



DATE: Monday, May 20, 2024
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

AGENDA

Chair: Shirese Hursey, Ward 3

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

B. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. **05-06-2024 Committee of the Whole Minutes**

C. Additions to the Agenda

D. Presentations and Public Input

E. Staff Report

F. New Business

1. **Resolution No. 2024-05-028R:** A Resolution Approving the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium (Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County) FY 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan – CD
2. **Resolution No. 2024-05-029R:** A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to an Urbana HOME Consortium Subrecipient Agreement – Champaign County Regional Planning Commission – Housing Navigation Program – HOME ARP FY 2021/2022 - CD
3. **Resolution No. 2024-05-030R:** A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to an Urbana HOME Consortium Subrecipient Agreement – CU at Home, LLC – Housing Navigation Program – HOME ARP FY 2021/2022 - CD
4. **Resolution No. 2024-05-031R:** A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement to Share Cost for Use of a GPS Survey Base Station – PW
5. **Ordinance No. 2024-05-020:** An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 24, Section 24-49 (Reimbursement for Sanitary Sewer Repairs) – PW

G. Council Input and Communications

H. Adjournment

PUBLIC INPUT

The City of Urbana welcomes Public Input during open meetings of the City Council, the City Council's Committee of the Whole, City Boards and Commissions, and other City-sponsored meetings. Our goal is to foster respect for the meeting process, and respect for all people participating as members of the public body, city staff, and the general public. The City is required to conduct all business during public meetings. The presiding officer is responsible for conducting those meetings in an orderly and efficient manner. Public Input will be taken in the following ways:

Email Input

Public comments must be received prior to the closing of the meeting record (at the time of adjournment unless otherwise noted) at the following: citycouncil@urbanaininois.us. The subject line of the email must include the words "PUBLIC INPUT" and the meeting date. Your email will be sent to all City Council members, the Mayor, City Administrator, and City Clerk. Emailed public comments labeled as such will be incorporated into the public meeting record, with personal identifying information redacted. Copies of emails will be posted after the meeting minutes have been approved.

Written Input

Any member of the public may submit their comments addressed to the members of the public body in writing. If a person wishes their written comments to be included in the record of Public Input for the meeting, the writing should so state. Written comments must be received prior to the closing of the meeting record (at the time of adjournment unless otherwise noted).

Verbal Input

Protocol for Public Input is one of respect for the process of addressing the business of the City. Obscene or profane language, or other conduct that threatens to impede the orderly progress of the business conducted at the meeting is unacceptable.

Public comment shall be limited to no more than five (5) minutes per person. The Public Input portion of the meeting shall total no more than two (2) hours, unless otherwise shortened or extended by majority vote of the public body members present. The presiding officer or the city clerk or their designee, shall monitor each speaker's use of time and shall notify the speaker when the allotted time has expired. A person may participate and provide Public Input once during a meeting and may not cede time to another person, or split their time if Public Input is held at two (2) or more different times during a meeting. The presiding officer may give priority to those persons who indicate they wish to speak on an agenda item upon which a vote will be taken.

The presiding officer or public body members shall not enter into a dialogue with citizens. Questions from the public body members shall be for clarification purposes only. Public Input shall not be used as a time for problem solving or reacting to comments made but, rather, for hearing citizens for informational purposes only.

In order to maintain the efficient and orderly conduct and progress of the public meeting, the presiding officer of the meeting shall have the authority to raise a point of order and provide a verbal warning to a speaker who engages in the conduct or behavior proscribed under "Verbal Input". Any member of the public body participating in the meeting may also raise a point of order with the presiding officer and request that they provide a verbal warning to a speaker. If the speaker refuses to cease such conduct or

behavior after being warned by the presiding officer, the presiding officer shall have the authority to mute the speaker's microphone and/or video presence at the meeting. The presiding officer will inform the speaker that they may send the remainder of their remarks via e-mail to the public body for inclusion in the meeting record.

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If an accommodation is needed to participate in a City meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at least 48 hours in advance so that special arrangements can be made using one of the following methods:

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

*Grants Management Division***m e m o r a n d u m**

Meeting: May 20, 2024 Committee of the Whole
Subject: A Resolution Approving the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium (Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County) FY 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan

Summary*Action Requested*

The City of Urbana Grants Management Division requests that the City of Urbana Committee of the Whole forward the attached Resolution, approving the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium (Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County) Annual Action Plan for FY 2024-2025 to the Urbana City Council Consent Agenda for May 28, 2024.

Brief Background

The Consolidated Plan FY 2020-2024 was adopted by City Council on June 8, 2020. The 5-year Consolidated Plan guides utilization of the City's HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) resources. Every activity funded through the CDBG and HOME programs must be consistent with the goals, strategies, and objectives included in the Consolidated Plan.

The Annual Action Plan FY 2024-2025 outlines activities that the City and HOME Consortium will undertake during the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year in order to meet the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan is completed electronically and submitted to HUD through the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS). The FY 2024-2025 program year begins July 1, 2024. HUD requires submission of the Annual Action Plan no fewer than 45 days prior to the beginning of the program year, or within 60 days of allocation announcements if allocation announcements are delayed. Because allocations were not announced until May 7, 2024, the City of Urbana has until July 6, 2024 to submit its plan.

Relationship to City Services and Priorities*Impact on Core Services*

There are considerable impacts on Core Services associated with the preparation of the FY 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan. Failure to submit an Action Plan for FY 2024-2025 by the deadline will result in the loss of FY 2024-2025 CDBG and HOME funds to the City. The City annually utilizes CDBG or HOME funding for projects that are consistent with the goals and strategies of the Consolidated Plan.

Strategic Goals and Plans

Approval of an Annual Action Plan is required for every fiscal year contained in the previously approved Consolidated Plan FY 2020-2024 framework. HUD requires that the strategies contained in the Annual Action Plan be consistent with the goals and strategies of the current Consolidated Plan, unless the latter is amended.

Previous Council Actions

On June 8, 2020, City Council passed Ordinance [2020-06-031](#) approving the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan for FY 2020-2024. City Council has approved Annual Action Plans for each prior fiscal year within the current Consolidated Plan timeframe. On April 24, 2023, City Council passed Resolution [2023-04-032R](#) approving the Annual Action Plan for FY 2023-2024.

Discussion

Expected HOME and CDBG resources are outlined on pages 18-20 of the Plan. HUD announced FY 2024-2025 CDBG and HOME allocations on May 7, 2024. Urbana has been allocated \$389,487 in CDBG funding, and the Urbana HOME Consortium has been allocated \$612,367 in HOME funding. This is a 21.4% reduction for both programs relative to FY 2023-2024 funding levels. The federal government uses a formula based on population, poverty rate, and age of housing stock in determining CDBG and HOME allocations. Program funding levels are also subject to change during the congressional budgeting process.

The Executive Summary of the Plan provides a description of the performance measurement framework required by HUD. The demographic information, including housing data, is based on information from the Census and other resources provided by HUD. The AP-20 section of the Plan, which can be found on pages 23-28, summarizes the specific goals that the City and the Consortium intend to initiate and/or complete within the term of the program year. A goal must be listed in the Consolidated Plan in order to be included in the Action Plan. The AP-35 section of the Plan, which can be found on pages 29-38, provides a summary of the eligible programs or activities that will take place during the program year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the AP-20 section. Each project must be associated with one or more goals.

Public Input Process

Staff developed the Annual Action Plan in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. A draft of the Annual Action Plan was available for public review and comment from February 23, 2024 to March 25, 2024. Staff held two public hearings to gain citizen input on community needs on October 24, 2023 and January 30, 2024. Staff disseminated information regarding these meetings through neighborhood groups, the City's website, and social media. Staff also solicited feedback on the Plan from social service agencies in the community including the Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless, the Community Reinvestment Group, and the Champaign County Human Services Council.

In addition, staff sent out a community needs survey to gather input on housing and community development needs in Urbana. The survey was sent via direct email, postcards to addresses in Community Development Target Areas, and was posted on the City's website and social media accounts. Staff received 216 responses to the survey. A summary of the survey results are attached to the Plan.

Recommendation

Staff and the Community Development Commission recommend forwarding the Resolution to the City Council Consent Agenda with a recommendation of approval.

Next Steps

The deadline for submission to HUD is 60 days from the date allocations were announced, which will be Saturday, July 6. Once approved by Council, Staff will submit the Plan to HUD for final review and approval. This process will enable the City of Urbana to continue receiving CDBG and HOME funding. As the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year is the final year of the current Consolidated Plan timeframe, the City must submit a 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan to HUD in 2025.

Attachments

1. A Resolution Approving the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium (Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County) FY 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan
2. City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium FY 2024-2025 DRAFT Annual Action Plan
3. Community Needs Survey Results

Originated by: Nick Olsen, Community Development Coordinator

Reviewed: Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager

Approved: Carol Mitten, City Administrator

Summary of Estimated Budget & Recommendations Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025

CDBG Revenue	
FY24-25 Allocation <i>*estimated</i>	\$389,487.00
Carryover	\$715,529.04
Total Funding:	\$1,105,016.04
CDBG Expenses (Set Asides)	
Admin (20%)	\$77,000.00
Public Service (15%)	\$58,000.00
Expense Subtotal:	\$135,000.00
CDBG Expenses (Neighborhood Revitalization Projects)	
Capital Improvement	\$790,000.00
Code Enforcement	\$25,000.00
Expense Subtotal:	\$815,000.00
CDBG Expenses (Housing Programs and Program Delivery)	
Housing Rehab Program	\$135,000.00
Acq/demo/new const	\$20,000.00
Expense Subtotal:	\$155,000.00

HOME Revenue	
FY24-25 Allocation <i>*estimated</i>	\$612,367.00
Carryover	\$2,949,744.00
Total Funding:	\$3,562,111.00
HOME Expenses (Set Asides)	
Admin (10%)	\$61,000.00
CHDO Set-Aside	\$150,000.00
CHDO Operating (5%)	\$30,000.00
Expense Subtotal:	\$241,000.00
Consortium Split	
City of Champaign (53%)	\$1,760,189.00
City of Urbana (47%)	\$1,560,922.00

HOME ARP Revenue	
Carryover	\$2,065,201.00
HOME ARP Expenses (Set Asides)	
Admin	\$192,632.00
HOME ARP Expenses (Projects)	
Affordable Housing Development	\$1,000,000.00
Acq/Dev NCS	\$150,000.00
Supportive Service Contracts	\$425,493.00
Non-Profit Capacity Building & Operating	\$297,076.00

CDBG	Planned Activities	Funding will support neighborhood revitalization, public services, acquisition and demolition, and housing rehabilitation activities. Public Services include the City's Youth Services Grant Program, and annual Neighborhood Cleanup Day. Rehabilitation activities include the Emergency Grant, Access Grant, and Senior Repair Service Grant. The Emergency Grant Program allows up to \$15,000 in repairs to address risks to the health and safety of household occupants, and the Access Grant provides \$15,000 for improvements necessary to remove barriers to accessibility to a person with disabilities. The Senior Repair Service Program provides home maintenance repair for the elderly or persons with disabilities who are at or below 80% of the Median Family Income. The ultimate goal of these programs is to sustain housing so occupants can remain in their homes. All CDBG activities must benefit renters or homeowners who earn less than 80% of the Median Family Income.
HOME	Planned Activities	Funding will support acquisition, homebuyer assistance, homeowner rehab, multifamily rental new construction, multifamily rental rehab, new construction for ownership, and TBRA. Funds, including carryover funds, may be allocated by the City of Urbana to programs such as Acquisition-Rehab, Purchase- Rehab-Resale, Rental Rehab, Lot Acquisition/Demolition, and/or other programs currently under development or may be proposed that further the affordable housing goals and mission of the City, Council, and Community Development Services Department. Funds may be allocated by the City of Champaign to new or existing programs, such as TBRA, the Acquisition-Rehab, Full Home Improvement, or Lot Acquisition programs, to promote revitalization efforts of targeted neighborhoods. Funds may be allocated by Champaign County to TBRA or to provide rehabilitation assistance to both investor-owned properties as well as single-family owner-occupied projects. Admin and Planning: Funds will be contributed to personnel costs as well as supplies and other expenses.
HOME ARP	Planned Activities	Supportive service funding will support wrap-around and supportive services provided through the Consortium's Housing & Homeless Innovations Grant Program (HHI). Acquisition and Development funding will be used to purchase or rehabilitation facilities to be used as non-congregate shelter for individuals or families experiencing homelessness. Affordable Housing Development funds will be used to invest in the creating of affordable rental and homeowner units for individuals and families experiencing homelessness and housing instability. Non-profit operating and capacity building funds will support homeless service provider agencies, and administrative funds will support City of Urbana staff in the management of the grant program.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF URBANA
AND URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM (CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN
COUNTY)**

FY 2024-2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana has been designated an entitlement city under the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and as such is eligible for Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter "CDBG") funds upon proper submittal being made to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter "HUD"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana has been designated lead entity for the Urbana HOME Consortium in accordance with the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and as such is eligible to receive HOME Investment Partnerships (hereinafter "HOME") funds on behalf of the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, and Champaign County; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 1995, HUD published a final rule in the Federal Register requiring a five-year consolidated plan and annual action plans for all HUD community planning and development formula grant programs, consolidating into a single annual submission the planning, application, and reporting aspects of the CDBG, HOME, Emergency Shelter Grants, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Programs, and the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council approved the *City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium (Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County) FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan* on June 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana Community Development Commission, assisted by Urbana Community Development Services staff, has prepared the *City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan FY 2024-2025* (hereinafter the "Annual Action Plan"); and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2023 and January 22, 2024, notices were published on the City of Urbana website describing the Annual Action Plan, requesting public input, and announcing public hearings that were held on October 24, 2023 and January 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2024, a notice was published on the City of Urbana social media and website describing the Annual Action Plan; announcing a public review period beginning February 23, 2024 and ending March 25, 2024 during which members of the public are able to view a Draft Annual Action Plan and provide input.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. That the *City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan FY 2024-2025*, in substantially the form as attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the Mayor is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City of Urbana to take any action necessary in connection with said Annual Action Plan to implement the CDBG and HOME programs and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Section 3. That upon review and comment by the Urbana City Council, the Mayor is hereby designated to execute subgrantee agreements for programs and activities identified in said Annual Action Plan.

Section 4. That subgrantee agreements for programs and activities identified in said Annual Action Plan shall be subject to review and approval by the Urbana City Council before execution by the Mayor.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

Darcy E. Sandefur, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, _____.

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor

City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium

Draft Annual Action Plan FY 2024-2025

Annual Action Plan
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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The Urbana HOME Consortium and the City of Urbana Annual Action Plan for FY 2024-2025 identifies activities that Consortium members and the City plan to implement during the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. This Annual Action Plan budgets the use of two federal housing entitlement funds, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The Annual Action Plan for FY 2024-2025 furthers strategies that were identified in the Urbana HOME Consortium and City of Urbana Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2020-2024.

The City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium will undertake the activities identified in this Annual Action Plan during the fifth year of the five-year Consolidated Plan period. The CDBG portion of the Annual Action Plan identifies the planned uses of CDBG entitlement funds by the City of Urbana for FY 2024-2025. The HOME portion of the Annual Action Plan identifies uses of HOME funds by members of the Urbana HOME Consortium.

The Annual Action Plan Draft was on file for public review and comment during the period beginning February 23, 2024, through March 25, 2024. The City held two public hearings to obtain citizen comments regarding the draft Annual Action Plan on October 24, 2023 and January 30, 2024. All hearings have been held in person in the City of Urbana Council Chambers. Information regarding the hearings was published on the City's website, via the City's social media accounts, and sent to local social services listservs. All comments received at these hearings either in person or electronically, as well as other written comments submitted during the public review period, have been included in the Annual Action Plan.

The City of Urbana and Consortium members continue to partner with local nonprofit agencies and the IL-503 Continuum of Care to identify needs and resources for residents. Staff have worked closely with Illinois Emergency Management Agency to increase the Cities' readiness for disaster prevention, recovery, and resiliency, and to ensure the needs of vulnerable individuals and families in protected classes are integrated into disaster plans and activities.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Below is a summary of the Consolidated Plan Objectives and Outcomes. Each project identified in this Annual Action Plan provides the applicable Objectives and Outcomes. The anticipated results are provided as "Outcome Indicators."

Annual Action Plan
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3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Many FY 2023-2024 projects are ongoing at the time of submission of this plan. Full FY 2023-2024 accomplishment data will be included in the FY 2023-2024 CAPER.

CDBG funds committed by the City of Urbana resulted in twenty-five (25) owner-occupied housing units being rehabilitated through the City's Emergency, Access, and Senior Repair Programs. In FY 2023-2024, CDBG Public Service funds supported the City's Youth Services grant program, which provided funding to thirteen (13) community-based organizations and public entities to support seventeen (17) programs. The programs and services provided by these agencies address violence prevention, trauma support, after-school programming, and recreation, and are targeted toward Urbana youth from low-income families. The grant period for the Youth Services funding expires on June 30, 2024, and accomplishments will be reported in the FY 2023-2024 CAPER. Public service funds were also used to provide three formerly homeless families with stable housing and case management through the City of Urbana's Transitional Housing Program.

HOME funds were used to support TBRA programs through the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) and Courage Connection. Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County continues its outstanding work as a high-performing local Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) with funding for four (4) new affordable single-family home projects. FirstFollowers received funding as a CHDO for renovation of a multi-family rental unit.

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Urbana HOME Consortium received a HOME ARP allocation of \$2,970,773. The Consortium's Allocation Plan was approved by HUD in September 2022. Based on the public input and other information gathered during the planning process, the Consortium has allocated \$1,000,000 to Supportive Services, \$1,000,000 to Development of Affordable Rental Housing, \$400,000 to Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter, \$148,359 to Non-Profit Operating, \$148,539 to Non-Profit Capacity Building, and \$273,875 to Administration and Planning. In November 2022, the Cities of Urbana and Champaign jointly issued a Request for Proposals for agencies and developers to address affordable housing and homelessness issues in the community. To date, \$2,463,771 in HOME ARP funding has been committed to projects and program.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Annual Action Plan is developed by the City of Urbana in accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan included as part of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan process. The public comment period took place from February 23, 2024 – March 25, 2024. During that period, City staff posted a Community Needs Survey on the City’s website and social media accounts, sent survey mailings to target areas, and also sent the survey to various community groups. City staff also held two public hearings to gain citizen input on the plan, and presented the draft to City Council in order to receive feedback. To encourage public participation by the broadest audience possible, staff presented the Annual Action Plan to various community groups made up of housing, social service, and financial agencies, including the Champaign County Continuum of Care.

