legacy Program (Sustainable Communities)
- Neighborhood BusinessWorks (Sustainable Communities)
- Maryland Mortgage Program
- Maryland Home Financing Program
- Preferred Interest Rate Loan Program
- HOME Investment Partnership Program (New Construction Only)
- Rental Housing
- Elderly Rental Housing (New Construction Only)
- Rental Housing Production (New Construction Only)
- Multifamily Housing Revenue Bond Financing (New Construction Only)

#### 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 Program Year 2023, 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 addressing the needs identified in the plan.

#### **CDBG**

The CDBG program leveraged \$16.4 million for the projects that were awarded during the program year. While matching funds are not a program requirement for applicants, the CDBG program awards more points during the rating process for applications that include other funds.

#### **ESG**

During the 2023 Program Year, the State of Maryland allocated over \$15 million for the Homeless Solutions Program (HSP), which provides funding for reducing and eliminating homelessness throughout the State. HSP funds are used for activities such as street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing and homeless prevention.

#### **HOME**

The HOME program leveraged over \$85 million from other sources for multi-family rental projects and single family homeowner rehabilitation/reconstruction projects. The State complied with the HOME match requirements.

#### **HOPWA**

The Maryland Department of Health is able to leverage HRSA HAB Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and State Special funding to provide housing case management services for households receiving TBRA services through the Rural Program. Additionally, to be awarded funds, project sponsors must have established internal controls and fiscal accounting procedures along with the demonstrated ability to coordinate client services with other services providers and leverage, where possible, other resources toward meeting overall client needs and program goals.

### **HTF**

HTF leveraged over \$178.5 million from other sources to develop 5 multi-family projects for a total of \$79.5 million in construction cost in SFY2024.

| Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match   |            |  |  |  |
|--|------------|--|--|--|
| 1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year                                 | 15,451,926 |  |  |  |
| 2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year                        | 1,355,084  |  |  |  |
| 3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)  | 16,807,010 |  |  |  |
| 4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year                             | 357,016    |  |  |  |
| 5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4) | 16,449,994 |  |  |  |

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

|                            | Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year |                                  |                                     |                                    |                            |   |                   |             |
|----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------|
| Project No. or<br>Other ID | Date of<br>Contribution                        | Cash<br>(non-Federal<br>sources) | Foregone<br>Taxes, Fees,<br>Charges | Appraised<br>Land/Real<br>Property | Required<br>Infrastructure | Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor | Bond<br>Financing | Total Match |
| Rental                     |  |                                  |                                     |                                    |                            |   |                   |             |
| Assistance                 |  |                                  |                                     |                                    |                            |   |                   |             |
| Program                    | 10/01/2022                                     | 1,355,084                        | 0                                   | 0                                  | 0                          | 0   | 0                 | 1,355,084   |

Table 6 – 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<br>of reporting period<br>\$ |  |  |  |
| 8,117,316   | 1,225,134                                  | 2,714,313  | 0                           | 9,068,137   |  |  |  |

Table 7 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period **Total Minority Business Enterprises** White Non-Hispanic Alaskan Asian or **Black Non-**Hispanic Native or **Pacific** Hispanic Islander American Indian **Contracts** Dollar Amount 0 0 10,059,699 0 0 10,059,699 Number 0 0 0 0 **Sub-Contracts** Number 18 0 1 1 4 12 Dollar Amount 14,757,726 0 115,136 1,716,686 4,034,334 8,891,570 Women Total Male **Business Enterprises Contracts** Dollar Amount 10,059,699 0 10,059,699 Number 2 0 2 **Sub-Contracts** Number 18 14 4 Dollar

**Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises** 

4,536,495

14,757,726

Amount

**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

10,221,231

|        | Total |  | Minority Prop                   | perty Owners           | White No |          |  |
|--------|-------|--|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|--|
|        |       | Alaskan<br>Native or<br>American<br>Indian | Asian or<br>Pacific<br>Islander | Black Non-<br>Hispanic | Hispanic | Hispanic |  |
| Number | 0     | 0  | 0                               | 0                      | 0        | 0        |  |
| Dollar |       |  |                                 |                        |          |          |  |
| Amount | 0     | 0  | 0                               | 0                      | 0        | 0        |  |

Table 9 - Minority Owners of Rental Property

**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 Displaced     | 0 | 0 |
| Nonprofit Organizations  |   |   |
| Displaced                | 0 | 0 |
| Households Temporarily   |   |   |
| Relocated, not Displaced | 0 | 0 |

| Households | Total |  | Minority Property Enterprises   |                        |          |          |  |
|------------|-------|--|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|--|
| Displaced  |       | Alaskan<br>Native or<br>American<br>Indian | Asian or<br>Pacific<br>Islander | Black Non-<br>Hispanic | Hispanic | Hispanic |  |
| Number     | 0     | 0  | 0                               | 0                      | 0        | 0        |  |
| Cost       | 0     | 0  | 0                               | 0                      | 0        | 0        |  |

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

## 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        | 1,200         | 0      |
| Number of Non-Homeless households to be  |               |        |
| provided affordable housing units        | 12,230        | 47     |
| Number of Special-Needs households to be |               |        |
| provided affordable housing units        | 170           | 0      |
| Total                                    | 13,600        | 47     |

Table 11 - Number of Households

|  | One-Year Goal | Actual |
|--|---------------|--------|
| Number of households supported through |               |        |
| Rental Assistance                      | 3,000         | 0      |
| Number of households supported through |               |        |
| The Production of New Units            | 3,600         | 9      |
| Number of households supported through |               |        |
| Rehab of Existing Units                | 3,500         | 38     |
| Number of households supported through |               |        |
| Acquisition of Existing Units          | 3,500         | 0      |
| Total                                  | 13,600        | 47     |

Table 12 - Number of Households Supported

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

During Program Year 2023, Maryland DHCD programs provided housing services for 47 households. This total includes 12 non-homeless households that received rehabilitation assistance through the CDBG program and 35 non-homeless households that received housing assistance either from the production of new units or rehabilitation of existing units through the HOME program.