5. Summary of public comments

The results of the Community Needs Survey are attached to this plan. This year’s survey prompted different questions to service providers and the general public in order to collect more targeted data from different audiences. 40 service providers completed the Community Needs Survey, as did 176 other residents.

Service providers were most likely to identify funding, staffing, and housing availability as challenges to addressing local needs. Over half of service providers identified awareness, transportation, cost, and provider capacity as obstacles to clients accessing services.

Regarding service priorities, providers were most likely to rate affordable rental housing, rental assistance, homeless prevention, and food security as high priorities.

Comments from service providers regularly highlighted increasing housing costs, needs among particular subpopulations (seniors, LGBTQ+, youth), shelter capacity concerns, and the need to coordinate disability, mental health, and housing resources.

Residents taking the survey were most likely to identify housing affordability, public safety, and infrastructure needs (sidewalks, lighting) as neighborhood concerns. Respondents most commonly identified affordable housing as the greatest need in their neighborhood.

Home prices, interest rates, down payment cost, and housing stock conditions were all regularly identified as obstacles to homeownership. Renters frequently reported struggling with cost and poor property conditions.

Residents were most likely to identify affordable rental and homebuyer housing, rehabilitation assistance, youth services, food security, and homeless prevention as high service priorities. Resident comments frequently highlighted infrastructure needs in particular areas.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

There were no comments or views not accepted during this process.

7. Summary

The Annual Action Plan reflects the coordinated efforts of the Urbana HOME Consortium and its citizens, as well as the expansive network of housing and human service providers in Champaign County. Through strategies documented in this plan, the effectiveness and impact of federal funds will be maximized through thoughtful investment of resources, reduced duplication of services, and improved service delivery. The goals and objectives identified in this plan aim to improve the quality of life in Champaign County, particularly for low-income, homeless, elderly, and/or special-needs individuals and families.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role		Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		URBANA	Community Development/Grants Management Division
HOME Administrator		URBANA	Community Development/Grants Management Division

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Urbana, through the Grants Management Division of its Community Development Services Department, acts as the lead agency for the Urbana HOME Consortium. As such, Urbana staff took the lead role in developing the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan for FY 2024-2025 especially as it relates to policies, procedures, programs, and activities, and other issues specifically involving the City. However, the overall development of the Annual Action Plan is a cooperative effort involving the City of Urbana, the City of Champaign, and the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (representing the unincorporated areas of Champaign County). These regions are geographically contiguous and the areas of responsibility of the entities tend to overlap. These factors have contributed to an open and cooperative relationship among the municipalities, which extends to both staff and elected officials. This cooperation is essential in assessing and attending to the needs of the greater community and is the foundation for the Consortium's successes. The Grants Management Division also administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), on behalf of the City of Urbana.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

During the public comment period, copies of the draft Annual Action Plans for the City of Urbana and City of Champaign were available for public review on the City of Urbana website at www.urbanailinois.us and www.champaignil.gov/neighborhood-services/ and at the following locations:

- Urbana Free Library, 210 West Green Street, Urbana

The City of Champaign is responsible to make the Plans and Reports available at the following locations:

- Champaign Public Library, 200 West Green Street, Champaign

AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The Consortium regularly participates in meetings and public hearings with community organizations, commissions, and citizen groups. These meetings occurred regularly throughout the year, and enable staff to develop and maintain partnerships with community organizations, and receive continual feedback on the needs and trends in the community. Consortium members also continually look for new opportunities to disseminate information about the programs and services it provides. Staff members of the Consortium entities often serve on committees and sub-committees, taking a very active and visible role in the community. In addition to the municipalities, many public and private entities play key roles in the health of the community. The Consortium makes every effort to include these organizations in the planning and implementation of the Annual Action Plan. Input from the public was also sought through public hearings and virtual meetings.

The Housing Authority of Champaign County continues to inform local jurisdictions of major housing opportunities and collaborates on major redevelopments in Champaign and Urbana. Consortium members provided feedback to the Housing Authority on the creation of a landlord incentive program and collaborated to develop tenant's rights workshops that were available to landlords, tenants, and service providers county-wide. Consortium members also collaborated closely with the CoC and Housing Authority on development projects that aim to increase the local stock of affordable housing. City staff regularly meet with the Housing Authority to discuss potential development projects, and are working on a Supportive Housing grant that will be submitted in FY24.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

The Champaign County Mental Health Board is an active member of the Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless, as are several large health care providers and mental health providers. Each of these agencies are involved in the coordination and planning of services community-wide.

City staff have been actively involved in a committee of local funding agencies convened by United Way. The Champaign County Mental Health Board is also a member of the committee, and provides important information and guidance on how the municipalities should be targeting their federal and state resources.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

Members of the Urbana HOME Consortium have all served as current or past chairs for the IL-503 Continuum of Care, which is known locally as the Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless (CSPH). In FY 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, the City of Urbana administered Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) funding for Cunningham Township Supervisor's Office, which works closely with homeless populations to operate street outreach, emergency shelter, and rapid rehousing programs in Urbana and county-wide. The CSPH also coordinates closely with the local homeless shelter to develop training and funding opportunities related to mental health and substance abuse support.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The CoC receives an annual allocation of ESG funding from the State of Illinois. Agencies in Champaign County are invited to apply to the CoC for ESG funds. During the review process, the CoC Rating & Ranking Committee convenes to review agency applications and make funding determinations. Staff from Consortium members have served as past and present Chairs of the Rating & Ranking Committee.

The Committee uses standardized scoring criteria for each review. The Rating & Ranking Committee also takes into account the past performance of agencies that have received ESG funding, to determine how to allocate ESG funds in the community. Once the Committee has reviewed the applications, recommendations for ESG funding are presented to the full membership of the CoC for a vote. The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission administers the HMIS system under an agreement with the CoC. HMIS staff assigns access and provides initial training for authorized users, maintains oversight and continuing training updates for quality of data entry, collects HMIS data for HUD

Exchange and other grant reports, and supports CoC planning efforts requiring data about clients served. At this time, most data is entered by a single user from hard copy documents collected at agency intake and data is shared among agencies only in aggregated formats to preserve the confidentiality of households.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization Name	City of Champaign
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Champaign, as an Urbana HOME Consortium member, has gathered substantial public input regarding consortia-wide projects. City of Champaign staff attended a public hearing for social service agencies, as an Urbana HOME Consortium member, to provide input regarding community needs.
2	Agency/Group/Organization Name	Champaign County Regional Planning Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Employment Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children

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		Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission is a member of the Urbana HOME Consortium and administers services and programs that provide assistance to low-income residents, as well as individuals and families experiencing homelessness. CCRPC gathers substantial data on local conditions, and this information is a vital component to the Consortium's planning efforts.
3	Agency/Group/Organization Name	IL-503 CoC Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Over 40 homeless service provider agencies, including municipal and nonprofit partners are members of the IL-503 Continuum of Care. The Urbana HOME Consortium members have all served on the Executive Committee or past chairs for the CoC, and the three participating jurisdictions/subrecipients to the HOME Consortium continue to be active on the Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless. During the March 5, 2024 meeting, the Urbana HOME Consortium solicited input on the Annual Action Plan from the group. The Community Needs Assessment Survey was sent out to the CoC and members were encouraged to participate.
4	Agency/Group/Organization Name	Champaign County Human Services Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization

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	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Human Services Council is made up of local healthcare and behavioral healthcare providers, municipalities, and non-profits organizations that meet monthly to discuss issues facing low-mod residents of Champaign County. At the March meeting, Consortium members solicited input on the Annual Action Plan from the group. The Community Needs Assessment Survey was sent out to the group and members were encouraged to participate.
5	Agency/Group/Organization Name	Community Reinvestment Group
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Community Reinvestment Group is made up of local Community Reinvestment Act bankers, non-profit housing providers, municipalities, and the Housing Authority of Champaign County. The group meets monthly to discuss affordable housing and lending issues facing low-mod residents of Champaign County. At the March meeting, Consortium members provided a presentation on the Annual Action Plan and solicited feedback on affordable housing needs from the group.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Not applicable

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	CCRPC	The CoC Strategic Plan overlaps with regard to housing, i.e. by PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE CONTINUUM OF HOUSING SERVICES, Increase affordable housing

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

Affordable rental units are in great demand in the community. As a member of the Urbana HOME Consortium, the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission continues to operate a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program that is countywide. The City of Urbana also supports a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program operated by Courage Connection, which targets victims of domestic violence. The City will continue to work closely with all Consortium members to support this important program in the community.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

A draft of the FY 23-24 Annual Action Plan was available to the public during the public comment period, from February 23, 2024, to March 25, 2024. Copies were made available at the Urbana City Building, the Urbana Free Library, and the City's website. Information about public hearings is posted on the City of Urbana's website, and the city's calendar for public review.

In-person public hearings were held before the regularly scheduled Community Development Commission Meetings on October 24, 2023 and January 30, 2024 in the City of Urbana Council Chambers. The purpose of these public hearings is to obtain resident input regarding community development and housing needs. City Staff also presented the Annual Action Plan at regular meetings of various community groups made up of housing, social service, and financial agencies. The plan was also sent to the CSPH listserv for local service providers to have an opportunity to review the draft plan and provide comments. City staff also sent out a community needs survey to various community partners and residents in the Community Development Target Areas to gather input on local needs.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of Responses/Attendance	Summary of Comments Received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Staff from the City of Urbana held a public hearing before the October 2023 regular meeting of the Urbana	None	None	N/A

			Community Development Commission to gain feedback on community needs including housing and public services.			
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Staff from the City of Urbana held a public hearing before the January 2024 regular meeting of the Urbana Community Development Commission to gain feedback on the Annual Action Plan.	None	None	N/A
3	Public Meeting	Homeless Service Providers Minorities	Staff from the City of Urbana shared information on the plan and community needs at the March meeting of the Champaign County Continuum of Service	None	None	N/A

		Housing Providers	Providers to the Homeless and solicited feedback on the Annual Action Plan and housing and homeless service needs in the community			
3	Survey	Homeless Service Providers Housing Providers	40 local service providers completed a targeted Community Needs Survey. The survey was advertised to service providers through meetings and email distribution lists in coordination with community partners.	Service providers identified affordable rental housing, rental assistance, homeless prevention, and food security as high service priorities. Funding, staffing, client access, housing availability, and increasing housing costs were identified as service obstacles.	None	N/A

4	Survey	Non-targeted/broad community	176 community members completed an online Community Needs Survey. The survey was advertised through City social media, community partners, and mailings to addresses in Community Development Target Areas.	Consortium area residents identified housing affordability, public safety, and infrastructure needs, such as sidewalks and lighting, as neighborhood concerns. Residents identified rental and homebuyer housing, rehabilitation assistance, youth services, food security, and homeless prevention as high service priorities.	None	N/A
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Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Allocations of federal funds are determined annually by Congress and will fluctuate from year to year. These fluctuations will be taken into account during the annual budgeting process.

The Urbana HOME Consortium will receive a HOME allocation of \$612,367 in FY 2024-2025. Prior year resources as noted in the FY 2024-2025 budget consist of uncommitted HOME-ARP funds. The Urbana HOME Consortium HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was approved in August 2022, and all HOME-ARP funds will be distributed within the Consortium-wide area based on the priorities identified in the Allocation Plan.

The City of Urbana will receive an FY 2024-2025 CDBG allocation of \$389,487. Funds will be allocated to priorities set by the community and staff over the five year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan period. Prior Year Resources are unexpended CDBG funding from program years 2021-2023.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	389,487	0	715,529	1,105,016	1,105,016	Funding will support neighborhood revitalization, public services, acquisition and demolition, housing rehabilitation activities, and public facility improvement including fire station equipment. Public Services include the City's Youth Services Grant Program and annual Neighborhood Cleanup Day. Rehabilitation activities include the Emergency Grant, Access Grant, and Senior Repair Service Grant. The Emergency Grant Program allows up to \$15,000 in repairs to address risks to the health and safety of household occupants, and the Access Grant provides \$15,000 for improvements necessary to remove barriers to accessibility to a person with disabilities. The Senior Repair Service Program provides home maintenance repair for the elderly or persons with disabilities who are at or below 80% of the Median Family Income. Funds will also be used to provide radon testing and mitigation services as necessary in the implementation of the City's housing programs. All CDBG activities will benefit renters or homeowners who earn less than 80% of the Median Family Income.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	612,367	0	5,014,945	5,627,312	5,627,312	Acquisition, Homebuyer assistance, Homeowner rehab, Multifamily rental new construction, multifamily rental rehab, new construction for ownership, and TBRA. Funds, including carryover funds, may be allocated by the City of Urbana to programs such as Acquisition-Rehab, Purchase-Rehab-Resale, Rental Rehab, Lot Acquisition/Demolition, and/or other programs currently under development or may be proposed that further the affordable housing goals and mission of the City, Council, and Community Development Services Department. Funds may be allocated by the City of Champaign to new or existing programs, such as TBRA, the Acquisition-Rehab, Full Home Improvement, or Lot Acquisition programs, to promote revitalization efforts of targeted neighborhoods. Funds may be allocated by Champaign County to TBRA or to provide rehabilitation assistance to both investor-owned properties as well as single-family owner-occupied projects. Admin and Planning: Funds will be contributed to personnel costs as well as supplies and other expenses. Prior year resources include both unexpended HOME and HOME-ARP funds.

Table 2 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

All Consortium members continue to seek private investment, tax credits, and grant opportunities from the State of Illinois that further the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The City of Champaign and Urbana continue to work with private developers applying for tax credit incentives on future developments. The City of Urbana is in the process of identifying a developer for an affordable housing development on what is currently city-owned property on Lierman Avenue. Champaign will focus its HOME funds on Phase II development of Bristol Place and owner-occupied rehab programs. The City of Urbana is also continuing to collaborate with non-profit stakeholders and healthcare providers in the community to develop a tiny homes facility that will support medically fragile individuals who are experiencing homelessness.

The 25% match requirement for the HOME program utilizes a variety of leveraging sources to fulfill this obligation. The City of Urbana and Champaign contribute cash matches towards its HOME projects from private investment in development projects. Land donations for developments will contribute to the program in the coming year, as well as sweat equity and cash contributions provided by the volunteers of Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County. The Consortium has a large carryover match balance that will exceed the anticipated match requirement in the coming years.

CDBG funded City of Urbana projects for public facility and infrastructure leverage general funds and State of Illinois Motor Fuel Tax dollars to have a greater impact on the projects. The City of Urbana has also leveraged funds through the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to support public service programming and capital improvement projects. This practice will continue through the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

City Code Enforcement staff will continue to identify blighted properties that may be purchased with CDBG funds, demolished, and then donated to a not-for-profit developer or CHDO such as Habitat for Humanity or First Followers. These lots will be used to address affordable housing needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. The city does not keep an inventory of land.

Discussion

Not applicable

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Urbana Consortium-wide Area	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$77,000.00 HOME: \$4,051,819.00	Rental units rehabilitated: 2 units Rental units added: 30 units Homeowner Housing Added: 4 units Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 4 units Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 30 units

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Address Barriers to Affordable Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Urbana Consortium-wide Area Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Area	Community Development Needs	HOME: \$425,493.00	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Households
3	Preserve Existing Affordable Housing Supply	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$67,500	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 30 units
4	Coordinate with Housing Authority	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Urbana Consortium-wide Area	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$1,000,000	Rental units constructed: 6 units
5	Support Services & Training for Low-Income Persons	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57	Youth Services	CDBG: \$29,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Households

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Support Homeless Needs	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	Urbana Consortium-wide Area	Homeless Prevention & Services	HOME: \$150,000.00	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 30 Households TBRA assistance for low-income households: 10 households
7	Reduce Lead Exposure Risk	2020	2024	Lead Based Paint Hazard Removal	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57	Community Development Needs	CDBG: \$67,500	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 30 units
8	Support Infrastructure Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57	Community Development Needs	CDBG: \$790,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Households
9	Preserve Consortium Neighborhoods	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57	Community Development Needs	CDBG: \$45,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Households Buildings Demolished: 2 units

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Goal Description	Increase supply of affordable housing available to low and moderate income households, by providing Tenant Based Rental Assistance to households with incomes at or below 60% of the area median, targeting those at or below 125% of the poverty level, support new construction for homeownership sponsored by CHDOs and other nonprofits, support new construction of affordable rental units sponsored by CHDOs and other nonprofits, support and provide guidance to for-profit developers building new affordable renter and owner units, support construction of new affordable rental units through LIHTC including the Bristol Park Phase II Redevelopment Project, in compatible areas, encourage the development of non-profit housing development organizations eligible for CHDO status. Expand homeownership opportunities for low and moderate-income households, by providing support and encourage homeownership education programs, support the Housing Authority of Champaign County Section 8 Homeownership program, support the development of local Lease Purchase Programs.
2	Goal Name	Address Barriers to Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Address barriers to obtaining affordable housing, by addressing issues faced by certain special populations, such as seniors and individuals in need of supportive services, provide assistance for affordable permanent housing for persons with targeted disabilities; support efforts to increase accessible and visit-able housing units for persons with disabilities; encourage housing developers to include visit-ability/accessibility measures in new construction efforts; Access Grants that provide grants for approximately 5 low-income residents to increase the supply of accessible and visit-able housing; The Urbana Human Relations Division will promote community awareness of the Urbana Human Rights Ordinance and will provide fair housing training for landlords and tenants; Education and training opportunities, which focus on eliminating barriers to affordable housing, will be encouraged; encourage the Urbana Human Relations Division, the Building Safety Division, and Persons Assuming Control of their Environment, Inc. (PACE) to join forces in an effort to acquaint developers with local codes and fair housing laws to insure that handicapped units are produced when new housing is constructed; support tenant advocacy and educational efforts by agencies such the C-U Tenant Union; encourage landlord and community group distribution of information in multiple languages to help overcome language and/or cultural barriers; and the City could consider undertaking a discrimination testing program to obtain preliminary results to determine if further programs are necessary. City will also continue to provide its Neighborhood Cleanup program, which offers complimentary junk pickup for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

3	Goal Name	Preserve Existing Affordable Housing Supply
	Goal Description	Housing rehabilitation activities will take place in order to preserve existing affordable housing. Programs will include the Emergency Grant and Senior Repair Service Grants. The Emergency Grant Program allows up to \$15,000 in repairs to address risks to the health and safety of household occupants, and the Access Grant provides \$15,000 for improvements necessary to remove barriers to accessibility to a person with disabilities. The Senior Repair Service Program provides home maintenance repair for the elderly or persons with disabilities who are at or below 80% of the Median Family Income. The ultimate goal of these programs is to sustain housing so occupants can remain in their homes.
4	Goal Name	Coordinate with Housing Authority
	Goal Description	Consortium members will partner with the Housing Authority of Champaign County to develop affordable housing opportunities county-wide.
5	Goal Name	Support Services & Training for Low-Income Persons
	Goal Description	The City will utilize CDBG public service funding to support the Youth Services Grant Program, a competitive funding opportunity that provides grants to local public and private non-profit agencies that support the documented needs of low-income Urbana youth from early childhood (Kindergarten, Pre-K) through 22 years of age.
6	Goal Name	Support Homeless Needs
	Goal Description	HOME ARP development or acquisition of non-congregate shelter.
7	Goal Name	Reduce Lead Exposure Risk
	Goal Description	Maintain lead training and certifications for building inspectors who work on the City's CDBG funded housing rehab program.
8	Goal Name	Support Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit

9	Goal Name	Preserve Consortium Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	Public Facility improvements including Capital Improvement Projects, Blight Reduction, Code Enforcement, and fire station equipment.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Urbana made its funding allocation decisions based on public input received during the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan process. Social service funding allocations are determined by a committee of City staff and City Council representatives, with input and direction provided by the City's Community Development Commission. Funding is awarded based on eligible activities and priorities identified in the application. The following is a list of proposed programs for the 5-year Consolidated Plan period. All of the proposed projects are in response to an identified need in the Consolidated Plan. Consideration has also been given to program delivery and staffing requirements to successfully operate the grant activities, various objectives of leveraged funding available, as well as programmatic constraints of both the HOME Investment Partnerships and Community Development Block Grant programs. The projected target start date for the proposed programs is July 1, 2024, and the projected commencement of proposed programs is June 30, 2025.

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Planning & Administration
2	CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization
3	CDBG Public Services
4	CDBG Housing Activities
5	CDBG Property Acquisition/Demo/ New Constr.
6	HOME Planning & Admin
7	HOME CHDO Reserve
8	HOME CHDO Operation
9	HOME Champaign Neighborhood Revitalization
10	HOME Urbana Neighborhood Revitalization
11	HOME ARP Supportive Services
12	HOME ARP Acquisition & Dev of Non-Congregate Shelter
13	HOME ARP Dev of Affordable Housing
14	HOME ARP Non-Profit Operating
15	HOME ARP Non-Profit Capacity Building

Table 4 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Allocation priorities are based on the statutory requirements of the HOME Investment Partnership program, Community Development Block Grant programs, and HOME ARP program. Needs have been prioritized in keeping with identified needs in the Consolidated and HOME-ARP Allocation Plans. Although the City of Urbana is not a recipient of ESG funds directly from HUD, the City of Urbana may receive ESG funds from the State of Illinois Department of Human Services.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CDBG Planning & Administration
	Target Area	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Prevention & Services Community Development Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$77,000.00
	Description	Funds will be used to support the administrative activities associated with carrying out the goals and objectives of the CDBG program.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low to moderate-income households from community development target areas will be served.
	Location Description	The City of Urbana and targeted neighborhoods.
2	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support administrative activities for the Community Development Block Grant funds.
	Project Name	CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization
	Target Area	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57
	Goals Supported	Support Infrastructure Improvements Preserve Consortium Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$815,000.00
	Description	Funds will be used to support neighborhood revitalization programs including code enforcement, blight reduction, and capital improvement projects.
	Target Date	6/30/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low to moderate-income individuals and households within the City of Urbana will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	The City of Urbana and targeted neighborhoods.
	Planned Activities	Capital improvement projects, blight reduction, public facilities, property acquisition/demolition/new construction
3	Project Name	CDBG Public Services
	Target Area	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57
	Goals Supported	Address Barriers to Affordable Housing Support Services & Training for Low-Income Persons
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Needs Youth Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$58,000.00
	Description	Funds will be used to support the public services undertaken by the City of Urbana.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Assistance estimated at 100 households
	Location Description	The City of Urbana and targeted neighborhoods.
	Planned Activities	Neighborhood cleanup, youth services funding
4	Project Name	CDBG Housing Activities
	Target Area	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57
	Goals Supported	Preserve Existing Affordable Housing Supply Reduce Lead Exposure Risk
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$135,000
	Description	Funds will be used to support housing rehabilitation activities including radon testing and mitigation undertaken by the City of Urbana, as well as the acquisition of available properties to further affordable housing.

	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated ten low-mod income households will be assisted by these activities
	Location Description	The City of Urbana and targeted neighborhoods
	Planned Activities	Emergency Grant, Access Grant, Senior Grant, and Roof Repair Grant programs will be funded under this project.
5	Project Name	CDBG Property Acquisition/Demo/ New Constr.
	Target Area	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57
	Goals Supported	Preserve Consortium Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Funds will be used to support property acquisition, demolition, and new construction projects undertaken by the City of Urbana.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low to moderate-income individuals and households within the City of Urbana will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	The City of Urbana and targeted neighborhoods
6	Planned Activities	Anticipate removing or rehabilitating two abandoned blighted homes from targeted neighborhoods
	Project Name	HOME Planning & Admin
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$253,632.00
	Description	Funds will be used to support the administrative activities associated with carrying out the HOME program goals and strategies.
	Target Date	6/30/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funds will be used to support City staff administering the HOME. Low-mod households across the Urbana Consortium-wide area will benefit from the HOME program.
	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Planned Activities	Reporting and ongoing monitoring of subrecipients and CHDOs.
7	Project Name	HOME CHDO Reserve
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$150,000.00
	Description	Funds will be used to support the projects undertaken within the Consortium-wide area by Community Housing Development Organizations. CHDO Reserve funds are being set aside to be allocated to CHDOs whose proposed project(s) meet project readiness requirements. To meet project readiness, the CHDO project(s) receiving reserve allocations must be able to begin construction within one year from the date of execution of the agreement. Staff is continuing to work to identify feasible projects in the Consortium area. A rolling CHDO project application is utilized.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Primary estimates indicate 5 households will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to construct or rehab five new affordable housing projects for homeownership and rental
8	Project Name	HOME CHDO Operation
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing

	Funding	HOME: \$30,000
	Description	Funds will be used to support projects undertaken within the Consortium-wide area by Community Development Housing Operations.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funds will go to certified CHDOs to build or renovate an estimated 5 units for rental or homeownership for low-mod residents in Champaign County.
	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide area
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support projects undertaken by CHDOs within the Consortium-wide area.
9	Project Name	HOME Champaign Neighborhood Revitalization
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities Coordinate with Housing Authority
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$1,760,189.00
	Description	Funds will be used to support neighborhood revitalization activities undertaken by the City of Champaign including acquisition-rehab, purchase rehab resell, rental rehab, new construction activities, tenant based rental assistance, owner-occupied rehab, lot acquisition/demolition and/or other programs currently under development or may be proposed that further the affordable housing goals and missions of the City and Council. Programs must comply with applicable local, state, and federal regulations including. but not limited to, HOME regulations.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funds will support proposed activities and projects that benefit low-mod income Champaign residents.
	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide Area.

	Planned Activities	HOME funds will be used to support the neighborhood revitalization activities undertaken by the City of Champaign, including Phase II of the Bristol Place housing development.
10	Project Name	HOME Urbana Neighborhood Revitalization
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Prevention & Services
	Funding	HOME: \$1,560,922.00
	Description	Funds will be used to support neighborhood revitalization activities undertaken by the City of Urbana, acquisition rehab resell, rental rehab, new construction activities, tenant-based rental assistance, owner-occupied rehab, lot acquisition/demolition and/or other programs currently under development or may be proposed that further the affordable housing goals and mission of the City, Council, and Grants Management Division. Programs must comply with applicable local, state, and federal regulations including, but not limited to, HOME regulations.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funds will support proposed programs and activities that benefit low-income residents of Urbana and Champaign County.
	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide area
11	Planned Activities	New construction activities for homeownership and rental, and Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	Project Name	HOME ARP Supportive Services
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Address Barriers to Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention & Services
	Funding	HOME: \$425,493.00
	Description	Supportive Services funding to nonprofit agencies to assist homeless or near homeless individuals

	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Assist an estimated 30 individuals with supportive services and case management to address the needs of homeless and near-homeless individuals
	Location Description	Services will be available consortia wide
	Planned Activities	This funding allocation will allow the Consortium to address underlying issues and the underlying struggles that qualified populations are coping with and contribute to instability. Investments in case management and other supportive services will allow the funding to serve the distinct needs of the many vulnerable populations in our community
12	Project Name	HOME ARP Acquisition & Dev of Non-Congregate Shelter
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Support Homeless Needs
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention & Services
	Funding	HOME: \$150,000.00
	Description	Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter to provide the flexibility of safe shelter for a variety of household compositions and identities that is difficult in congregate shelters.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimate serving 30 families
	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide area
13	Planned Activities	Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter
	Project Name	HOME ARP Dev of Affordable Housing
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$1,000,000

	Description	The affordable housing produced with HOME-ARP funding will address the lack of area housing that is simultaneously affordable, high quality, accessible, and available to low-income households or those seeking public assistance. Building brand new units funded through HOME-ARP would ensure that all of these attributes are met, while renovations would more significantly increase the number of quality affordable housing units.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimate 30 new affordable housing units
	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide area
	Planned Activities	Construction of 30 new affordable housing units
14	Project Name	HOME ARP Non-Profit Operating
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$148,538
	Description	HOME ARP funds will be provided to Non-Profit agencies for operating costs
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 30 families
	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide area
	Planned Activities	HOME ARP funds will be provided to Non-Profit agencies for operating costs
15	Project Name	HOME ARP Non-Profit Capacity Building
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$148,538
	Description	HOME ARP funds will be provided to Non-Profit agencies for capacity building
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 families may be assisted with the increased capacity
	Location Description	Urbana Consortia-wide Area
	Planned Activities	HOME ARP funds will be provided to Non-Profit agencies for programs, projects, and activities that help build agency capacity.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Urbana is the county seat of Champaign County, Illinois. The population is estimated at 38,336 as of June 1, 2020. Urbana is the tenth-most populous city in Illinois outside of the Chicago metropolitan area. Urbana is notable for sharing the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign with its sister city of Champaign. The three largest employers in Urbana are two non-profit hospitals and the University of Illinois.

The City of Urbana focuses its community development activities, goals, and objectives in its low-income census tracts which includes CT 53, 54, 55, 56 and 57. The Code Enforcement activities are focused in these areas as well.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	0
Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan	0
Urbana Consortium-wide Area	100
Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Area	0
Census Tracts 53, 54, 55, 56, and 57	80

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Target neighborhoods are those census tracts with populations for which at least 51% of the total number of households are at or below 80% of the area median family income.

Discussion

Federal funds are targeted to low- moderate-income families throughout the Urbana Consortium-wide area.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Urbana will use its HOME funds to support its Neighborhood Revitalization program activities, including: Down Payment Assistance, Acquisition-Rehab, Purchase-Rehab-Resale, Rental Rehab, New Construction activities, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation, Lot Acquisition/Demolition, and/or other programs currently under development or may be proposed that further the affordable housing goals and mission of the City, Council, and Grants Management Division. Programs must comply with applicable local, state and federal regulations, including but not limited to HOME regulations.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	60
Non-Homeless	75
Special-Needs	0
Total	135

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	10
The Production of New Units	5
Rehab of Existing Units	20
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	35

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Not applicable.

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) is a Move to Work (MTW) organization. This innovative approach to housing takes into account the impact work has on an individual, his or her personal growth, as well as an ability to provide for themselves and any other members of the household. Able-bodied public housing residents are required to work a minimum of 20 hours a week, and case management is provided to assist tenants in the job search process. Move to Work (MTW) is a demonstration that provides a limited number of Public Housing Authorities with the ability to design and test innovative approaches tailored to their communities, using federal dollars more efficiently, providing increased support for families to become economically self-sufficient, and increasing housing choice for low-income households. The broad flexibility to waive statutes and regulations allows HACC to better serve and house residents while streamlining internal operations.

The seven-member HACC Board of Commissioners consists of two commissioners appointed by each of the Cities of Urbana and Champaign, an appointee that rotates between the two cities called a “floating” appointee, a commissioner appointed by the Champaign County Board, and a commissioner appointed from among residents of the HACC properties.

Last year, consortium members, in coordination with the Housing Authority and CSPH, organized a series of workshops on tenant rights. These workshops were made available for tenants, landlords, and service providers and were well attended. In addition, the city continues to work with the HACC to develop other collaborative measures to further each organization's programmatic goals in the community regarding affordable housing initiatives. For example, consortium member agencies are collaborating with the Housing Authority and other housing service providers in the community to pilot a landlord risk mitigation fund. This program provides reimbursements to landlords who have agreed to participate in voucher programs, and have experienced damage to their units from voucher holders.

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

The HACC continues its partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County and FirstFollowers to provide affordable homeownership and rental opportunities to residents. Habitat and FirstFollowers are both certified Community Housing Development Organizations for the Urbana HOME Consortium. The Consortium will seek ways to continue to support Habitat and FirstFollowers, which will in turn further the goals set by the HACC for its public housing residents seeking to transition into

homeownership.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

The Housing Authority of Champaign County is not designated as a troubled PHA.

Discussion

Not applicable.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

The Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless conducts the annual Point-in-Time count of homeless persons each January as required by HUD. The data collected during the PIT helps community stakeholders including the city better plan and strategize services that will effectively address the needs of this population. The 2024 Point in Time Count took place on Thursday, January 24, 2024. Data from the 2024 PIT Count will be made available in late spring of 2024. The 2023 Point in Time Count identified 215 individuals and 153 households as homeless in Champaign County. This included 9 that were identified as unsheltered.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

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

In 2023, the CSPH Executive Committee developed a three-year strategic plan to eliminate homelessness in Champaign County. The plan, which was presented to the Urbana City Council in January 2024, identified five key priority areas that will be addressed over the next three years in order to achieve this goal. These areas are: 1) Increase stock of permanent housing; 2) Improve data utilization and quality; 3) Enhance landlord engagement; 4) Improve equity in service provision; and 5) Increase participation of individuals with lived experience. Staff from the City of Urbana will coordinate closely with the Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to implement this plan.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Strides Shelter, which is operated by the City of Champaign Township, is the only low-barrier emergency shelter option in Champaign County. The current capacity of Strides is approximately 60 beds per night. County-wide, there are a variety of other non-congregate shelter options available for individuals and families.

The CSPH continues to seek ways to expand emergency shelter capacity, especially during the winter months. During the COVID-19 pandemic, a variety of different funding sources made it possible for shelters to expand services. However, as these funding sources have now largely dissipated, other means must be sought.

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.

Many local government agencies and non-profits in the community work to help homeless individuals meet these goals. The CSPH maintains strong ties with the VA and other organizations that serve veterans, including Salvation Army. In addition, Consortium member agencies continue to provide funds to social service providers in order to expand existing supportive service programs that already exist. For example, the Housing & Homeless Innovations Consolidated Grant Program, which was funded with HOME ARP and launched in 2022, continues to provide funding for vital case management, housing navigation, and shelter programs.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: 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); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless seeks to address homelessness at each stage of homelessness, beginning with prevention. Several CoC member agencies provide utility assistance, as well as connections to job training programs in the community. In addition, the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission continues to provide security deposit assistance to low-income households. The City of Urbana uses CDBG Public Service funding to support the City's Youth Services Grant Program. The goal of this funding opportunity is to fund community-based solutions for youth from low-income households. In past years, this funding has gone toward recidivism prevention programs, job training opportunities, and violence intervention programming.

Discussion

Not applicable.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

Barriers to affordable housing are largely financial. The need for affordable housing units far outweighs the current funding available to construct or subsidize those units, or to acquire land for affordable housing purposes. A related issue is that existing affordable housing developer capacity is limited; other than the Housing Authority of Champaign County, local affordable housing developers tend to work on small scale projects for which prospective applicants outpace the number of units being built.

In addition to financial gaps, other social aspects play a role in an individual or family's ability to secure affordable housing, including mental illness, unemployment, drug and/or alcohol addictions, as well as a criminal record, though some progress has been made in addressing these barriers. In 2020, the Housing Authority of Champaign County revised its criminal background screening policy to only review offenses explicitly required by HUD. The City of Urbana prohibits discrimination based on arrest or conviction record. In Champaign, landlords may still refuse prospective tenants for certain felonies within two years of incarceration.

Actions it planned 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

The City of Champaign, the City of Urbana, and Champaign County have policies on taxation, land use, zoning, building codes, fees, etc., that are generally similar to other downstate Illinois and Midwest communities.

Because zoning is one of the primary tools used to regulate development, staff from City Planning Divisions within the HOME Consortium actively monitor its use. Zoning designations that restrict multifamily land uses and mandate large lot size minimums can increase development costs and restrict supply, which may contribute to lack of affordability. Overly restrictive zoning policies also reinforce patterns of segregation and unfair housing practices by separating single-family homes and multifamily rental housing, which tend to serve different demographics. Currently, much of Urbana's residentially zoned land only allows single-family residential uses by-right. The City of Urbana is currently in the process of completing its Comprehensive Plan. This plan will highlight barriers to affordable housing city-wide and will be followed by zoning policy revisions related to addressing identified housing needs and goals.

Housing costs are also influenced by a large number of transient tenants and homebuyers who are attending the University of Illinois. This high demand for housing has resulted in increased housing costs,

especially in the rental housing market.

Discussion

Not applicable.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

Proposed actions associated with the City's 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan are described primarily in the specifically related sections of the Plan. This section describes any actions to be undertaken by the City of Urbana that will further the goals of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Urbana will continue to focus its community development efforts on expanding affordable housing opportunities and fostering strong and vibrant neighborhoods to meet underserved needs in the community. Affordable housing needs will be addressed by focusing on the housing cost burden. Investments made in affordable housing developments will continue to address the limited supply and rising cost of housing, which has exacerbated challenges like homelessness and racial inequity in housing. The creation of strong and vibrant neighborhoods will focus on support for low- and moderate-income persons. Strategic investments in infrastructure, public facility improvements, and community assets will address needs and strengthen and enhance the health of the neighborhoods.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

City staff manage a comprehensive housing rehabilitation program using CDBG funds. This program targets low-income homeowners in the City's targeted census tracts. Funds can provide emergency repair assistance to address health or safety concerns, accessibility modifications and improvements for individuals with a disability, and minor repairs to help senior citizens maintain independent living. The City also uses CDBG funds for code enforcement and blight reduction activities intended to maintain healthy and livable neighborhoods.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Staff use Lead Safe Practices in implementing its housing rehabilitation activities. The city's housing inspectors are lead certified, and lead based paint remediation policies and procedures are included in each housing rehabilitation contract funded with federal funds. Contractors are required to follow lead-safe work practices to comply with local, state, and federal requirements. City staff will also consider funding opportunities for lead abatement activities outside of existing programs based on availability and capacity.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Tenant-Based Rental Assistance programs in the Consortium area are targeted toward persons who are below the poverty level. The combination of self-sufficiency case management and stable housing is

intended to assist households in escaping poverty. Staff will evaluate these programs for their effectiveness during the Annual Action Plan year. Economic Development opportunities will be provided to small businesses located in Community Development Target areas. Priority funding will be made available to social service agencies that target youth programming for low-income families. The City will continue its poverty reduction strategy by focusing its programs in geographic areas. By working closely with residents and concentrating programs and public improvements in a specifically targeted neighborhood, the community will feel a greater impact. Key strategies include: Improving public infrastructure within target areas, and coordinating city-funded programs and services with other funders, businesses, and neighborhood groups.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Urbana staff work to foster creative ideas for improving the institutional structure that is part of a larger, more holistic network of services that benefit low-income households. By supporting various social service agencies through staff participation in the Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless, the City of Urbana plays a role in developing programmatic improvements that will further the impact of these services in the community.