The HOME one-year goals during this period included the production of 7 new rental units and the rehabilitation of 22 existing multi-family rental units. Both of these goals were exceeded during the program year. The HOME program did fall short of its goal of completing 7 rehabilitations of existing homeowner units as only 1 was completed during this program year. However, 6 additional rehabilitation applications were received during the final quarter of the program year and it is anticipated that these projects will be funded and completed during the next program year.

In general, DHCD has faced challenges in the implementation and timely completion of projects due to various issues associated with contractor delays, increased costs in labor and materials, and fluctuating interest rates. These challenges have impacted the ability of the HTF program in particular to produce new rental units.

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

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

Many of the goals listed 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. The rental assistance category in general is also "front loaded" as it includes all the households who are assisted with Section 8, HOPWA, and RAP funding. In future years this number will be significantly lower.

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        | 2           | 5           | 0          |
| Low-income                  | 4           | 26          |            |
| Moderate-income             | 6           | 4           |            |
| Total                       | 12          | 35          |            |

Table 13 - Number of Households Served

## **Narrative Information**

The State is able to leverage both local and federal funds to achieve its housing related goals on an annual basis. DHCD is also the recipient of other federal funds including but not limited to: Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), and Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. Any federal funding is complemented by the use of local funds appropriated through either the State of Maryland's budget process or various bond programs. These local funds allow DHCD to provide further affordable housing services for income-qualified residents such as group homes, weatherization, broadband access, rental

housing construction loans, and homeowner housing rehabilitation. DHCD's Rental Services division also administers housing vouchers for vulnerable populations including persons with HIV/AIDS and veterans.

Table 13 reflects the income levels of households receiving assistance during the program year. Any beneficiaries during the program year belonged to groups reporting income below 80% of area median income. These numbers including the following distribution between owner households and renter households:

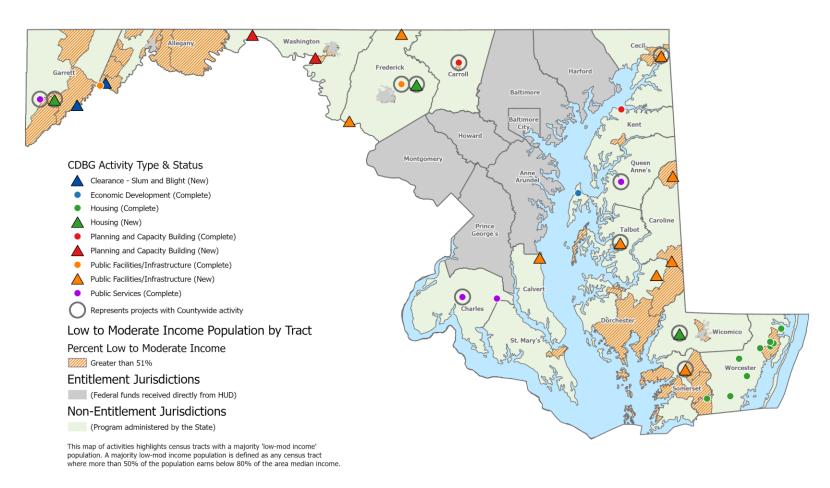
- 2 extremely low income owner households received CDBG funds;
- 5 extremely low income renter households received HOME funds;
- 4 low income owner households received CDBG funds;
- 26 low income renter households received HOME funds;
- 6 moderate income owner households received CDBG funds; and,
- 4 moderate income renter households received HOME funds.

During Program Year 2023, the CDBG program also assisted a total of 2,019 homeless households through various CDBG-CV funded projects providing emergency rental assistance. Two maps reflecting the locations of CDBG and HOME projects in relation to Maryland census tracts with 50% or more of the population earning below 80% AMI has been included as an attachment to this report.

The extremely low income, low income, and moderate income homeowner or renter household assisted through these programs met HUD's Section 215 definition of affordable housing.

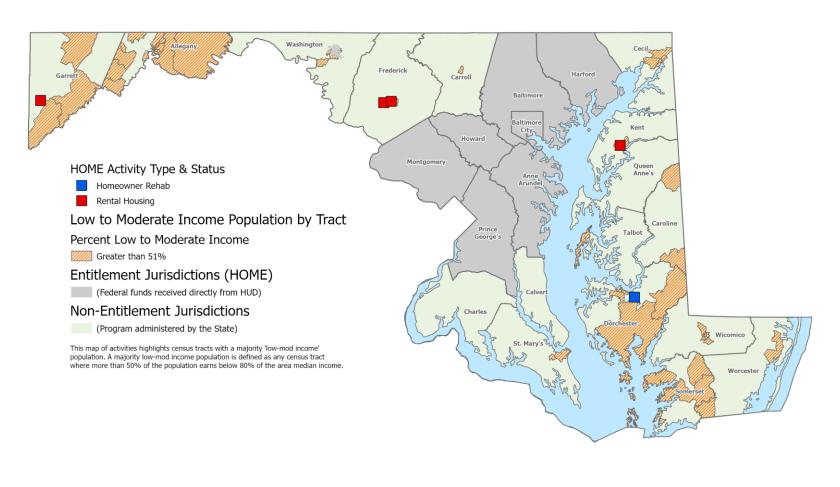
DHCD also actively and regularly engages in the development of new housing and service opportunities for the disabled and other special needs populations including addressing 'worst-case needs' such as severe cost burden, substandard housing, or involuntary displacement. The department works closely with other State agencies (Department of Disabilities, Department of Health, and Department of Human Services) to create housing for these vulnerable populations in integrated, community-based settings through programs such as Section 811, Bridge Subsidy, and the Weinberg Initiative.

# Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) located in relation to Low to Moderate Income Census Tracts



Published Data: 09/23/2024

# The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) located in relation to Low to Moderate Income Census Tracts



Published Data: 09/23/2024

## 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 reaches out to people experiencing homelessness, including those living in unsheltered locations, primarily through the Continuum of Care network to assess their individual needs. DHCD provides State funding and ESG funding to over 80 street outreach programs, drop-in centers, and emergency shelters. These programs provide immediate crisis stabilization services and case management to assist households with identifying their housing and service needs, address housing barriers, completing assessments for Coordinated Entry to gain access to permanent housing resources and connect homeless persons to community-based services such as mental health treatment, substance use treatment, food and basic needs resources, education and workforce development services, and affordable housing opportunities. DHCD and CoCs actively work with other Federallyfunded programs to coordinate outreach and shelter for people experiencing homelessness, such as VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF), the U.S. Department of Health and Family Services Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) programs, and PATH. DHCD also provides State funding to each Continuum of Care for their Point-in-Time Count and Homeless Resource Days, increasing their operational capacity to cover more geographic areas, recruit more outreach staff and volunteers to participate, and provide incentives to people experiencing homelessness to complete surveys and Coordinated Entry assessments.

In addition to funding, DHCD coordinates closely with a variety of State agencies and community partners to share information about available housing and services across Maryland, ensure that people experiencing homelessness know where and how to access the Coordinated Entry System, and that people being discharged from institutional settings have support in accessing emergency shelter immediately at the exit. Partners include the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), local health departments, the Maryland Department of Human Services, and Maryland 211.

Through these ongoing initiatives and collaborations, the state was able to complete the following objectives:

- Implement a robust Coordinated Entry System for the Maryland Balance of State Continuum of Care, which includes a comprehensive assessment of needs.
- Maintain 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 2024 unsheltered PIT Count and for stipends for representatives with lived experience to participate in CoC boards, state and local initiatives and

provide on-going support and consultation on homeless services.

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

DHCD allocates approximately 36% of ESG and State Homelessness Solutions Grant funding to Continuums of Care for staffing and operational costs of emergency shelters. Capital funds for construction and renovation of shelter and transitional housing facilities is available through other State grants administered by DHCD. Continuing to sustain emergency crisis beds while expanding rapid rehousing and other permanent housing options is key to ensuring that unsheltered homelessness is reduced. DHCD will continue to require all shelters to be low barrier and Housing-First oriented, in addition to being accessible to households of all types such as different family compositions and having culturally competent shelter options for unaccompanied youth, veterans, domestic violence survivors, and people that are LGBTQ+. Continuums of Care assess local shelter needs and identify shelter and housing inventory gaps each year in their application to DHCD for funding. Under the Homelessness Solutions Program, DHCD also allocates resources across the State to support programs specifically for unaccompanied homeless youth, many of which are shelter. DHCD was able to accomplish the following objectives:

- Increase availability of funding for hotels/motels and specialized emergency shelters for youth and domestic violence survivors, as well as operating costs needed for adequate distancing
- Increase funding for hotel/motel isolation for COVID-19 positive clients, and COVID testing and mitigation activities through a new MDH partnership
- Complete a comprehensive assessment of HSP funded shelter facilities to identify gaps in accessibility, habitability, service and outcomes

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

DHCD makes ESG and State funds available for preventive services, to help eligible individuals and families avoid homelessness. Funds are available for housing relocation, stabilization services and short term rental assistance, as necessary to prevent the individual or family from moving to an emergency shelter, onto the streets or into other places not meant for human habitation. Recipients may use funding to assist with short-term rental assistance, rental arrears, rental application fees, security and utility deposits, utility payments, moving costs, and a range of services including housing search and placement, case management, tenant legal services, landlord-tenant mediation and credit repair. The goal is to prevent an individual or family from moving to an emergency shelter or into an unsheltered situation and to achieve housing stability.

DHCD and CoCs work collaboratively to establish strategies and tools for preventing discharges from publicly funded institutions and systems of care - strategies are carried out at both the local and state levels, depending on the system of care. The Maryland Interagency Council on Homelessness has healthcare and youth workgroups which have strategically worked in the past three years on policies and strategies to reduce patient discharges from hospitals to unsheltered settings, reducing the number of youth who age out of foster care and become homeless, and reduce the number of youth that exit juvenile and adult corrections into homelessness. Additionally, DHCD sponsors YouthREACH, Maryland's homeless youth count, which has a steering committee of representatives from all major systems interacting with youth and young adults. Count results are used to better understand how youth become homeless and identify where discharge practices can be improved. CoCs ensure that local systems of care are aware of the Coordinated Entry System and how to refer their clients and offer cross-training opportunities with other system leaders. DHCD has been able to accomplish the following objectives:

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

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

DHCD has increased the portion of ESG and State funding available for rapid re-housing each year. Rapid re-housing is a best practice model for helping individuals and families transition quickly out of homelessness and into independent, community-based permanent housing. The goal is to use housing relocation, stabilization services or short-term rental assistance to "re-house" individuals and families living in shelters or unsheltered situations. Providers can use funds to assist with short-term rental assistance, rental arrears, rental application fees, security and utility deposits, utility payments, moving costs, and a range of services including housing search and placement, case management, tenant legal services, landlord-tenant mediation and credit repair. DHCD encourages the use of rapid re-housing for chronically homeless households, and has supported CoCs in partnering with local SSVF rapid re-housing programs and implementing unaccompanied youth rapid re-housing, which offers longer lengths of assistance than a typical adult household.