The City of Urbana Police Department has also developed a sophisticated Crisis Co-Responder and Intervention team in order to provide real time case management and behavioral health services to individuals in crisis. This program also coordinates closely with service provider agencies to help get individuals wrap-around support needed to prevent further justice involvement.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City of Urbana will continue its efforts to increase coordination and collaboration with the public and private housing and social service agencies in the community. Urbana staff regularly attend board meetings for the Housing Authority of Champaign County. The City also maintains an active presence on the Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless, offering assistance with various reporting and application systems inherent to the successful delivery of the Continuum of Care network. City staff and the CSPH also worked closely with the Housing Authority of Champaign County in the creation of the Emergency Housing Voucher MOU and continued to collaborate during the referral process to make sure the 113 Emergency Housing Vouchers assigned to Champaign County were utilized in a timely manner. Furthermore, in their role as a member of the CoC Executive Committee, City staff have supported the Housing Authority in its decision to accept Stability Housing Vouchers. These vouchers will provide another important resource for individuals who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness in the community.

The City plays an active role in the Community Reinvestment Group, a group of local lenders looking to

address affordable housing issues in the community. The City hosts a public input meeting each year specifically for social service agencies to gauge the evolving needs in the community and within the service network.

Discussion

Not applicable.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The City uses CDBG funds to ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our community, to create jobs through the retention of businesses, and to support strong and healthy neighborhoods through infrastructure improvements and code enforcement. Fiscal year 2024-2025 is covered in this plan. A minimum of 70 percent of CDBG funds are used for activities that benefit low and moderate-income persons. Each funded activity meets at least one of the following national objectives:

- To benefit low- and moderate-income persons;
- To prevent or eliminate slums or blight; or
- To address community development needs has a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	80.00%

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**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)**

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The Urbana HOME Consortium will not be carrying out activities outside of those described in Section 92.205 in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

For HOME-assisted projects that do not include direct buyer assistance, a resale restriction will be used, and be in effect for the duration of the affordability period. The affordability period is based on the amount of HOME assistance provided to the project. A land use restriction, mortgage, and promissory note shall be recorded against the title to the property. Each of these documents will include a provision restricting the sales price such that it must be “affordable” to low-income buyers.

In this instance, the affordable price results in a monthly housing cost for principal, interest, taxes, and insurance of not more than 30% of the gross monthly income for a household below 80% of the area median income for the Champaign County Area. The term “low-income buyer” has an annual income, as adjusted for family size, that is less than or equal to eighty percent (80%) of the area median income (as defined by HUD) for the Champaign County area. The owner shall receive a fair return on his/her investment. The sales price may encompass the cost of any home investment documented with receipts, which can be defined as, but is not limited to, any additions to the home such as a bedroom, bathroom, or garage, replacement of heating, ventilation, or air conditioning systems, accessibility improvements such as bathroom modifications for disabled or elderly which were not installed through a federal, state, or locally-funded grant program, or outdoor improvements such as a new driveway, walkway, retaining wall, or fence. The sales price may also encompass the increase in the value of owner equity and investment as calculated by the cumulative percentage of change which is calculated by the Housing Price Index (HPI) calculator of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (X) plus 1.00 times the total owner investment at the time of purchase (Y) plus the documented capital improvements (Z). A complete description of the recapture and resale provisions is found in the attached Resale and Recapture Guidelines for HOME Program Activities.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The City of Urbana, Urbana HOME Consortium members, and designated Community Housing Development Organizations agree that, to the extent allowable by law, to secure the HOME funds, an agreement with the homebuyer, as well as a mortgage and promissory note shall be executed for

any HOME funded homeownership property. Each document will include the prescribed net sales proceeds provisions for the recapture of HOME funds as outlined below. The mortgage and promissory note are to be recorded against the title to the property. For HOME-assisted, homeownership units, wherein HOME funds are utilized to provide direct assistance to the homebuyer, net proceeds from the sale must provide the original homebuyer, now the home seller, a "fair return" on his/her investment (including any down payment and capital improvement investment made by the seller since purchase). The table in the attached City of Urbana Resale and Recapture Guidelines for HOME Program Activities provides for the minimum terms of affordability based on the amount of direct assistance provided to the homebuyer.

The period of affordability shall commence from the date the activity is identified as "completed" in HUD's Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS). Subject to recapture is the HOME funds that are invested in a HOME-assisted unit, as a direct subsidy to the homebuyer. The subsidy could include down payment assistance and the amount of each subsidy would be a minimum of \$1,000 and differ per homebuyer. The City will reduce the HOME investment amount to be recaptured from the Net Proceeds on a prorated basis for the time the Homeowner has owned and occupied the housing measured against the remaining years in the required Affordability Period. A five-year affordability period prorated basis is as follows:

First Year - 90% of HOME investment from available Net Proceeds

Second Year - 70% of HOME investment from available Net Proceeds

Third Year - 50% of HOME investment from available Net Proceeds

Fourth Year - 30% of HOME investment from available Net Proceeds

Fifth Year - 10% of HOME investment from available Net Proceeds

The amount of recapture funds is subject to the availability of Net Proceeds available from the resale

of the property. The term "Net Proceeds" shall mean the proceeds as indicated upon a closing settlement statement of the net amount to be paid to the seller. In the event that no such statement

exists, "Net Proceeds" shall mean the amount equal to the sales price (X) minus any superior private debt (Y) and minus any reasonable closing costs (Z), as determined by the City, including, but not limited to, title insurance, recording fees, Realtor's commissions or property taxes. A complete description of the recapture and resale provisions is found in the attached Resale and Recapture Guidelines for HOME Program Activities.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

As a PJ, there are no plans to refinance existing debt. Refinancing of a project may occur only if specifically authorized in an approved Annual Action Plan, and then only if conditions of the

refinancing are clearly stated in the Plan. To be eligible for refinancing a project must meet the following conditions:

- Refinancing cannot be the primary purpose of the HOME investment. Refinancing is only appropriate when HOME funds are loaned to rehabilitate the property for which refinancing is being requested and then only when necessary to permit or ensure continued affordability. To demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary activity for which HOME funds have been expended in connection with the property, at least \$5,000 per unit average in HOME funds must have been provided for rehabilitation of the property.
- The project sponsor requesting HOME funds for debt refinancing must demonstrate, and the Consortium must confirm, that disinvestment in the property has not occurred, long-term needs of the project can be met through the refinancing, and servicing the targeted population over an extended affordability period is feasible.
- Refinancing may be approved either to maintain currently affordable units or to create additional affordable units.
- Properties for which refinancing is approved may be located anywhere within the corporate limits of the Consortium members.
- Properties for which refinancing is approved are subject to an affordability period of at least 15 years starting on the date the refinancing is closed.
- HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multiple-family loans made or insured by any other federal program, including but not limited to, the Community Development Block Grant Program.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

Not applicable.

Community Needs Survey 2024

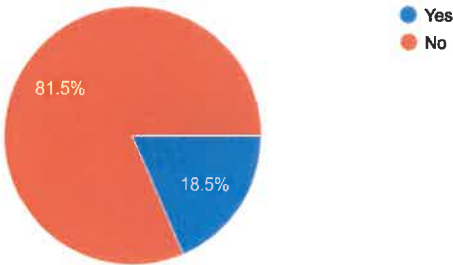
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Service Provider

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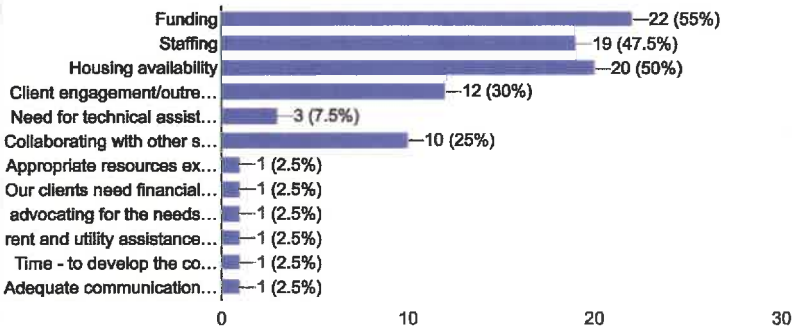
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What are the biggest challenges or obstacles your organization faces in addressing community needs? (Select all that apply.)

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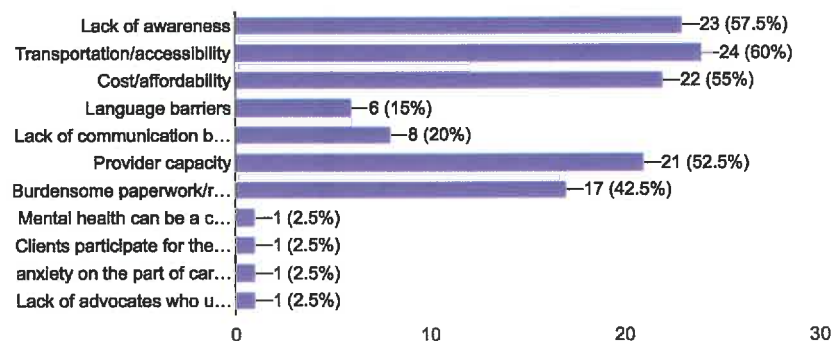
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Among your clients, which barriers do you think make it difficult for people to get the services they want or need? (Select all that apply.)

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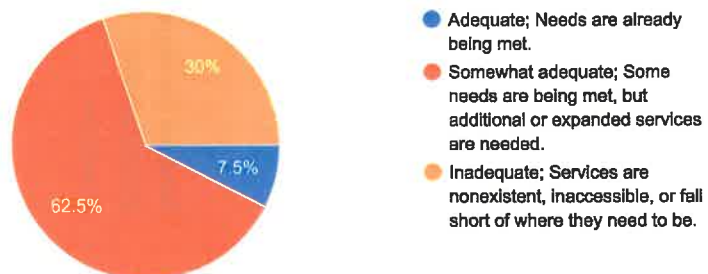
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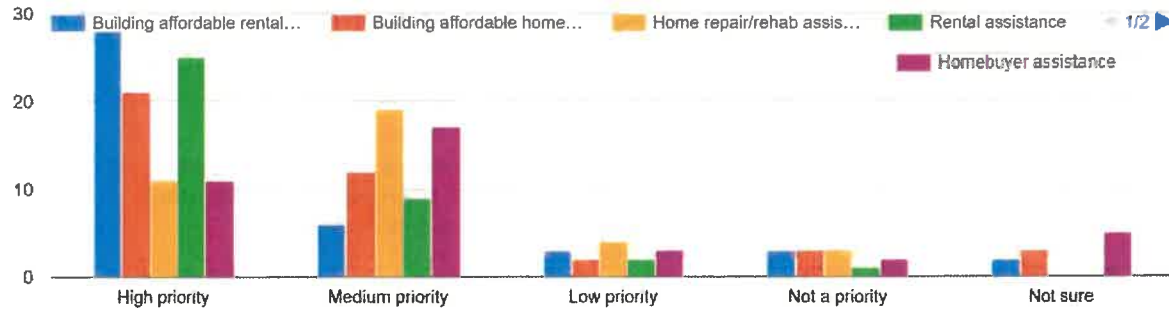
In general, how adequate do you feel services currently are for low-income residents in the community?

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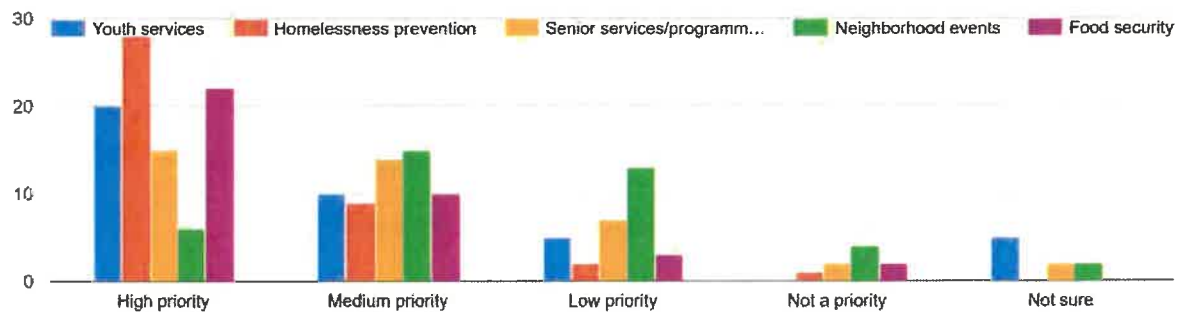
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Please rate the priority/need for the following housing services in Champaign County. (Scroll right to see additional options if using mobile web browser.)



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Please describe any emerging trends you are observing in your service population.

36 responses

No assistance for folks with pets. Limited availability housing assistance for families. Limited assistance for those waiting for disability determination.

increased need for mental health services

A significant number of my clients are struggling with getting assistance due to lack of clear communication with agencies who should be helping, understaffing issues and/or being left alone to flounder due to the lengthy periods they have to wait through in order to get more assistance (this especially applies to rental assistance)

Lack of transportation access means it's more difficult for members of community to get to service providers, whether it's for healthcare, food pantries, or government offices. Even with a bus pass, certain places are difficult to get to or do not have consistent routes.

Overall increased need for our services

lack of knowledge of what is available.

Low-income seniors: Increased desire to stop trying due to overwhelm and consistent confusion. So many are so sick of how complicated Medicare is, especially when you then add in Medicaid and low-income services. Seniors are incredibly overwhelmed and the older they get, they less they want to be involved in the decision making. They seek an "expert" who will tell them the best choice to make. Many of my appointments are spent trying to get them to stop asking me to give them the "best choice" for their situation as many of them will keep asking me for a direct answer after I provide them with a more vague answer which requires them to make the final decision. More and more I can see how our seniors are being so easily taken advantage of: They keep asking others to make decisions for them, people they barely know. This is how insurance brokers keep messing up Medicare plans!

Rents have soared and a growing number of people cannot afford the housing on the market.

Landlords requesting 3 times the monthly rent for a deposit. This is not affordable.

Difficult child behaviors post-covid; parents struggle with affordability of our programming.

Panhandlers standing by the stoplights on major roads around town

not working-unable to find jobs willing to hire older workers, older adults on limited social security funds

The population we service is anxiety ridden about expressing medical needs inconvenient to routine services especially emergency/medical issues.

Rent heights

There are NO affordable housing options for those who are in Social security. How can someone afford \$700 a month when they only receive a maximum of \$934 a month?

parents unengaged and unequipped to parent their teens

We are continuing to experience a large waitlist for client who want a shelter bed

For clients working full time, there is a growing disparity between their income and the cost of housing. While rental assistance is very helpful, it is not a long term solution to address the rising cost of housing, inflation, and wages not matching these costs. There needs to be more affordable housing for people that they can pay market rent for without a subsidy.

Apathy, rise in problematic behaviors amongst youth, creation of dependency through social programs with low expectations

Lack of money to buy food and necessities

Lack of supportive housing options for individuals with disabilities, or lack of landlords willing to accept housing vouchers

Lack of affordable, housing at every level, especially for new arrivals.

There is a tremendous lack of services for adults with developmental, spectrum, and other health impairments that seem to fall through the cracks of "high priority" service providers in the state. Many of these folks exceed the low-IQ minimum standard requirements, which bongs them out of much-needed services that would allow them to carve out meaningful, independent lives.

Since COVID people's "normal" are more escalated. We're seeing more folks with undiagnosed MH issues, and/or who have been through the MH orgs in town and don't trust any of them.

The the shelter is always full and there are no other options that are "low barrier."

Higher rents, higher credit score requirements

Lots of foreign population working.

Homeless families

Family growth

Huge need for translators

Yes

People in Urbana cannot afford rent, even working people. We need to dramatically expand rental assistance offerings and affordable housing options.

void in music and arts therapy programs; modes in programming which connect with youth in a way that improves school attendance and engagement

Foster parent housing and food security. Foster care youth in the 18-21 age range. DCFS claims to have housing supports, however often this group is left unhoused while DCFS is still their guardian.

I have noticed that we are unable maintain services with younger women in lower income backgrounds. They stop attending services and difficult to get ahold of, being able to provide more transportation or assistance with free phones etc would be of benefit.

Home prices are bought by landlords before first time homebuyers have a shot.



Are there any specific subpopulations (e.g., veterans, youth, LGBTQ+) with unique needs that are not being adequately served?

29 responses

Not sure.

LGBTQ+ people are absolutely not being adequately served. Disabled folks, especially those with more stigmatized mental illnesses, are so inadequately served that it's absurd.

Staffing is needed for these individual populations that can fully understand the options available for each group.

Seniors and veterans

low middle class is having trouble. No money but don't qualify for help

Seniors: At home care organizations do not pay their staff well enough for the work they are doing so they are understaffed (and by employees who just want a paycheck because those who do care refuse to work at these awful organizations) and it's causing severe issues for the seniors in the area. So many seniors rely on organizations and insurance companies to help get them the care they need, but nothing is being done because no one is available. Or, the client is difficult and no staff exist who can manage working with the client, which is more understandable but still alarming to me that nothing is in place for those who are suffering and incapable of really seeing how poorly their behavior is affecting their situation. Seniors lose the ability to manage much of their mental health struggles as they continue to age and often aren't physically/mentally capable of adjusting certain behaviors. While I understand how many could not handle these scenarios, we currently have no one who can. Those organizations need serious regulating or there needs to be more intense government social services who regularly work with the difficult cases within our community to ensure everyone has proper care. We are leaving citizens to rot in their homes because no one is available to help and no one cares because they are "a mean old person who is just hateful and selfish". The lack of education on this, even within senior services, is astounding to me.