DHCD supports CoCs in implementing progressive engagement models, increasing connections between the homeless and workforce systems to increase employment opportunities for people in rapid re-

housing, and building the capacity of Coordinated Entry to quickly match households to permanent housing opportunities and when necessary, help them transition into permanent supportive housing to avoid becoming homeless again. Rapid re-housing providers are encouraged to establish partnerships with landlords and subsidized housing in their community to increase the availability of permanently affordable housing to households nearing the end of their assistance. To this end, DHCD has been able to accomplish the following objectives:

- Increase and sustain funding for rapid re-housing across all Continuums of Care
- Initiate statewide trainings on rapid re-housing and homeless services best practices.
- Increase training and technical assistance for rapid re-housing providers learning collaboratives, best practice manuals, program evaluations
- Encourage increased partnerships between local rapid re-housing providers and local workforce boards
- Increase 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 facilitate MOUs/partnership building between CoCs and Public Housing Authorities
- Expand eligible activities under HSP State funding to include furniture, and discretionary funds for diversion
- Expand guidance and best practices for the provision of Single Room Occupancy RRH placements
- Increase FMR allowances

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

## Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The State of Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development does not operate any public housing units, however, the department does administer a Housing Choice Vouchers/Section 8 program as well as serve as the HUD-designated contract administrator the State. DHCD regularly works with PHAs throughout the State to help revitalize physical units for low-income households. A recent focus by the department has been revitalization of projects with the Baltimore City Public Housing Authority through the RAD Demonstration Program. This multi-year effort is expected to rehabilitate over 15,000 public housing units in Baltimore City and other regional counties through calendar year 2024.

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

DHCD created a homeownership program for current and former Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8 program participants several years ago. PHA residents are also eligible applicants for many of DHCD's other homeownership programs which provide down-payment and closing cost assistance and reduced interest rates for first-time homebuyers.

## Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Whenever a PHA is designated as troubled, DHCD will cooperate with HUD to provide the technical assistance required 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 this technical assistance could include asset management, property management, or day-to-day operations. Additional assistance for troubled PHAs may also be sought through third-party HUD-approved contractors.

DHCD is not a HUD-approved technical assistance provider, however, troubled PHAs, regardless of location in entitlement or non-entitlement jurisdictions, are eligible applicants for DHCD's housing rehabilitation programs.

DHCD has previously coordinated with HUD to identify solutions for troubled PHAS. HUD'S Office of Housing Choice Voucher Programs approved the transfer of the Housing Choice Voucher Program and associated budget authority from the Elkton Housing Authority to DHCD.

## 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 to provide affordable housing and services to low-to-moderate income citizens through its work with developers to overcome negative policies impacting the development of affordable housing projects. The lack of housing supply has remained one of the largest barriers to affordable housing in Maryland, particularly for vulnerable populations such as persons with disabilities. DHCD has also identified barriers to equitable affordable housing as a result of a lack of knowledge about fair housing requirements among populations with limited English proficiency.

Throughout Program Year 2023, DHCD continued to use its resources to expand the supply of affordable rental housing. The department provided bonus points in its Qualified Allocation Plan to developments which provide housing for persons with disabilities. Additional assistance for this population has been coordinated through strategic partnerships with organizations like the Weinberg Foundation.

DHCD continues to expand fair housing education and address the needs of persons with limited English proficiency. While the department has made advances in working with Spanish-speaking populations, the changing population demographics within the State will require additional outreach.

The department regularly works with HUD and other federal agencies to improve data and planning efforts related to fair housing. DHCD has provided comments on several proposed rule changes through the Federal Register and the department has also frequently advocated for the federal government to improve its data collection through services like the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Data to better examine, understand, and respond to potentially discriminatory issues in fair housing lending.

Finally, the department has historically engaged with various groups to provide and undertake fair housing training, education, and testing in the State's more rural areas to address gaps in fair housing knowledge and determine whether discrimination in renting exists.

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

In 2020 DHCD issued a housing needs assessment which identified several actions to overcome obstacles in addressing the needs of underserved populations. These actions included:

- Offering operating subsidies for affordable housing developments that support underserved populations
- Expanded use of project-based vouchers
- Creation of housing trust funds

- Creation of housing preservation funds
- Establishment of dedicated revenue sources for affordable housing
- Increased awareness of available housing programs and assistance to navigate eligibility and other program requirements
- Development of 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
- Extended affordability periods associated with development subsidies
- Expanded emergency rental assistance programs

ESG funds have also been used in conjunction with Homeless Solution Program awards to take intentional steps in addressing barriers in homeless services. The actions during Program Year 2023 included amplifying landlord incentive eligibility, facilitating engagement with Youth Action Boards to support underserved youth and young adults experiencing homelessness, and leveraging \$7.1 million in additional funds from ARPA and the state to address the lingering impact of COVID-19 on housing stability and recovery through additional investment in outreach, shelter, rapid rehousing and homeless prevention efforts.

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

DHCD continues to be proactive in the reduction of lead-based paint hazards and the department operates its own lead abatement program to help control lead hazards. In addition to requiring lead abatement for all HUD funded projects, the department also requires such abatement when any State funding is used to support a rehabilitation or in conjunction with programs like the Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.

The Maryland Department of the Environment also enforces lead paint reduction and control rules for landloards to 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 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 epartment receives approximately \$10 million in CSBG funding – at least 90% of which is distributed to the state's network of 17 locally-designated Community Action Agencies (CAAs). Up to 5% of CSBG funding supports

training, technical assistance, and capacity building for the CAA network. The remaining 5% of annual CSBG funding is utilized by the department for administrative costs.

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 strengthening the state's workforce development system. The department participates in policy development efforts led by the state's WIOA Alignment Group. The department 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 on common goals for serving low-income households. 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.

Community Action Agencies provide services and activities addressing employment, education, income and asset building services, housing, nutrition, emergency services, and/or healthcare based on community needs assessments conducted by the local entities and informed by families and communities receiving these services. During federal fiscal year 2023, Maryland's CAA network served more than 207,000 individuals at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line. This total includes more than 62,000 children ages 0 – 17, and more than 50,000 older adults ages 55 and over.

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

The State has used inter-departmental forums and meetings to coordinate resources and develop consistent policies and methodologies to achieve stated goals and objectives. DHCD has enacted several policies in recent 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, more streamlined bond programs, the reopening of the MHRP-MF, and changes to PRHP. The MacArthur Foundation preservation intiative includes work with HUD and the nine counties most heavily impacted by the BRAC to standarize underwriting for preservation projects. It also includes work with the Maryland Energy Administration and Public Service Commission to strengthen energy efficiency and green building initiatives. Community Development coordination was further 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 further enhance coordination between public, private housing, and social service agencies, DHCD will continue to:

- Work with the Maryland Department of Disabilities and Department of Human Resources to provide more housing for very low-income Marylanders. This effort has been complemented by the use of two Weinberg Grants.
- Coordinate improvements to energy efficiency with Maryland Energy Administration, Public Service Commission, and DHCD's weatherization team. This effort will utilize funding from HUD, Department of Energy, Public Service Commission, and various utility companies.
- Fund and operate the Homeownership for Individuals with Disabilities Program as well as work with the Maryland Department of Health to enable persons with disabilities, families with disabled children, and borrowers who are guardians for an immediate family member that is disabled to purchase a property.
- Work with the Maryland Department of Aging and the Maryland Department of Health to carry out the Accessible Housing Loan and Grant Program which was authorized in the 2013 legislative session.
- Collaborate with the U.S. Small Business Administration to promote the Neighborhood BusinessWorks Program.
- Coordinate with the Governor's Office of Business Advocacy and Small Business Assistance, the
  Office of Minority Affairs, Maryland Department of Transportation, and Department of
  Commerce to increase awareness of the Neighborhood BusinessWorks and other credit
  assurance/loan loss reserves and interest rate "buydowns" available for start-up and expanding
  small and micro-businesses 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)

The department continues to be proactive in its efforts to provide fair housing education and training to non-entitlement areas in the State. This includes annual fair housing testing sessions to measure the quality, quantity, and content of information.

#### **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

All programs administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development have standards and procedures that grantees/awardees are required to maintain compliance. A detailed list of these standards by each program has been included as an attachment to this report (pages 40-42 in word document). Grantees/awardees are monitored based on established programmatic policies and procedures that include risk assessments, onsite file reviews, and desk reviews as appropriate.

Where applicable, grantees/awardees are also required to comply with minority business outreach, Section 3, Section 504, and other fair housing laws.

During Program Year 2023, CDBG Project Managers conducted 26 formal CDBG monitoring reviews. No formal CDBG-CV monitoring reviews occurred during this period as these reviews were prioritized during Program Year 2022.

#### 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.

The State of Maryland has complied with all program and comprehensive planning requirements for the Program Year 2023 CAPER in regards to Citizen Participation.

A notice of public display of the Draft CAPER was advertised in five regional newspapers on August 23, 2024. These publications included the Herald-Mail, the Frederick News Post, the Southern Maryland News, the Salisbury Daily Times, and the Star Democrat. Each publication offers a coverage area that is comprehensive of the non-entitlement areas throughout the State of Maryland. A copy of the public notice and the draft CAPER were made available on DHCD's website for the public. Citizens were invited to provide comments during a 15 day comment period which began on Friday, August 23, 2024 and ended on Saturday, September 7, 2024. Public comments were accepted by mail, email, or phone call during this period. No citizen comments were received by DHCD in response to the Draft CAPER.

Copies of the public notice in its entirety as well as all available affidavits of publication have been included as an attachment to this report (pages 43-49 in word document).

#### **CR-40: Monitoring Guidelines for Federal Programs**

#### CDBG and CDBG-CV

CDBG and CDBG-CV 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 ongoing 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.

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/CDBG-CV 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 Recordkeeping
- Financial Management
- Procurement and Bonding
- Acquisition
- Relocation
- Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity
- Labor Standards
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Public Facilities / Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Subrecipient Monitoring
- Section 3
- Build America Buy America
- 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 and ESG-CV**

DHCD completes a risk assessment of all ESG grantees (Continuums of Care and Local Homeless Coalitions for grantees in the Balance of State Continuum of Care) on an annual basis and monitors all ESG and ESG-CV grantees bi-annually with priority given to those at a higher risk level. DHCD requires grantees to develop an annual calendar for monitoring any 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 such as interviews with staff, reviews of financial records, reviews of client files, and physical inspections.

In Spring 2024, Continuums of Care conducted a risk assessment of all their subgrantees in order to determine which subgrantees would be monitored and when for ESG-CV and ESG award allocations. Monitoring visits conducted during Program Year 2023 reviewed both ESG and ESG-CV activities and were completed for the remaining grantees that were not monitored in Program Year 2022. Continuums of Care will be required to continue providing monitoring reports for any subgrantees also selected for monitoring and those reports are subsequently reviewed by Maryland DHCD staff.

#### **HOME**

The HOME program utilizes several standards and procedures to monitor activities depending on the funded project. Grantees receiving down-payment assistance includes monitoring to ensure that open loans are still occupied by the qualified homeowner. 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 an inspector to ensure that all work has been completed according to the State's rehabilitation standards. Any Rental Units are monitored by DHCD's Asset/Loan Management team.

#### **HOPWA**

The State of Maryland Department of Health's (MDH) HOPWA program ensures programmatic and fiscal compliance by requiring each of its sub-recipients to submit performance and expenditure reports 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 by the compliance monitoring officer.

When compliance issues are discovered the Compliance Officer reaches out to the vendor/site with corrective action plans and follow-up. In addition to the monitoring of the quarterly reports, the compliance team completes annually an "Administrative Site Visit". At this time, the compliance officer provides technical assistance and program guidance on larger issues, such as changes in policies or procedures. In addition to this technical assistance, the Compliance Officer is in regular contact by phone (quarterly conference calls with each program). More frequent communications occur by phone and email.

More broadly, each site is provided with an Operations Manual, a Tenant Handbook (updated in 2024), 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.