Most of the people we serve who cannot find affordable housing are people with disabilities and single mothers with children.

Youth: Having more traveling education specialists or evaluators through the school districts would be very helpful.

LGBTQIA+ services and education, housing for sex offenders in programs

Yes. I have seen LGBTQ+ communities discriminated against in my twenty-five years experience at work.

Mental health

LGBT and seniors

Not that I am aware of

Yes.

I don't think the LGBTQ+ populations needs are being met in current emergency shelter services due to lack of awareness and training of staff.

Those with criminal records.

Individuals with disabilities



Refugees and Immigrants

Spectrum Disorders, those with mental illness (i.e. BPD, PTSD, etc.), adults who have aged out of IEP mandated services, but who often do not qualify for SSDI.

People who are trying to get social security but are under 55 are THE hardest to house.

People experiencing Homelessness

Veterans don't get discounts at very many places. They served our country for our freedom. They need to be recognized more.

LGBTQ+ have very few options and face prejudices in congregate settings

Refugee, immigrant, migrant community

Yes

Individuals with disabilities often cannot afford rent and are at risk of homelessness

early childhood through k-12 do not have adequate arts and music therapy programming

Really need more services/supports geared towards our traumatized youth and LGBTQ+ population.

Champaign has done a great job of building up their library and having more spaces available for teens to exist in freely. Urbana needs more locations to serve low income populations IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. The only free programming available after school hours is at schools and at the library.

Please describe any other gaps you feel exist in addressing local housing needs.

30 responses

Lack of coordination between agencies, Emergency housing for families, expand emergency housing during bad weather, illegal evictions during long term hospital stays,

no other than lack of affordable options

There aren't enough shelters for families. People are forced to choose between letting their kids be safe and sheltered or being actually able to live with their children. Housing-related agencies are also understaffed and underfunded and frequently have significant barriers for minority populations seeking help.

We need to make it as easy as possible to build housing so there is an abundance of housing and we aren't beholden to the few landlords that provide affordable housing with sometimes substandard quality.

Help for people with evictions or undocumented

lack of affordable assisted living and nursing home places for seniors

I do not work directly with housing needs so I'm not really the most accurate person for this particular question. I will say for seniors it's the lack of nursing home beds as well as appropriate assisted living facilities in the area. It's like we are doing all we can to get our seniors to want to leave the area. Champaign IL: "A great place to live, but please don't die here. We don't want that so we'll just make senior living here so impossible that you won't want to stay past the age of 64."

1. We have plenty of rental housing in Champaign-Urbana but it is unaffordable to households with incomes below 150% of area median income. 2. Too little is done to enforce property maintenance codes other than to displace people once a place has to be declared unfit for human habitation.

Local affordability of townhouses and condos—turn them into co-op homes like they have at Winfield Village. Lastly, please keep working to ensure WALKABLE COMMUNITIES where people live.

affordable stable permanent housing that doesn't have lot of crime and drug use, no urban emergency shelter

All people in our community deserve guaranteed safe shelter, transportation, abundant nutritious food, access to free quality education, health care, information and alternatives in all these parameters.

Not enough affordable housing
Rent keep going up every year

Transportation outside of CU

need to expand housing options for after shelter, supportive housing, affordable housing

There is a great need for affordable housing and program that assist clients with their long-term stability goals

Domestic violence survivors are being failed.. courage connection is not meeting the need. Appropriate crisis and long-term housing are crucially needed.

All of our shelter providers are almost always at capacity which leaves people unsheltered throughout the year. Additionally, people are often "stuck" in shelters because there is a lack of



affordable housing even for people with full-time employment.

Affordable housing for first time renters (i.e. high school graduates- especially ones with unsafe home environments)

Allowing too many rental properties in affordable YET aging communities. Placing affordable housing in certain neighborhoods-which is still a form of redlining.

Lack of availability and lack of affordable housing

Affordable housing is so limited, mostly run down and not well maintained even for people who work and have an income.

It is too competitive, and lacks transparency. It is too much like a lottery, when it should be a clear-cut process, just like getting a driver's license. Why do Americans with Disability have to beg, or wait years, for a place to call home?

Not enough affordable housing—never enough. VERY little affordable housing for folks under 55 who are disabled and need SSI.

There are not enough low barrier housing resources and transitional housing. 16 women's beds are not enough to serve the community.

Things are so expensive here the middle class person cant afford to buy a house and taxes are ridiculous high on houses.

On site mental health help

Yes

The length of time it is taking for housing vouchers to go through approval.

It feels almost impossible to find an affordable apartment in a decent neighborhood. I have lived in the same neighborhood for 8 years and it has maintained relatively quiet, but costs have been rising quickly and i worry about that changing with the new strip club opening a few blocks up.

Lack of affordable homes for ownership and rental for low income individuals



What do you think could be done to address those gaps?

32 responses

Take abandoned buildings owned by the city and rehab for emergency or family housing. Churches should step up and assist during bad weather to take in people. Emergency housing shelter should have support from mental health agencies, de-escalation training for staff, Easier access to general assistance from each city.

Not sure

Reducing and/or removing barriers to service, ensuring agencies are accessible and treating their clients appropriately, more mental health support and case management support for those receiving help, prioritizing social services over authorities who harass and threaten homeless populations, etc.

Build more housing, make landlords publish their rents, hire staff to address housing human rights violations.

Training and oversight

more supportive living and nursing homes

We'll start with the city listening to protesters when they beg council members to not sell such important community staples, such as the county nursing home, to people who have a documented track record of running such facilities with significant quality of care issues and sometimes even into the ground entirely. I mean, if people had been listened to years ago this may not be happening today. However, since that wasn't what happened and advocates were ignored for profit over senior care (which is how seniors are always treated), we now have to find a new solution. I am new to this, though, so I am unsure of possible options to address this gap. I would definitely start with citizens being taken seriously when we show up with receipts validating claims about a person's background who is trying to buy such an important community staple such as a nursing home. What a fine mess we find ourselves in now!

1. More HOME funds should be spent on Tenant Based Rent Assistance or any other rent subsidy program. 2. Housing Authority should INCREASE the number of households in Champaign who receive a Housing Choice Voucher. When Housing Authority undertook developing 200 units in other counties the justification was that HACC would receive developer fees that it could use for programs here in Champaign County. Top priority for that money should be more vouchers. Anything Urbana officials can do to bring that about would be wonderful.

A small grocery store with fresh food and a community gathering place with cafe area that allows outside food. All within 5 blocks of every new housing development.

The community needs less government intervention and more Jesus

more affordable housing, urbana emergency shelter

Permanently capping police funding (with the option of downsizing), steadily increasing free and easy access to counseling services, community support groups, and addressing all the above stated dire community needs.

Urbana Champaign needs a rent gap that the rent needs to stop going

municipalities and HACC investing in those items in an coordinated manner

Create affordable housing opportunities and create more emergency/transitional beds

Consult with community members and community leaders.



We need more funding to increase emergency shelter beds as well as affordable housing.

Maybe a service that pairs young adults to live together in an apartment/house and potentially provide them with some adult life skills

Programs that foster resilience

Stop letting landlords buy all the houses

More service providers that focus on housing options

Build more affordable apartments. Incentives and regulations to require developers to not just build high end, student and single housing, but to make a percentage of their new builds affordable and large enough for families.

Make renting easier, make buying homes easier - prioritize affordable housing, over luxury development. Promote employment for all by encouraging all local employers to hire folks regardless of ability. Educate landlords, educate builders and developers, make it a commitment of our community to house all, to protect all, and to help everyone in our community live meaningful lives.

More transitional housing and more affordable housing. People on SSI are rent burdened paying market rate rent (the basic payment for SSI if you don't have work credits is about \$950 per month).

Expand shelter services

Seems wages have gone up but groceries have doubled in price and price of gas, lot rents go up and roads dont get fixed the working class do not have a chance to think about housing because paying 250000 to 300000 for a house is not even close to being able to live. Taxes and insurance is high to.

More money

Yes

music and arts therapy programming such as drumming circles, HBCU camps for kids, drum & flag corps, radio & hip hop camps, choirs, step clubs, Hip Hop Express Bus, prevention theatre (where youth write and perform their own plays); music instrument instruction through BBL Fine Arts Camp, etc.

Funding. Improving the districts education system to engage these students and assist in teaching them goals for independence.

Raise the percent of money that low income families receive on housing, and be more upfront with renters in low income housing how their rent amount is calculated.

More units being built



Please feel free to share any other thoughts on how the Urbana HOME Consortium can most effectively allocate spending on housing and other community needs.

21 responses

Agencies who get grants for housing aren't serving all populations for housing assistance. Meaning, there isn't wide access to housing navigation for folks who need it.

Not sure

not sure

I work for seniors and I don't know that the Urbana HOME Consortium does anything for my population. Many don't. My population is always the first to be overlooked and ignored, but they are the ones needing some of the most direct and consistent help: the more they age the more help they need and the more difficult it becomes to find the help they need. Make it stop.

Tenant based or project based rent subsidy is the greatest need for preventing homelessness and housing people who are now homeless. Support for projects like the Hope Village which will provide housing to extremely low income people (income below 30% AMFI) as well as providing rent subsidy funds to Regional Planning Commission, Cunningham Township or any other housing partner serving very low income people, would be, from our perspective, the best use of HOME Consortium funds. Thank you.

See the book 'a pattern language' for how to design a walkable community for how people live and move. THANK YOU FOR ASKING US!!

Invest in introducing more people to Jesus

Pay for or build a homeless shelter in urbana

Absence of guaranteed healthy and safe homes, schools and work for anyone militates against peaceful, secure, and thriving Urbana spaces for everyone in our community

Make home ownership affordable for people tidy is really trying please this rent is higher than most mortgages

Fully supporting domestic violence survivors and their children.

I would like to see the Urbana HOME Consortium funding to support the priorities of the CSPH Strategic Plan - expanding permanent housing in particular.

Walk the neighborhoods with different lenses-especially in the evening hours. I'll walk them with you. -Renayee Westfield

It seems to me, as an advocate for individuals with disability, that the local housing game is a monopoly. Only some understand the rules and how to play, while others are left out of the room and cannot even see the instructions. Having one or two days out of the year where one can sign up for limited available housing adds undue pressure to folks who already misinterpret the world around them. This makes individuals who already feel excluded feel even more unwelcome. We need to demand change in the process, as well as add more homes to the inventory.

Affordable Housing PLEASE!!!!

So far i have not see any programs for people to do here to teach cooking crochet scrapbook. There isnt alot offered in community churches dont reach out to adults either for programs they offer. Seems nobody cares about people.

Outreach, more staff everywhere

Remove blight

Yes

Rent assistance!

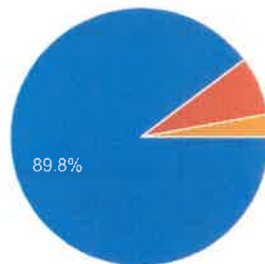
I think that being sure we are selecting businesses that reflect Urbana's historic values, allowing permits for businesses that are of benefit to low income families, not creating spaces for further addiction and debauchery.

Resident Survey

Where do you live?

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176 responses

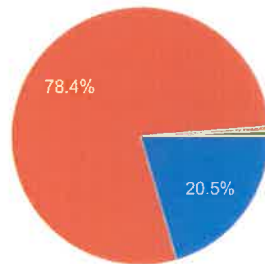


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- City of Champaign
- Champaign County
- Outside Champaign County

Do you rent or own your primary residence?

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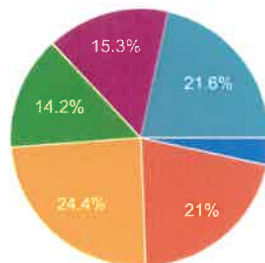


- Rent
- Own
- My wife owns the home.
- Homeless

Age

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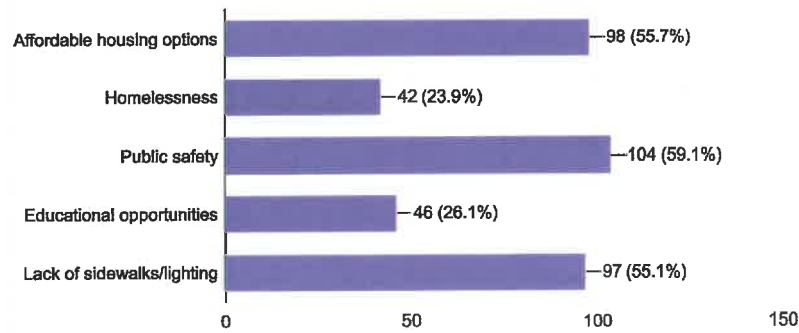


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- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 and over

Which of the following needs or issues are a concern in your neighborhood? (Select all that apply.)



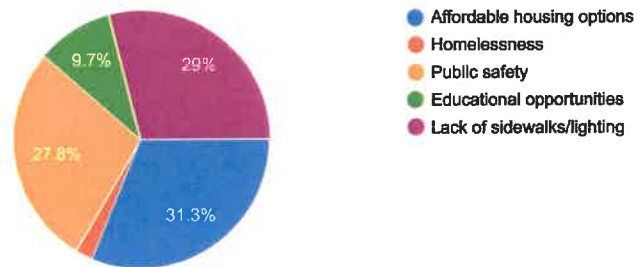
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Of the issues identified in the previous question, which is the greatest need in your neighborhood?



176 responses



Please provide any additional information about why the selection you made above is a concern in your neighborhood, including any specific examples you wish to share.

116 responses

Gun violence

Bus lines and bus stops are poorly lit, or not at all. This poses a risk for pedestrians, bike riders, and drivers alike.

Rent continues to increase and outside developers are increasingly creating luxury student apartments that are too expensive. Affordable housing and affordable rent are needed, especially as rent assistance programs are temporary.

The sidewalks are cracked and broken making it very difficult to use them. There is no lighting in our neighborhood at all.

Too many property owners are converting/flipping housing stock for rentals at higher than existing housing stock prices. Brings in new, wealthier neighbors but also drives out long-time residents who can neither afford to purchase nor rent at the new prices. Those properties owned by non-residents and awaiting a flip are allowed to deteriorate and are frequently rented in manner that would suggest an incomplete vetting of tenants resulting in high turnover and negative impact on neighborhood.

Our need is quality, caring, elder care both supportive living and nursing care. We need an option that is not owned by a corporation and driven by profits but rather people focused and quality of life focused priced at a level that keeps the system viable but doesn't gouge the elder in care.

I feel that opportunity mitigates many of the other issues. Whether a person is learning trade skills, given academic opportunities, or learning skills in health, agriculture or other fields; education helps folks develop the critical thinking skills needed to navigate your way through life.

Rent is increasing every year faster than inflation or wages

We just sold our home in order to move into a retirement community. The amount we sold it for has enabled us to move to the retirement/care facility, but no one but an already economically well-established couple could afford it. It was out of reach for a first time home buyer. That's true all over our neighborhood.

Rent for a small house is over \$1000 monthly!

I wish it were easier to cross Lincoln going to campus on a bike . Also, people seem to run red lights on vine st frequently

This area is a combination of modest homeowners and rental housing, with a few apartment complexes. The rental units are not well-maintained and are expensive, and their owners snap up any privately-owned properties that come on the market, driving the overall housing quality down.

I have had individuals knocking on my door at all hours of the night who are known problems by the police

I live near Cottage Grove and Washington and there are no streetlights in the area, which prevents me from walking my dog in the evening.

I often see homeless people carrying their personal belongings in plastic bags around Linnold Square, which is close to where I live.



Rental housing in general is overpriced and of low quality - more inspectors and regulations on rent prices and ownership of investment properties need to be implemented

Hire more police, and LET THEM DO THE JOB OF LOCKING UP CRIMINALS!!

I live in a neighborhood that is primarily starter homes. We bought our house for ~\$104,000 about 6 years ago. It's now projected at a worth over \$140,000. This is entirely because of a lack of supply and increased demand. It's a small home that should not be worth that much. With home loan rates of 7%, this seems like a real challenge for people.

In fact using <https://www.zillow.com/mortgage-calculator/house-affordability/> with the the median household income of 41,115 (the 2018-2022 median income in 2022 dollars via <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/urbanacityillinois/PST045222>), that person can purchase a home worth \$136,000 to \$158,000 depending on whether they save \$0 to \$20,000 for a downpayment.

If my house is prices outside the range of people at the median income level, there is a severe housing problem in our community.

Sometimes the road is not shoveled for a while, making it dangerous to drive, and it would also be nice to have street lights, but I know that that is expensive, so its not a large concern

Urbana brick sidewalks are not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. These are rarely level, often slick, and always dangerous. This has gone beyond an aesthetic conversation for this city. It is ableist to not prioritize the repair or replacement of sidewalks in the city.

More lighting will help with safety for residents in the area

There are many cracks in the sidewalks which makes it difficult for those who use a wheelchair to maneuver and provide their mobility. There are street lights however many of them do not work.

I also wish trash would be picked up. There is random metal, broken liquor bottles, and other trash along the sidewalks and grass areas.

Frequent gunshots in the neighborhood.

It's hard to walk on already uneven sidewalks when it's dark out and no street lights in most areas. I have tripped several times and also making walking at night not feel safe.

The rent revolves around UIUC and that is not fair for people trying to find affordable housing and if you find it it's in buildings that are falling apart and or poor service and the landlords around here just capitalize on those that have less.

Finding a decent 1b1b under \$1000/mo is very difficult

You can't really see people walking in the street or the sidewalk that's my biggest issue I

It is very dark on a lot of streets throughout Urbana

Several shootings next to my house over the last six years, since I moved here. I heard a few of them myself and saw the police and talked to them. Also slashed tires once and saw someone on camera trying to get into my car.

There are no sidewalks in our neighborhood. There are mire families with young children Increasingly we see careless driving.

Housing is unaffordable everywhere!

I've been hearing more about crime and accostings in recent months. Generally gets worse during the summer. Would feel better with more patrols around.

There are occasional strange people who walk the train tracks behind my home. It's just creepy.

Several houses in neighborhood are unoccupied and in disrepair and

Wages are not high enough for mortgage prices (or rent prices for that matter)

By Public Safety, I have in mind concerns that do not pertain directly to "high crime." I am shoe-horning my concerns into this category, because NONE of your categories address my uppermost concerns regarding Community Needs. First, there is insufficient traffic monitoring in my neighborhood. At long last the city installed vehicle speed radar detection devices on Washington Street, but drivers ignore them. I see drivers hitting upper 40s-50s mph routinely. I know that police are diverted to investigating and monitoring more serious crime, but couldn't the city hire traffic monitors who could refer violators to police officers? Second, street maintenance in Urbana is abysmal! The poor condition of streets is a hazard to residents. Divert money from other programs and more aggressively seek grant funding or use funding from state/federal programs to fix the streets!!!