#### **HTF**

The Housing Trust Fund monitors in accordance with regulatory standards. This includes the following actions: each applicant for residency of a Restricted Unit shall certify on a form (Tenant Income Certification) provided by CDA 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 for 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 Tenant Income Certification; 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 re-certification states that the tenant will provide source documents upon request. Every sixth year of a tenant's

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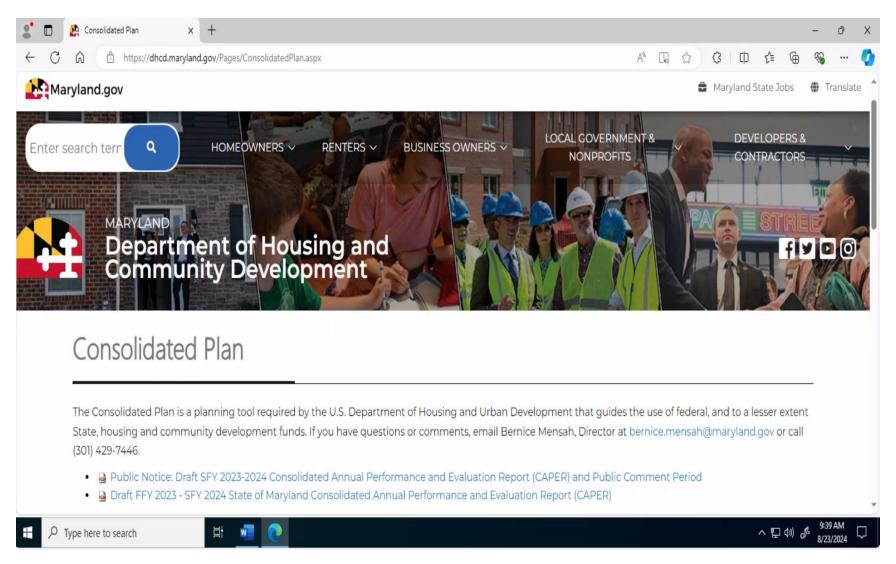
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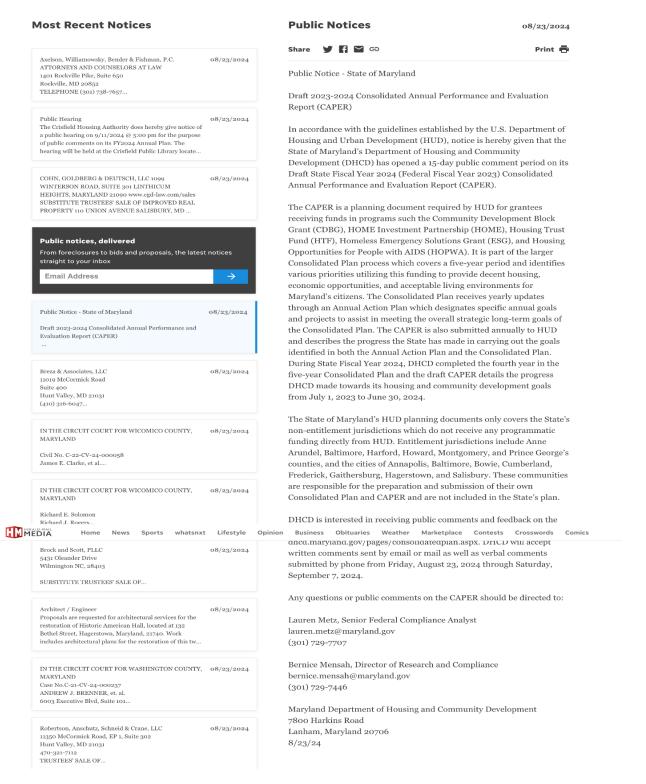
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### CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

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 were no changes to the CDBG program objectives during Program Year 2023.

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

No.

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

Not applicable.

#### 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.

During Program Year 2023, a total of 76 HOME properties were inspected of which 97% were rated "Satisfactory" or "Above Average." Three properties were ranked as "Below Average" following inspections. The first property (Parkside Village) was ranked as "Below Average" due to violations associated with damaged blinds, mold, missing cabinet parts, non-working smoke detectors, evidence of roaches, and flooring issues. The second property (Leitersburg Pike) was ranked as "Below Average" due to violations associated with wall and floor damage, loose handrails, and damaged air vents. The final property (Riverview Gardens) was ranked as "Unsatisfactory" due to violations associated with building deterioration, trip hazards, HVAC servicing, non-functioning fixtures, mold, and wall damage. A summary of findings for each of these properties was sent to the ownership for action within 30 days.

Onsite monitoring of properties in the HOME portfolio is required during the first year of the affordability period and then every subsequent three years. A full list of properties in the portfolio as well as inspection reports for the properties noted above with unsatisfactory inspections have been included as an attachment to this report (pages 53-70 in word document).

# 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. DHCD will review the Plan for outreach to individuals with disabilities 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 Program Year 2023 no amount of program income was used to fund new projects. However, \$2,714,312.66 was used to fund construction draws of previous projects funded through program income.

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 over 900 units statewide per year, 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-50 HOME Portfolio and Inspection Reports**