Several violent crimes and a home break in have occurred within several blocks of our home.

Numerous reports of repeat violent offenders at large in SE Urbana; aggressive panhandling, frequent theft and burglary

Last week I saw a person looking through the garbage for something to eat outside the Post Office in Urbana. People near downtown Urbana and Schnucks ask for money or stand on street corners with signs asking for money or help. Homelessness is a problem in Champaign-Urbana and affordable housing is needed to house camp hope in champaign, il people so they will not have to endure homelessness and the health issues that come with that.

Pedestrian and bike traffic on Country Club road between the children's home and Broadway needs to be better supported

About half of the houses in my neighborhood don't have sidewalks. Also there doesn't seem to be enough street sweep cleans to keep the sewer drains cleared. Neighborhood at ash and park.

The increase in prices translates to even higher property taxes which are already way way too high.

We will be receiving some new sidewalks and lighting but it is a very small area in the neighborhood. Many young children in the neighborhood who need to walk in the streets.

Home prices are so high that only "investors" can afford them. They turn these into rental properties to extract wealth from lower-class citizens, who cannot build equity in this arrangement.

My coworkers and friends are struggling to find affordable housing options. Rentals that are affordable and within a timely commute (15 min or less bus route, walk, bike ride). A lot of us do not have vehicles so a residence close to our workplace is essential.

High crime rates. Breaking into vehicles and homes.

I have had shots fired in front of my house, and an elderly neighborhood has been attacked while sitting in his yard.

There are existing older homes in need of rooves, tree trimming, cleaning, shed removal, etc. that could become lovely homes for families in need.

We need more lights on our streets, its too dark.

Thefts

All of the housing in this town is geared towards students. I love annd anp the campus. It helps build the town. However that's not all that exists here. Even if off campus, landlords will literally tell you they rent to students. The ones that are willing to rent to non students revolve their move in process around the students. For example you can only move in around mid to late august. If your previous lease ends early August, like most do, you will be homeless for 2 weeks. There needs to be housing that meets our non-student citizens needs! The apartments on vine and main are beautiful but sadly the majority of ppl I know including myself can't afford them. I work for the university and the rent there would be my entire paycheck for one 2 week pay period. Our options are get 3 jobs and afford the nice units and never actually get to live in it b/c you have to work to afford it. Or live in a non-safe neighborhood. If those neighborhoods could be made safe that could be a great thing.

There are no sidewalks and many people walk. We walk over 1 mile to Thomas Paine elementary down Webber, Fairlawn, etc. and people are always speeding by on their way to work but there are no sidewalks for half the way so we are always on the road. Also these roads can be kind of dark at night, a lot of the side streets, so extra lighting would make me feel safer at night.

It is very concerning that there seems to be a large amount of outside investment companies that are allowed to buy up affordable housing in mixed and low-income neighborhoods. Many times, houses are bought and rented out for high rental fees and then are neglected and go to ruin, there has been a burned-out abandoned house on my street for three years at least. Being able to buy a home for some, are the only way to build generational wealth.

Many streets with no sidewalks and the lighting is pretty much only a long main roads.

The lack of some curbs and deteriorating sidewalks in historic east Urbana is getting concerning. Even a road like S Urbana Ave going right by the Police and Fire departments, there is no curbs on the side of that road for some reason. The residents are then forced into walking in the street which is dangerous, especially around the speeding employees who work there. The sidewalks in the area are of low quality and need better, safer connections throughout the neighborhood. The street widths are far too wide for a neighborhood like this. Narrower streets will keep the traffic slower, and easier to cross.

actually, it is the lack of financial and economic opportunities, which begins with education.

Lighting on my street would go a long way toward public safety. Having a street that has a giant pool of water every time it rains would be amazing as well.

Poverty, violence, poor health, and lack of opportunity all contribute to the need for safety. I am in what *could* be considered a mixed income neighborhood but it feels very impoverished and scary due to drugs, gangs, and violence.

Increased evening police presence in the neighborhoods of Urbana.

The entrance to my road is the curve on Philo and is super dangerous for those walking

My rent has increased by \$400 in the last 4 years, and my income has been able to keep up.

While I think all the issues are interconnected, people having an affordable place to live is where you need to start to fix other issues.

I live in downtown Urbana because it is more affordable than campustown, midtown, or downtown Champaign. I like to live without a car so being near a transit hub nearby groceries is a boon. Rents have steadily increased over the past few years, though, and I can only afford to stay because my partner moved in with me and helps with rent.

Reckless drivers come through my neighborhood at high speeds all day and night. Too many kids, pets, and elders for that. Traditional traffic calming measures would help. License plate readers would not.

There are many empty apartments near to our home. They are kept in terrible shape by mostly absentee landlords. This kind of environment creates nooks and crannies where individuals can prey on one another and illegal activities can go on in unsupervised areas.

Random break ins, stealing mail from mail box, porch pirates, speeding like it's the Daytona 500, running stop sign at Myra Ridge Susan Stone primarily N to S and vice versa traffic.

Rental rates are increasing annually with no increases in wages or improvements in the property.

As you are well aware, Urbana has high taxes and I am hard pressed to maintain my home. I am still appalled that last year you invited the community to apply for porch replacement. I applied and never heard anything else. The process caused me to feel manipulated. It was as if you needed interested homeowners and that was the end of the matter. I would have liked to have seen the finished work. I even sent my contact info to an email address. No response at all. Furthermore, you did say the recipients were chosen in a lottery system. My point is there was no accountability on your part and you could have chosen anyone to your liking and we would be none the wiser. I am highlighting how lackadaisical the process was and frankly I am offended to have been involved.

There is starting to be an influx of illegals that are starting to cause safety concerns and bring crime into the communities.

Because there is a rise of homeless people. Even in my current apartment complex we have homeless folks that huddle around the building when it was cold.

There are too many murders that happen within a 0.5 mile radius of where I live.

I am excited to see what comes out of the Wiley shakeup in USD116 - are the rooftop solar rumors true? Thomas Paine too?

Allow secondary housing on residential lots.

Rent is disproportionately high compared to local wages and costs of living.

We have sidewalks, but many are not in good condition. I broke my ankle on an uneven sidewalk last year. Likewise, we have lighting, but it isn't nearly bright enough. Most streetlights are so high they are in trees, so they don't provide enough light.

I live near a residential neighborhood that continually has shootings and other violence. I live by a 3 way stop. People run the stop signs daily. I have had people gas it to hurry and beat me through the intersection. The other corner is a traffic light. People don't stop when it's red. We have traffic enforcement and the street lacks sidewalks. I see families going to the bus stop and have no choice but to walk in the street. It is only a matter of time before somebody gets seriously injured or killed.

The amount of Criminality that is allowed to run rampant is like cancer. It starts small ignoring, noise ordinances, disturbances of peace and domestics, then we end in shootings.

Perhaps forcing evictions of tenants with repeated calls to police.

Also the extreme amount of harassment Asian people get from this community is offensive. Cannot ride a bus or go to the store without community members sexually harassing them or getting irate due to not giving money to panhandlers.

Especially after one of that community shot a man for saying no over a cigarette. And after attacking the Thai and Lao community at Golden Wok.

Panhandling needs to start being charged as menacing as how rude and fear inducing it can be.

A person attempted to car jack me while I was pulling out of my driveway. Reported to police but they didn't seem to care.

crime is way out of control

Cars drive way too fast on my street.

My 2bd 1ba duplex has my rent going from \$850.00 currently to \$1,175.00 at lease renewal. The explanation: when you move out we can rehab the unit and get more money for the unit based on the current market. By the way I currently have an open gap in between my sofet & roof as well as many other structural issues to the roof. So in short, landlords won't do repairs on affordable housing just to make you move but I can't afford to live anywhere else in Urbana.

Aging infrastucture

We are forced to walk in the unlit street to leave out neighborhood even on dark snowy days

There are very few sidewalks in my neighborhood (Burkwood Dr) and there is almost no llighting

In Myra Ridge, there are virtually no street lights. Some yards have their own small street lights, but ours hasn't worked for 3 years.

There have been incidents of vandalism to the vehicles in my apartment complex parking lot - some of them in the middle of the evening, not late at night. Also there are signs of people loitering in our parking lot. As a woman who lives alone, I feel afraid to be in my lot after dark because of this. I would like increased police patrols in the parking lots, especially because our complex, Amber Pointe, sets off the street. Not much of our parking can be observed from the road alongside the complex.

Also, on nearby streets (Windsor and Stone Creek) people race motorcycles or cars and it is scary to be on those roads at night.

Rents and home prices have gotten more and more expensive as more companies have been buying properties for investments. It's harder to find non-student housing and homeownership is still impossible for me even with small "starter" homes or fixer uppers. There's also more streetlights that have been going dark and stretches of sidewalk that either get overrun by mud or are nearly unusable due to tree roots damaging them.

It's in a relatively bad neighborhood

Very difficult to walk neighborhood at night due to uneven/cracked/narrow sidewalks and poor lighting to see any hazards. Neighborhoods should be accessible to their residents at night, not just during the day when most people aren't even home. A fixation on "dark skies" is creating issues of ableism and lack of accessibility.

In particular, the roads are all messed up. Pot holes, broken and cracks that devalue vehicles that have to drive over it every day and destroy the shocks etc. of the vehicles.

Most of the area doesn't have lights, and the potholes are pretty bad.

At night the streets are so dark you can't see who's walking and driving requires high beam lights.

Lots of pedestrian traffic, and as I grow older, it's sometimes hard to see at night

We need a youth center somewhere near King School in Urbana to keep the youth occupied and off the streets



We don't have but maybe 4 lights for the entire mile stretch of road on this block. The sidewalk is ok as long as it's not blocked. But since the class of people has changed we need better lighting in the area.

We need more people friendly areas and transition away from motor vehicles. More sidewalks and bike paths would be good.

Pool light, cut off tree branches

The drivers in Champaign/Urbana are getting worse and worse. Reckless aggression and music at sound levels loud enough to rattle house windows from blocks away.

Scovill street between Lynn and Philo needs more street lights. It is a very dark road to walk and/or travel on after dark. Hardly any homes use their porch or driveway lights. It isn't safe. It might help with the uptick in crime and vandalism as well.

We have sidewalks but tree roots have raised slabs creating walking hazards.

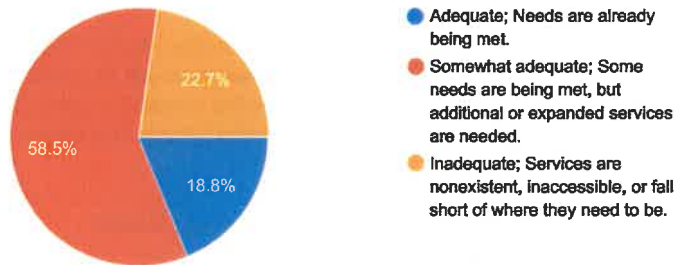
The few blocks south of Vine and Illinois leading up to Vine and Washington is always obnoxious—it is a constant mix of cars fighting over the lane change (loud/angry honking several times a day), cars backed up because of the 4-way stop at Vine and Washington, or for whatever reason general civilians screaming at any given time.

15 more responses are hidden *CONTINUED RESPONSES INCLUDED IN ATTACHMENT

In general, how adequate do you feel services currently are for low-income residents in the community?



176 responses



Please provide any additional comments related to specific service needs in your community.

72 responses

Need more safe transportation, more bike paths, and bridges for people and animals to cross busy roads.

All homeless and housing support organizations are overtaxed, beyond capacity, and still have gaps and needs (mental health resources, resources for marginalized communities, mental health and case management assistance)

Our neighborhoods are becoming increasingly unwelcoming to folks who do not drive. MTD stops are moved or located in hazardous areas. Sidewalks are either non-existent or deteriorating. Elderly and low income owners do not have access to capital that would allow them to update, rehab, or even maintain their homes. City services might be available but increasing reliance on internet based communication (like this survey) restrict access and opportunity to learn about programs.

Recreation

It's not that the services are not there; it's the convoluted and extremely tedious steps that those that need the services have to endure to acquire those services. Additionally, some of the most needy persons of those services are not capable of filling out pages and pages of forms to get the assistance they may direly need.

The sidewalks are cracked, uneven, and inaccessible to anyone who uses mobility devices

Some neighbors don't secure their trash bins and trash flies out with wind

There is a need to make sure that all the basic needs of the poor, the infirm, and the old are sufficiently met. The institutions of local and state governments will do well to focus on building and strengthening the services instead of increasing spending on policing and prisons. A genuine commitment to building functioning and effective communities will enhance social health.

Need to stop paying for lazy people, and get our property taxes lowered

I'm not acquainted with the level of services for low-income residents, but I'd rather support them rather than work against them.

Need more help for low-income women, shelters for women, and more hands up to people who need the help.

There are services, but there is not enough public outreach to meet people where they are to tell them about the resources available to them. And assistance for those who fill out the forms because there is a lot of jargon that makes those forms difficult to fill out. Also assistance for those who primary language isn't English getting services they need should be provided.

I don't work for public housing, but I work with a lot of apartments that deal with public housing, and the system is a vocal complaint from many of them.

I have seen plenty of homeless people and many panhandlers. People have asked me for money and rides countless times.

Public transportation is inefficient. Cycling is not supported by infrastructural decisions. For example: it should be possible to reach any of the pools safely on foot, by bike, car or public transportation.



Everything seems alright. Looked into the budget a while back and noticed a bit more money going to programs that studies generally seem to discredit than I would prefer. We have enough sidewalks, but their condition is pretty messed up.

I don't know how to judge the community's needs for this.

There are not enough affordable housing or affordable rentals available

What is the participation rate among low-income residents in the existing services in each of the categories listed: educational opportunities, recreation, after-school programs, and transportation? If the targeted population is not fully utilizing existing services, it doesn't make sense to create additional services. (I cannot make a sound recommendation without this data.) Assuming some of these programs are not being used to the extent available, maybe the city could explore ways to enable low-income residents to use existing services more effectively? or find out why utilization falls short?

We need more housing for homeless families and vets . We have the money to give other countries but we need to take care of our own first.

In the city as a whole we need more affordable housing and better street lighting.

We have a substantial stock of low-priced rentals

I went to a presentation on Hope Village at the Urbana Library. I am grateful the project is under way but at the meeting some of the people who live close to Hope Village talked about their neighborhood being low income and they needed help. I believe there is a great need for support for lower income communities to prevent homelessness.

I appreciate the existing programs but the need just seems great

My section of Urbana seems to be ignored by the city. I have to file complaints about issues and they only sometimes get resolved. Mostly neighbors with trash in their yards but a lot of noise issues too mostly from the renters very late at night.

expanding bussing would help those with limited transportation.

There are various food pantries in town, but you still need to pick up the food. If there are services that do food pantry dropoffs, I am not aware. It's hard for the elderly residents without cars to access these specific services.

I am unsure what services are available.

Housing costs are out of control. Local ownership has been eroded by huge corporate and absentee landowners.

More Street Lights

More police

I grew up in East urbana and would love to see south east urbana be as great as it has the potential to be. Safe and more business!! I'm currently closer to downtown urbana. south of Lincoln square and love the neighborhood vibe.

sidewalks need repairs and are sometimes inaccessible for mobile challenged individuals,

Not being low-income, it's hard to answer questions about the needs of that community.

lack of business and investment opportunities

Increased bus service and bus infrastructure are needed near me

Drastically increase food security and resources, including affordable or free culturally aware/sensitive (and trauma-informed) mental health providers, community education, neighborhood resources (how to be a good neighbor, how to talk to your neighbors), better oversight of rental home inspections and response to blighted neighborhoods, better oversight of landlords and poorly maintained properties, funding (grants, scholarships, partnerships) to increase home ownership, more staffing/funding for social work partnerships with Urbana PD to respond to issues.

Small business grants and use of empty commercial spaces that promotes loitering and people not wanting to live here

Maybe it is just my perception of UMS/UHS is lots of absenteeism, low test scores, low grades, and frequent fights at dismissal. The most affordable parts of town in NE Urbana are not well-served by the Ruby (1-hour frequency) and Gold routes (AM/PM weekday service only). I wish there were more townhomes—more than just by Colorado and by the interstate. One shining light is the parks district, though. The programming at Phillips Rec, cleanliness of the parks and their constant improvement are a source of pride.

I have no comments.

Do not invite illegals!

We need for

I am not familiar with services for low-income residents, because I do not need them.

The Carle Foundation need to pay their fairsare. The lost revenues to this community due to the profitability of that non-for-profit corporation are astounding and atrocious. The board are all whitecollar bandits bleeding this community dry and anyone associated with that organization should be ashamed.

Utilities have sky rocketed so things like LiHeap do not go far enough. Internet, a car and a cell phone are required for finding and maintaining a job here these days but there is very little assistance for these. If you get solar then you end up paying more because Liheap won't cover it. Cap rent or provide more resources to offset costs required to actually live in this town.

I'm unhappy with the changes happening at 116 and I'm concerned it will have negative repercussions on the neighborhood.

I think if tax dollars are going to provide affordable housing then there should be some stipulation as to who is allowed in the housing and rules put in place. I'm tired of seeing my tax dollars going to affordable housing that turns into drug dealer neighborhoods

There needs to be HD cameras along all the main streets. And add the plate cameras in Urbana.

Extra cameras placed in locations where those arrested frequently and in large numbers in an area live.

Those who stay at the Homeless Shelter need to have a photo taken, and fingerprints which are given to police.

Or stay elsewhere.

Restrict stay at Homeless Shelters to those who can prove longterm residence in Chambana within 7 years.

Many of Urbana's previous zoning and policing decisions have had a huge negative impact on the city. These impacts are on quality of life and public safety. I plan on leaving if things don't improve.

stop giving cash to illegals

My answer is more for Urbana as a whole. It is hard for needy individuals to find and/or apply for help.

I am not a low income resident, but I have friends that are. It seems some needs are met (transportation and recreation are good), but there can always be more support for them

I appreciate the programs and assistance we are trying to give to income residents. I said somewhat adequate because if it was fully fixed, it'd be a lot harder to see the homelessness and housing segregation in our town.

I would like to see increased filtration and ventilation of air in public indoor spaces - city buildings, courts, restaurants, stores, schools, hospitals/clinics, offices, etc. - to meet or exceed AHSRAE Standard 241, Control of Infectious Aerosols.