| Project Name                          | Project Address               | Rating        | Program Code | Program<br>Category | Project ID |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|
| 23 Rollwin Road                       | 23 Rollwin Road               | Satisfactory  | HOME-SL      | Other               | 928        |
| 120 Tanager<br>Court                  | 120 Tanager<br>Court          | Satisfactory  | HOME-GH      | Group Homes         | 623        |
| 1030 St. Paul<br>Drive                | 1030 St. Paul<br>Drive        | Satisfactory  | HOME-GH      | Group Homes         | 426        |
| 4255<br>Mockingbird<br>Circle         | 4255<br>Mockingbird<br>Circle | Satisfactory  | HOME-GH      | Group Homes         | 650        |
| 5005 Nicholas<br>Road                 | 5005 Nicholas<br>Road         | Satisfactory  | HOME-GH      | Group Homes         | 1870       |
| Richmond Hill<br>Manor Sr.            | 100 Carter<br>Street          | Above Average | HOME         | Multifamily         | 2240       |
| 1320 S. Tollgate<br>Road              | 1320 S. Tollgate<br>Road      | Satisfactory  | HOME         | Multifamily         | 1867       |
| 98 Liberty<br>Street                  | 98 Liberty<br>Street          | Satisfactory  | HOME-GH      | Group Homes         | 764        |
| 45 Chase Street                       | 45 Chase Street               | Satisfactory  | HOME-GH      | Group Homes         | 2275       |
| 13 Ridge Road                         | 13 Ridge Road                 | Satisfactory  | HOME-SL      | Other               | 2535       |
| Hagerstown<br>Housing<br>Initiative I | 41 Wakefield &<br>43 Road     | Satisfactory  | HOME-SL      | Other               | 2541       |
| 456 N. Centre St                      | 456 N. Centre<br>Street       | Satisfactory  | HOME-SL      | Other               | 2540       |
| Anchor House                          | 160 West Street               | Above Average | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 886        |
| 21908<br>Leitersburg Pike             | 21908<br>Leitersburg Pike     | Below Average | HOME-GH      | Group Homes         | 480        |
| 1625<br>Shookstown<br>Road            | 1625<br>Shookstown<br>Road    | Satisfactory  | HOME-GH      | Group Homes         | 1569       |

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|
| 12537 Sparrow<br>Lane              | 12537 Sparrows<br>Lane          | Satisfactory  | HOME-GH      | Group Homes         | 54         |
| Yough West                         | 400 Glades<br>Square            | Satisfactory  | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 130        |
| Pysell Ridge<br>Apartments         | 255 Pysell Road                 | Satisfactory  | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 1876       |
| Overlook North                     | 53 Highview<br>Drive            | Satisfactory  | HOME         | Multifamily         | 1265       |
| 9666 Dixon<br>Avenue               | 9666 Dixon<br>Avenue            | Satisfactory  | HOME-SL      | Other               | 937        |
| 9024 Scotts<br>Haven Drive         | 9024 Scotts<br>Haven Drive      | Satisfactory  | HOME-SL      | Other               | 1915       |
| 37 Fairground<br>Ave               | 37 Fairground<br>Avenue         | Satisfactory  | HOME-SL      | Other               | 2543       |
| 507 Mansfield<br>Court             | 507 Mansfield<br>Court          | Above Average | HOME-SL      | Other               | 2533       |
| 410 Sassafras<br>Court             | 410 Sassafras<br>Court          | Satisfactory  | HOME-GH      | Group Homes         | 770        |
| 3309 Arundel<br>on the Bay Road    | 3309 Arundel<br>on the Bay Road | Satisfactory  | HOME         | Multifamily         | 1784       |
| Southern Pines                     | 50 Appeal Lane                  | Above Average | HOME         | Multifamily         | 368        |
| Bay Terrace<br>Apartments          | 517 Bay Street                  | Above Average | HOME         | Multifamily         | 10451      |
| Fairbrooke<br>Senior<br>Apartments | 700 W. Bel Air<br>Avenue        | Above Average | HOME(A)      | Multifamily         | 10352      |
| 961 Breakwater<br>Drive            | 961 Breakwater<br>Drive         | Satisfactory  | HOME-SL      | Other               | 2557       |
| Chestertown<br>Landing I           | 503 Morgnec<br>Road             | Above Average | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 1329       |

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|----------------------------------|---|---------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|
| Chestertown<br>Landing II        | 503 Morgnec<br>Road                               | Above Average | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 1371       |
| Bethel Gardens<br>Apartments     | 356 Henry<br>Avenue                               | Satisfactory  | HOME(A)      | Multifamily         | 2244       |
| New East<br>Crossing             | 1000 Maresca<br>Circle                            | Satisfactory  | HOME         | Multifamily         | 2244       |
| Snow Hill Senior<br>Apartments   | 4854<br>Washington<br>Street                      | Above Average | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 1688       |
| Village House<br>(Skyesville)    | 7426 Village<br>Avenue                            | Above Average | HOME         | Multifamily         | 1544       |
| Mulberry House                   | 149-157 S.<br>Mulberry Street                     | Satisfactory  | HOME         | Multifamily         | 463        |
| 8613 Contee<br>Road              | 8613 Contee<br>Road                               | Satisfactory  | HOME         | Multifamily         | 779        |
| Riverview<br>Gardens             | 521 High Street                                   | Below Average | HOME         | Multifamily         | 1911       |
| Glenburn<br>Garden House         | 518 Glenburn<br>Avenue                            | Above Average | HOME         | Multifamily         | 1343       |
| Eastgate Village                 | 1701 Eastgate Drive                               | Satisfactory  | HOME         | Multifamily         | 25         |
| Chapline II                      | 115 Allnut Ct. &<br>Prince Frederick<br>Boulevard | Satisfactory  | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 1726       |
| Cottages at<br>River House III   | 1002<br>Riverhouse<br>Drive                       | Above Average | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 1946       |
| East New<br>Market<br>Apartments | 40 Academy<br>Street                              | Satisfactory  | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 1285       |
| Woodlands at<br>Reid Temple      | 11609 Facchina<br>Place                           | Above Average | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 10631      |