We need more protected pedestrian crossings around downtown, with signage and paint and thrust out curbs. I'd also like to see more restrictions requiring owner occupancy for single family resident housing, and rent caps based on minimum wage for other housing. Also the stretch of Springfield avenue from the Philips rec center to Lincoln Ave is a Disaster, both the road and much of the sidewalk is terrible.

There should be no reason there so many homeless people on our community

There is a severe lack of single-family homes for sale. This is in part because existing single-family homes are bought up by landlords who then charge by the bedroom. Another contributing problem is all the single-family homes being turned into Air BNBs.

There's no help available if you don't have young children or elderly person of the required age. Revise to 55 year old or AARP status.

King Park needs to be upgraded

There are plenty of opportunities for low income families and residents in our area they're just being underutilized or abused. I think a better regulation on how they're used would be a better use of most of those funds.

Just pool light needs, cut off the front tree branches

It is my sincere hope the City doesn't use the \$500k grant on the usual and customary projects. Bold leadership and vision is desperately needed in these challenging times.

Need to help seniors with home improvement more food resources and counseling

My neighborhood has terrible roads and housing blight is allowed everywhere, leading to ppl thinking they can dump trash.

Our schools are failing

Low-income housing needs to be expanded to meet the needs of immigrant families. Urbana School District has an academically thriving French Dual Language program. But the program is at risk of being dissolved because Urbana is not able to meet the housing and job needs of Congolese immigrants.

More support for homeowners for home repairs.

Affordable housing and homelessness are interlinked. Lots of gunfire nearby

Immigrant resources are needed.

I wish there was an option for not sure in question above. Given the larger unhoused population, I bet we could do more- but that means taking an integrative approach - to address income distress, behavioral health issues, better addiction treatment options, social services and job training/ Ed programs.

Our comment here is regarding a very big but simple project, namely the start of spreading and educating a big improvement in Society, which is a big necessity and a great opportunity for Urbana-Champaign. The school system must include, which sooner or later it will be done, the education of the following method and system for the big-picture knowledge and hence for stability in society (in addition to the education for detailed knowledge). I am sure that if Washington and Lincoln would have known the ideas for this method and system for stability, they would have started to initiate them. In our time this initiation is much more feasible. Therefore we ask the City of Urbana to consider helping to start a implementing in school the education/ spreading the ideas for this method and system for stability in Society.

From a lifetime effort here in Urbana-Champaign

- We recognize that the Societies are tragically unstable/ divided now and were divided along history by the lack of the big-picture knowledge and by negative propaganda, both in society and in science. As a result the Societies were dominated along history and also in our time by tragic divisions, conflicts, wars, and finally by self-destruction.

- We found and published that surprisingly these tragic instabilities can be simply reduced if people start learning the big-picture knowledge in Society by:

"The Systematic Practice of the Method for Broad Thinking on the Major Opposing Views of liberals and conservatives, as the Only Way to See the Missing Facts and to Adopt Functional and Wise Views for the Problems and Solutions at the Foundations of Light, Physics, Science In General, and of Society."

We published a paper with a title close to this in Journal of Physics and Astronomy, Vol. 11, Issue 2.

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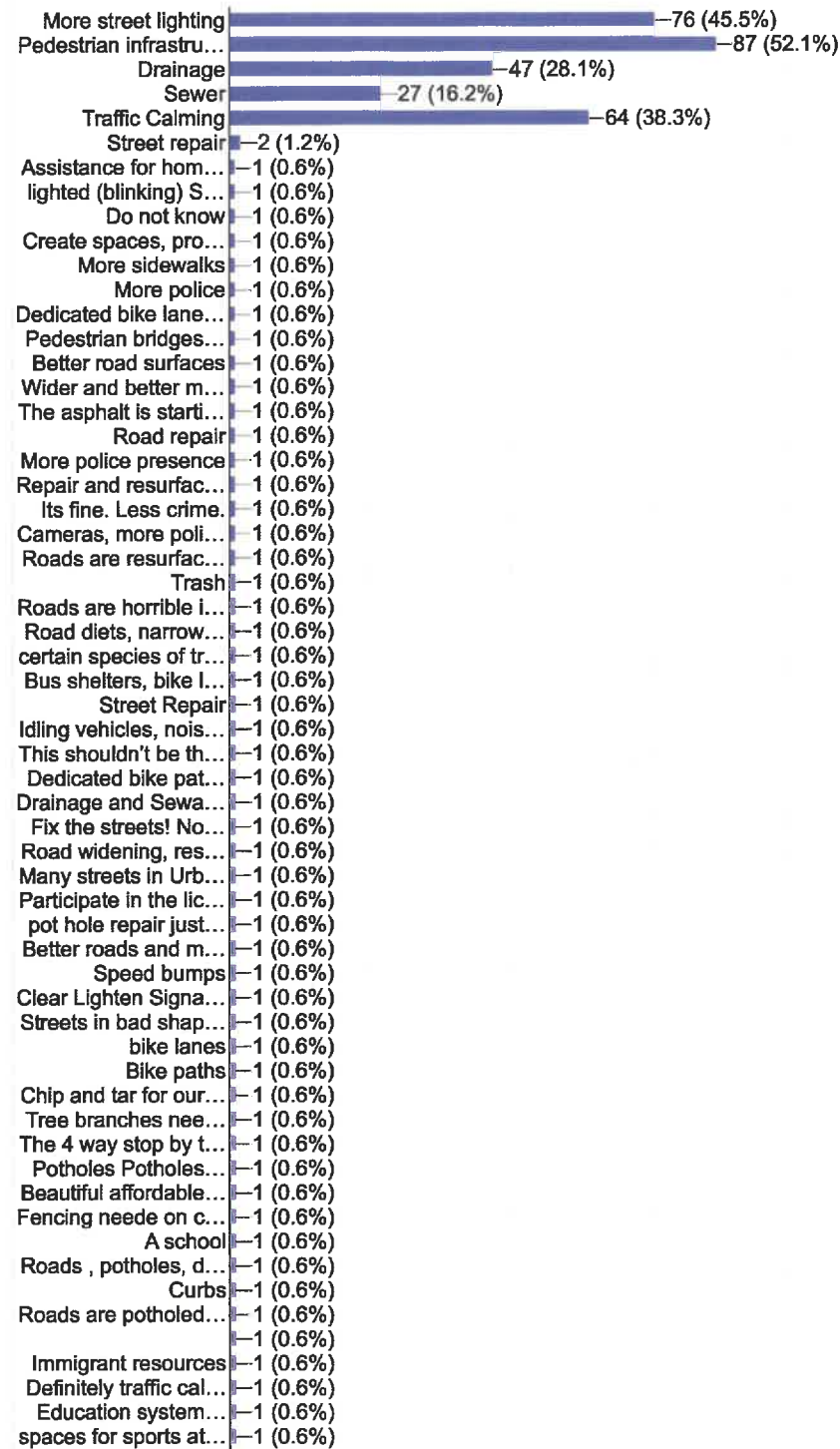
Please consider this proposal, and may you need to discuss with me on it ...

more positive teen engagement is of critical importance

Which infrastructure improvements, if any, are needed in your neighborhood? (Select all that apply.)

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167 responses



Please feel free to share any specific infrastructure issues in your neighborhood, noting the location (for example, "Poor lighting at the northeast corner of Vine and Elm Street")

88 responses

Sidewalk is missing on Southwood dr near bus stop

More lighting could be used around green street and elm in Urbana and the sidewalks are often unlevel or nonexistent along side streets.

These needs are apparent and have been well documented over the years - read the reports.

Kinch street and philo rd are in desperate need of maintenance and repair.

Blinking stop signs at Fairview, Busy and Coler intersections.. Also at Goodwin, Beslin and Fairview intersection.

Need lighting on Nevada and Walnut streets.

There is poor lighting on Harding Dr on the section of the road closest to Philo

Absent lighting on Cottage Grove near Washington. Very fast drivers southbound Cottage Grove.

Replace stop signs with stop light at Vine and Florida, or at least during busy times a traffic officer.

Bigger jail to detain more criminals

Poor sidewalks in HEUNA. This is not a winter issue. It rains the brick gets muddy and slippery for all pedestrians. They are often overgrown with moss creating hazardous conditions for people on wheelchairs and those on foot.

Poor lighting along Cottage Grove between Washington and Florida. Lack of stop signs along that stretch leads to drag racing and speeding. The stop sign at Cottage Grove and Pennsylvania is ignored the majority of the time from those on Cottage Grove

Trash in front of Wiley school. Kids play over there and there is broken glass bottles, cigarette buds, paper, and trash.

Sidewalks down Florida could use some tending too.

Poor lighting along Austin Dr. and Ivanhoe Way.

Just walk down Pennsylvania the state streets/ fairlawn/ cottage to see the lack of lightening in parts that's well lit/ parts that are not at all.

Pot holes all over the street making it hard to also bike and sidewalks are uneven.

Crossing Lincoln Street in some areas is very fangerous as there is a need for more crosswalks. A crosswalk should be added on Lincoln and Oregon. Snow removal from the sidewalks innhistorical urbana doesn't happen to the best quality. The brick sidewalks are are very uneven and dangerous

I don't feel comfortable with cars park on our street because we can't see them in there cars because they have tinted windows

Corner of east Nevada and S Walnut is very dark



Hagan Blvd needs better surfacing, GH Baker Drive surface, light, sidewalks bike paths

No sidewalks on streets like Wabash and Lynn south of Washington. Washington Avenue is a high speed runway for 4 wheel vehicles (think appreciate the recent addition of electric speed signage). Bike lanes need to be wider and there's always branches and rocks in them.

Sidewalks to the East of UIUC are in a pretty dire state.

Sump pump draining into South Race St at 710 and drowning the sidewalk. Sidewalk and pedestrian crossing at Race and Washington feels very unsafe, have almost been hit multiple times.

Pot holes forming on east Main Street

My street is blacktop and in good repair. ALL HEAVILY TRAVELED ROADS are badly in need of resurfacing

No sidewalks and poor lighting on Willow or Golfview

Draining is a chronic problem during and after heavy rainfall along Washington St. and other areas in HEUNA. Pooling poses mobility/fall hazards to residents. No doubt Public Works staff is insufficient to remediate drainage issues, but you wouldn't need full-time salaried staff to address this issue. Interns could do an assessment/survey, and low-level staff could target the areas of greatest concern in a timely manner following heavy rainfall. The city cannot expect residents to clear clogged street drains.

More lighting on Timothy trail and in the whole neighborhood.

In area bounded by Vine, Anderson, Pennsylvania and Florida sidewalks need repair and several homes have required sewer line repair.

Florida Avenue from Vine to Lincoln is in terrible shape, as is Oregon from Lincoln to Goodwin.

I live on Mumford near YR school, and have asked for a speed table or a stop sign at cottage grove. People FLY down the street and kids cross wherever they want after school.

intersection of Lynn and Fairlawn. Street floods during rain.

Many people speed down Kerr between Broadway and Cunningham, and down Division between country club road and Kerr. There are lots of kids playing in the neighborhood, so it could be dangerous.

From Vine to Cottage Grove, both Washington and Oregon are treated like speedways. At night, motorcyclists use it as a literal racetrack.

side walks are not level/accessable for physically impaired

East Urbana...

Poor lighting in the neighborhoods behind Thomas Paine Elementary

Noise du to new grocery store

None

Poor lighting all over east Urbana neighborhoods

We live along Mumford and people race through all the time. It seems dangerous a lot of the time.



S Urbana Ave is in dire need of servicing with curbs and a quality sidewalk system. The area around the Lincoln Square Mall is quite sad and the roads surrounding it create a moat around downtown Urbana. There is no reason for there to be 4/5 lane road widths surrounding the downtown Urbana area. If you want your residents to give back to its community, that community needs to be better connected to itself. The apartment building at Main and Vine is a great example that people want to live closer to downtown. Building more housing and less parking lots is a surefire way to make the downtown area more livable and walkable. Give more priority to pedestrians, bikers and buses, and less priority to private vehicles (and the residents who own them that live outside of Urbana i.e. Philo, Sidney, St. Joseph) and downtown will become a place people will want to BE and LIVE IN, not just pass through.

Poor drainage/ too small storm drain at N Willow rd. East side of street by toro loco parking lot

silver maples throughout the community spreading their little helicopters..

At the corner of Country Squire Drive and Lunch there has been a street wide puddle every rain in the 15 years I've lived here. They've fixed part of the intersection, but they never fixed the transition between the concrete and the tar and chip that is put down regularly. The amount of money the city has wasted on tar and chip is this area rather than permanently fixing this area over the last decade is disgusting.

Huge turnover at 1002 E. Harding and 906 E. Harding (Ambassador East and Ambassador West 'condos'). The loudest, poorest, and most volatile people tend to live here and the population rotates on. 3-4-6 month basis. Suspected drug dealing and sex work. Dangerous behavior such as lighting fireworks in the middle of the street and aiming them at other properties. Lots of junk and trash left in the street. These properties are highly suspicious as I don't believe there are any owner-occupied units.

Poor sidewalks all down Fairlawn Drive

Lanes feel quite wide at Main Street in downtown, there is speeding along Race between University and Main at night/weekends, and I love the trees but brick sidewalk tend to buckle around them.

Washington Street between Race and Busey is a speed alley. Along the same stretch, a lot of water stands in the street, sidewalks are sinking. Drainage is generally an issue, and in winter it becomes an ice issue.

Cars moving too fast down University in downtown Champaign and to the east

The street lighting that exists in the Vawter/Silver area is provided by exterior lights on the apartments. I have not visited that area at night to see what the city is providing, but I know it's been dark in that area.

Poor lighting around Lincolnshire West. A desire to make the city more walkable and bike-able on the west-side of Champaign. Urbana has the same issue **unless** you're on campus.

CONSTANT RACING ON AIRPORT ROAD IN EVENINGS

There are far too many reckless drivers, but specifically Dodson and S Smith streets are very often a free-for-all.

the streets are a  joke and the dump gravel  is obnoxious. Florida Ave, basically all across town, until your east of Philo, is flat out unacceptable.

Flooding at Florida and Rutledge

Poor lighting and drainage on Anderson. Sidewalks on the east side of Anderson aren't great either.

I live on North Smith road between 150 and main Street. We can hardly get out of our driveways because people refuse to stop at the traffic light and the three-way stop. These are all traffic violations, but there's not enough officers to control the area. We take our lives into our hands daily driving on this road. Families that use this road to get to the bus stop are taking their lives in their hands daily. It's gotten out of hand

Poor street condition on Rutherford

Zero street lights on Montclair Rd. - this should be improved.

Traffic calming on Washington St east of Vine. Despite addition of "your speed" signage, drivers continue to accelerate once they are past signs.

Cars speeding on Lincolnwood.

Poor lighting and no sidewalks near Burkwood Dr and Cottage grove

Bad/broken street lights on Park Ridge Drive in Urbana (and throughout Myra Ridge)

I'm not sure how to fix the vehicular racing on Windsor between High Cross road and Philo road or along Stone Creek road. Maybe more stop signs or stop lights?

Zero drainage on Springfield Ave by the Philips rec center. Lack of safe pedestrian crossings by the Firestone, strawberry fields, and Springfield and Main Street. Pedestrians cyclists and motorists all treat it as a free for all.

Poor lighting and deteriorating sidewalks in Myra Ridge neighborhood.

Poor lighting on Mumford Drive between vine and Anderson Rd.

Beslin & wright st in Urbana need speed bumps

Streets are not smooth, cracks streets, poor lightening, no sidewalk Street Walking.

We definitely need stop signs at the East and West corners of West Eads Street and Matthews Street because of speeding in a residential neighborhood. We are concerned for the safety of children

Right lane merge on Florida right after crossing Lincoln is unsafe and unnecessary. Farthest right lane approaching lincoln and the light on florida should be right turn only.

Crumbling pavement on South Walnut Street. Drainage will become a problem again if Mayor's idea of building apartment complexes south of Lincoln Square becomes a reality

Poor lighting on East Pennsylvania Avenue between Anderson and Cottage grove

Poor lighting on eastern ave, Perkins, Kerr and Carroll. Terrible drainage on the sidewalk on Perkins road.

Secure neighbors watch with light

Sidewalk issues west side Hillcrest street

Inadequate lighting in the University Downs neighborhood near Meadowbrook Park, standing water during precipitation on Brookens Circle near the corner of E Willard St due to a dip in the road

N/A

Poor lightning on high and Brady



Kerr and Cunningham is too fast- ppl race dangerously and dump trash. We are getting sidewalks through the equity grant but geraldine road is trash and needs repair.

Poor street lighting on Brighton Drive between Anderson and Cottage Grove. Lots of pedestrians at night and only half the block is lit up. In the summer the trees all but block the lights.

Pedestrian/bike bridge on high cross road over I-74

Vine street needs its roads re-paved all of the way to Windsor Road

Roads in neighborhood around Yankee Ridge have noticeably deteriorated since fiber cable was installed. My driveway (503 Eliot) is subsiding into the manhole cover - reported numerous times, only one response to patch with blacktop, which has also subsided.

The side walks on Race between Nevada and Green are terrible for walking: uneven, parts fill with water and lots of tree roots

It feels dark on some streets like maple has no street lights and I walk my dog on south Anderson near Mumford and some of those streets between Anderson and Vine seem dark (but that's just a perception based on my flawed memory).