| Project Name                          | Project Address            | Rating        | Program Code | Program<br>Category | Project ID |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|
| 446 Barnes<br>Avenue                  | 446 Barnes<br>Avenue       | Satisfactory  | HOME-GH      | Group Homes         | 24         |
| Village at<br>Mitchell Pond           | 1101/1117<br>Parsons Road  | Satisfactory  | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 1777       |
| Anchor House                          | 160 West Street            | Satisfactory  | HOME         | Multifamily         | 886        |
| 98 Liberty<br>Street                  | 98 Liberty<br>Street       | Satisfactory  | HOME-GH      | Group Homes         | 764        |
| 809-A Motter<br>Avenue                | 809-A Motter<br>Avenue     | Satisfactory  | HOME-GH      | Group Homes         | 94         |
| Westbrook<br>Commons                  | 555 West Road              | Satisfactory  | HOME         | Multifamily         | 1817       |
| Fairgreen<br>Senior<br>Community      | 100 Greenway               | Above Average | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 1700       |
| The Lodges at<br>Naylor Mill          | 29339 Naylor<br>Mill Road  | Satisfactory  | HOME         | Multifamily         | 1819       |
| Conifer Village at Cambridge          | 1040 Foxtail<br>Drive      | Above Average | HOME         | Multifamily         | 1853       |
| Richomond Hill<br>Manor Sr.           | 100 Carter<br>Street       | Above Average | HOME         | Multifamily         | 2240       |
| Calvert Heights                       | 716 High Street            | Above Average | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 1969       |
| Calvert Hills<br>East (811 Units)     | 346 Radio Drive            | Above Average | HOME         | Multifamily         | 10594      |
| Sunshine Village<br>(new)             | 22 Bradley<br>Court        | Satisfactory  | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 10440      |
| Indian Bridge<br>Apartments           | 45910-4597<br>Indian Way   | Satisfactory  | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 2016       |
| Lakeview at<br>Victoria Park<br>(new) | 11080<br>Weymouth<br>Court | Satisfactory  | HOME(A)      | Multifamily         | 10666      |

| Project Name                        | Project Address               | Rating        | Program Code | Program<br>Category | Project ID |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|
| Stewart's Neck<br>Apartments        | 30512 Nutters<br>Lane         | Above Average | HOME         | Multifamily         | 2282       |
| Town Center<br>Apartments           | 8933<br>Chesapeake<br>Avenue  | Above Average | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 1465       |
| Courts at<br>Guilford               | 9950 Guilford<br>Road         | Satisfactory  | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 204        |
| Victoria Park<br>Jaycees Senior     | 11060<br>Weymouth<br>Court    | Satisfactory  | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 1623       |
| Waldorf Astor                       | 3605 Moses<br>Way             | Satisfactory  | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 1792       |
| Taney Village<br>Apartments         | 1421 Taney<br>Avenue          | Above Average | HOME         | Multifamily         | 10353      |
| Park View at<br>Colonial<br>Landing | 6391<br>Rowanberry<br>Drive   | Satisfactory  | HOME(A)      | Multifamily         | 2246       |
| Chautauqua<br>Park West             | 100-600 Liberty<br>Hill Drive | Satisfactory  | HOME         | Multifamily         | 10707      |
| Overlook North                      | 53 Highview<br>Drive          | Satisfactory  | HOME         | Multifamily         | 1265       |
| Yough West                          | 400 Glades<br>Square          | Satisfactory  | HOME         | Multifamily         | 130        |
| North Creek<br>Run Phase II         | Stoney Run<br>Creek Road      | Above Average | HOME         | Multifamily         | 2273       |
| Villas at<br>Whitehall (New)        | 700 Skipjack<br>Court         | Above Average | HOME(A)      | Multifamily         | 10769      |
| Samuel Chase<br>Apartments          | 12354 Somerset<br>Avenue      | Satisfactory  | HOME         | Multifamily         | 10299      |
| Parkside Village                    | 522 Greenwood<br>Avenue       | Below Average | НОМЕ         | Multifamily         | 1813       |

| Project Name                       | Project Address            | Rating        | Program Code | Program<br>Category | Project ID |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|
| Potomac<br>Homes                   |                            | Satisfactory  | HOME         | Multifamily         | 857        |
| 1625<br>Shookstown<br>Road         | 1625<br>Shookstown<br>Road | Satisfactory  | HOME-GH      | Group Homes         | 1569       |
| The Meadows<br>at Mountain<br>Lake | 607 P Street               | Above Average | HOME         | Multifamily         | 10337      |

#### 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            | 42     |
| 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      |
|  |               |        |

Table 14 - HOPWA Number of Households Served

#### **Narrative**

The Maryland Department of Health's HOPWA program provided Tenant Based Rental Assistance for a total of 171 households which exceeded the original goal. MDH does currently have a 17 person waitlist in Frederick County and a 3 person waitlist in Washington County. Program participants during Program Year 2023 have encountered a significant barrier in finding acceptable units with the provided subsidy. There is currently no HOPWA availability in the rural program, however, there are several clients who are actively seeking units but unable to find available, affordable, and suitable units.

Maryland Department of Health did fall short of providing STRMU services, however, project sponsors were able to provide additional households with PHP services. MDH will continue to provide ongoing training and technical support to project sponsors and conduct meetings to build collaboration among housing counselors and HIV case managers to ensure that the people losing their HOPWA subsidies will still be able to maintain stable housing.

#### 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.

DCHD has fully complied with all provisions of the approved HTF Allocation Plan and all of the requirements of 24 CFR Part 93.

A total of 9 projects are currently under construction utilizing \$15.7 million in HTF funds and an additional 2 are expected to begin construction next program year utilizing \$3.4 million in HTF funds. 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. To date, 11 projects have been completed with over \$18.2 million in HTF funds.

The department also oversees a pipeline of projects totaling over \$5 million in requests that will be funded as soon as additional funds are available. All HTF-designated units in these properties serve households with incomes below 30% AMI.

| 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      | 0       | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0          | 0         |
| Homebuyer   | 0       | 0            | 0            | 0        | 0          | 0         |

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

### CR-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            | 11   | 2    | 0   | 0     | 0   |
| Total Labor Hours                     | 0    | 0    |     |       |     |
| Total Section 3 Worker Hours          | 0    | 0    |     |       |     |
| Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours | 0    | 0    |     |       |     |

#### **Table 15 – 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.  |      |      |     |       |     |
|   |      | L    | l   |       |     |

Table 16 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

#### **Narrative**

CDBG - Section 3 reporting is done at the completion of the project. Projects subject to new Section 3 reporting requirements are still underway.