The education system must include the education for a method and system for stability

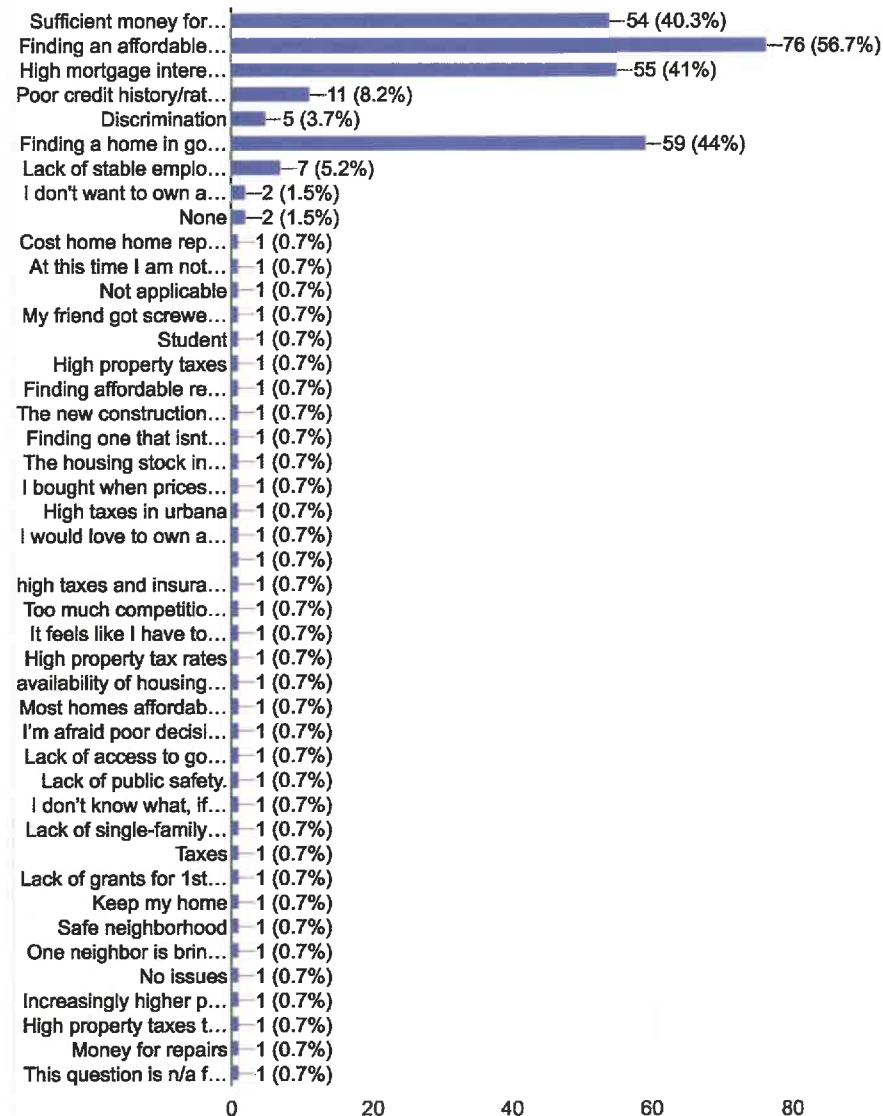
lighting and crosswalks at bradley and lincoln near the bus stop- lots of students live in apartment complexes near there



If you own your home, or would like to become a homeowner, what barriers, if any, have you experienced to purchasing a home? (Select all that apply.)

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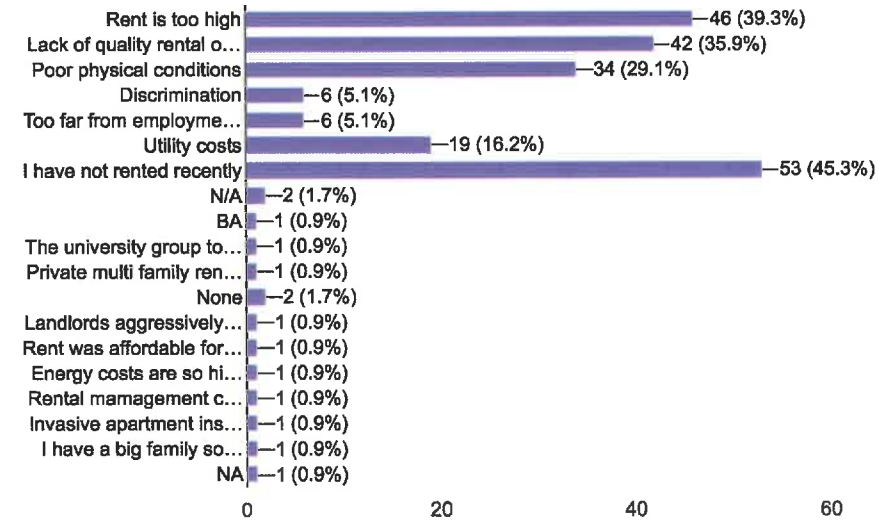
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If you rent, or have rented recently, what issues, if any, have you experienced? (Select all that apply.)

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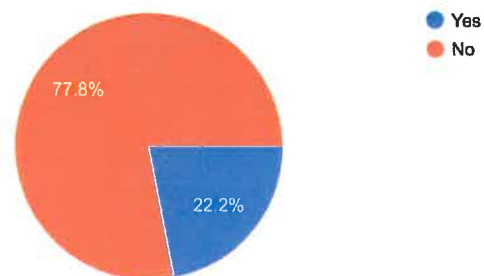
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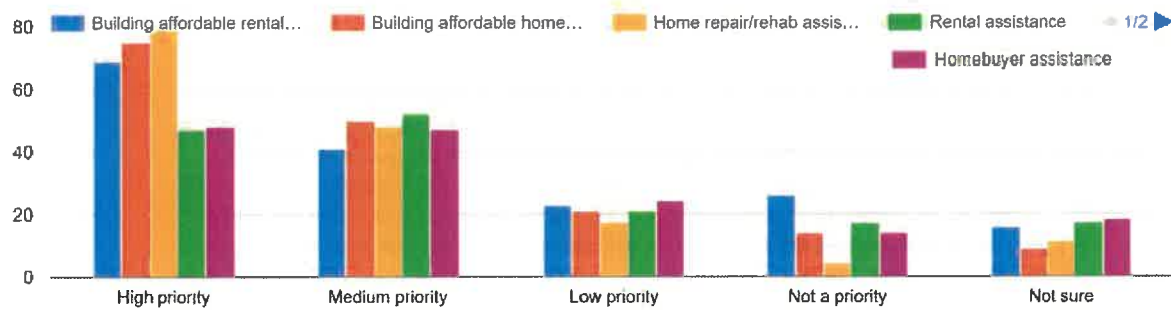
Have you or your household ever had to temporarily give up paying for food, utilities, or healthcare to pay your rent or mortgage?

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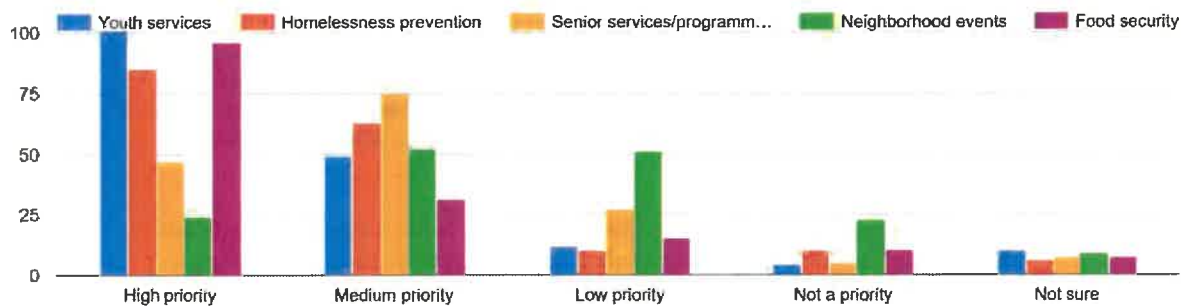
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How should the City prioritize spending for different kinds of housing projects? (Scroll right to see additional options if using mobile web browser.)



How should the City prioritize spending on other public services? (Scroll right to see additional options if using mobile web browser.)



Please provide any additional information about the prioritizations you made above, including any specific examples you wish to share.

51 responses

Kids need more support, food, health and activities to keep the brain from going idle.

I live with 2 children in a home with lead paint and active knob and tube wiring. Low income families cannot afford to rewire their homes.

I believe that if there could be any other service added, it should be one where the youth interact with the seniors in the city. Our youth need to make the connection with our seniors and gain the wisdom and knowledge that many of our seniors can pass on to help them navigate certain life experiences they may have. Additionally, it is imperative that our youth, especially youth of color, engage more in civic matters and be exposed to the employment possibilities available to them in those areas; as well as learning how government (actually) works.

The city needs to attract business downtown. I don't know if this would mean lower taxes or other economic incentives. It's a shame to see so little activity and so many empty places. Revitalize through a Main Street program?

Hire more cops to lock up criminals

Regarding the housing situation, we need to be concerned with the long term. Providing financial assistance now is fine, but it should only be done if we can address the root cause (lack of supply). One potential option would be to remove zoning laws and allow people to invest in the city, building the housing we need for the future.

Regarding other services, anything that can be done to alleviate the pains of poverty will help most with crime. As far as I'm aware, our community still sees a violent crime rate that's higher than the national average. We as a community should be pooling our resources to reduce poverty and thereby reduce crime.

Home repair/rehab assistance is needed in the area as many homes are older and need these repairs, low-income individuals like myself can afford to purchase the home, but then cannot afford to make the proper repairs as they come up because there isn't any help for homeowners for these issues

I would love to see more specific programs for pre teens and teenagers beyond sports. There isn't much for them. STEM project, Arts, music, and life skills.

More interventions should be had to get the homeless into stable housing so that they may rebuild their lives. It's shouldn't just be removing homeless people from public spaces

We need mote events in downtown Urbana. It's a beautiful area and we need to keep it alive

Everything's already pretty low-cost. Taxes are a common complaint though - it's why a lot of kids don't stick around after graduating. U of I trains good engineers, and then they move somewhere else.

Main Street could use pavement patches. Not rock and bitumen fill.

The city cannot compensate for all social problems. Obviously the Urbana schools are a catastrophe, but the city should not attempt to make up for the schools' shortcomings. Youth services should be the purview of public schools. Homelessness is best addressed by private entities, which can target specific services. Two areas where the city can make a difference and improve quality of life in Urbana are food security and services for seniors.



Currently I volunteer at The Daily Bread Soup Kitchen and know Champaign-Urbana has food insecurity issues. When I worked at UIUC I knew there were students who were food insecure.

None

The seniors get some assistance around town but after helping friends and family with finding assistance, I learned that seniors actually get very little help. For example, a lot of seniors apply for link and clearly they no longer work anymore and they get like \$50. I know Stonecreek was a good help to provide food and deliver it but I don't think they have the food pantry anymore and that kind of hurts the Urbana community.

I would love to afford a home I'm sure I could pay my mortgage because I pay rent and rent is high. I have reached out to homeowner programs in town, and they actually have never even returned my call.

Youth programs for our teens seems to be a high priority. There have been so many shootings that involve teenagers. It's scary. A program to specifically combat That would be amazing. There are people terrified to send their middle in high school students to Urbana school district. It shouldn't be that way.

Summer youth services are so important for families, and the city does a great job through the parks department. I would like to see this continue and expand, especially summer camps and childcare assistance

I know someone who has been renting a house and the landlord just informed them the rent will increase 23 percent, that is unacceptable!

Basic needs first! Take care of food, sheltering and protecting elders and youth (food, shelter, safety). Social events may help, especially in reducing isolation, but not as a first step. Youth programs need to focus on mental health, safety, and emotional and neurological regulation for individuals and families. All programs addressing these issues need to acknowledge the root causes of systemic classism, racism, sexism, etc. in order to make effective change. Community members need to be included (beyond surveys) in decision making and program development and delivery (and evaluation).

Rental properties and the process does not prompt long term housing security and should not be a priority

A lot of kids in my area get into trouble and I think it is primarily because they don't have more appropriate things to do. With the cost of food being ridiculously high, food security is becoming more of an issue. There are a lot of homeless people in this area, so it's clear we need more services to prevent homelessness and assist those who are homeless.

Policies deterring homelessness and eviction are the most important to our community, even if investing in them does not directly benefit me personally. Few things are as disruptive to a person's life as removing their shelter and it should be our goal as a community to view shelter as a right. Food is important but there are federal supports and the situation does not seem as dire. The downsides of homelessness seem so much larger than the other items here.

There are many rental units in the Silve/Vawter area not are not in a condition to rent. One whole building is closed because the condition of the apartments is not livable. Why can't the city do something to see that existing housing is up to code and available? Could the city buy these apartments and make them rentable? Why is the discussion always about new housing, while no one ever talks about taking current rental stock that is below code and making it livable.

Our youth need to learn the importance of working. They expect to live with their parents for the rest of their lives and incentives for working and getting something of their own.

Please think about the working class. Think of those who are struggling so hard that they haven't grocery shopped in months. Struggling so hard that you can't live anywhere practically



safe. All of the "cheap" apartments are extremely run down, ran by slumlords, and have a high crime issue.

I am in the general mindset that housing costs across the board for renters and homeowners are far too high with no end in sight. There is no way property values are actually what they appear to be.

we need a [REDACTED] more shelter beds and we need non-for-profit in-patient addiction recovery services

Make sure Carles mini housing project stays true to what they claim it's purpose was.

Our schools are being tasked to solve problems they were never equipped to solve. Youth services and making sure low income families are not fighting to survive so they can focus on healing, connecting and creating community.

Cameras at all major bus stops with live feeds to police.

I think good youth services might help prevent other issues. The schools can't do it all.

Public safety is sorely lacking in Urbana.

Investment in affordable housing should not be concentrated in disadvantaged areas. I know UIUC helps us to have quality transit, but we still need investment in transit. I recently took a CUMTD survey because there are considering modifications to a route that would negatively affect me. You all need to consider transportation when asking about investment in public services.

I think food security is not a city government issue, others are doing a lot about it.

I think homelessness and public safety should be the highest concerns. Giving people the opportunity to be housed and safe gives them the chance to get their lives in order and contribute to society. It is better for everyone, so the focus should be on that. Bringing communities together through events and programming will create stronger neighborhoods as well.

Update Fencing around the properties.

Unless all existing rental units are full, why build more buildings, but use what might be available. Also, many of these needs are intertwined, so it's difficult to prioritize.

They are building more than enough apartments for students in our neighborhood. We need more affordable apartments or house's for people who reside or live in our community year long. Many have been living here all their lives. We really don't need more Habitat for Humanity homes in our neighborhood either.

Side road needs to be fixed

I lived (and still work in) Urbana until a little more than a year ago. When I looked to purchase a home, it was more affordable in Champaign and had safer neighborhoods than in Urbana for what funds I had. Urbana should consider rent control. Landlords have no incentive to be reasonable. Also, my apartment complex was purchased by an out of state management company with absolutely no interest in the community other than taking rents. I was basically told that I should appreciate that my rent wasn't as high as it could have been and that they had to charge market rates.

Stop wasting time/money debating global or national issues upon which city council has absolutely no influence.

I would love to stay in Urbana but house are either too expensive to buy or falling apart and in a bad area. It's really unfortunate as I've come to love the area but want to buy a house.

Too much focus is given to low income. That tent needs to expand to include the working class above the poverty level.

Need to help seniors more and not discriminate

Contribute fund to recruit non-profit nursing home operator

Youth fights in the schools make people leave Urbana. Good teachers also flee. Rather than give \$ to any of the ineffective youth orgs here, I would focus on supporting our school district with staffing needs (extra hall/lunch staff and social workers, as well as intensive family outreach in the homes by social workers).

The Urbana School District is currently failing students & employees due to awful actions that ignore community input (it is not asked for in a meaningful way). With schools being closed and staff being ignored, large numbers of staff will leave, thus making the district (and city) worse. Home values will fall and people will leave Urbana. City administrators need to tell district admin and the board to start listening to stakeholders and collaborating with them before things get even worse.

Many older homes in Urbana. Don't have money to make safety repairs. We are currently living with active knob and tube wiring and lead paint throughout the house.

Who else is offering affordable and accessible active adult/ senior programs & services besides the PD. Not everyone is interested or can afford OLLIE programs.

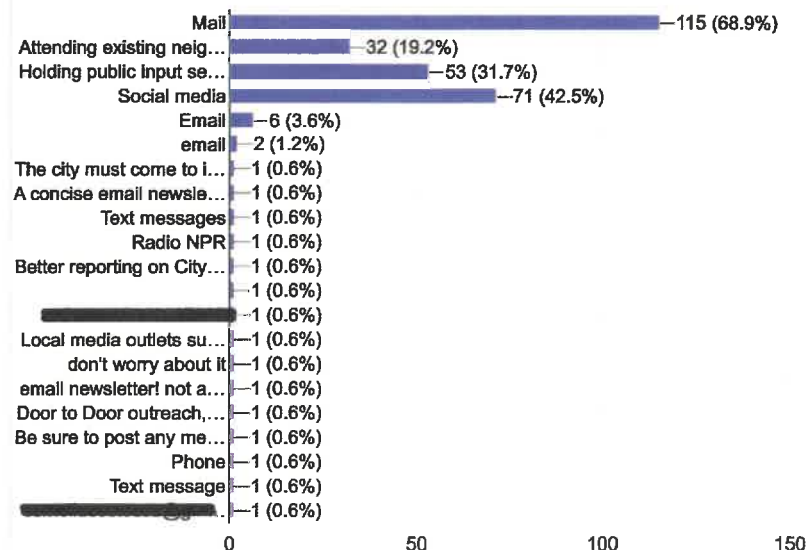
I do not have practical ideas in this respect.

Develop programs for teens and young adults that are engaging and reduce any barriers to participation. many teens/kids cant rely on parents for support or transportation to community activities

The City values public input. What are the best ways for the City to reach you*? (Select all that apply.) [Copy](#)

*You will **NOT** be placed on a mailing list based on your response. This question is to help the City identify effective outreach strategies.

167 responses



Please share any additional thoughts on housing and community development needs in your community that have not been addressed by previous questions.

48 responses

People\businesses shouldn't be able to own more than two homes in Champaign county. Hurts first time home buyers, as most houses are kept as rentals through multiple generations. We can't afford homes built past the 70's. It slows down the economy to have so few people own so much.

I am a live-in, unpaid, caregiver for a parent. I neither rent or own property, however I am extremely engaged in the needs of my community. I think it is important that the city hold the owners of rental property more accountable when the property is not maintained, causing the neighborhood and properties to be under-valued in many ways. The residents become under valued and the attitudes towards their needs are often low priority. My neighborhood needs basic essential services; a grocery store within walking distance, a bank branch, a pharmacy or drugstore nearby; maybe even a restaurant. Because, historically, my neighborhood has been so low priority, the city has left money on the table. Many in my neighborhood drive to Champaign for the services mentioned above. These are sales taxes that could, and should, be recycled in the city of Urbana. There are many properties surrounding my neighborhood that are tax exempt properties as well, mostly churches, hospital, and university owned. Although they may supply some kind of employment for residents that live close by, those wages do not keep up with the cost of living, And I don't know of, or have heard of, many educational opportunities available to the unskilled labor class to help increase their possible advance in position or income. *BTW, the question regarding whether one rents or owns property should add "OTHER" or "NEITHER" , with an "explain" area, since you made it a "required to answer" question. Many that may take this survey may reside with a relative or friend, and not pay rent or expenses. However, that doesn't mean they don't have an interest in their community.

Stop waisting money on "feel good" projects and get more cops on the street so our community is safer

You're going to run into a lot of NIMBYs, but there are many of us who want to see the government and our community invest more. I'm fine with higher taxes when we're working to solve the long-term, big problems.

Would love to see a program to help homeowners with cost in cutting trees down or prune them. This could help prevent down power lines, street closures, and reduced cost in clean up after a storm.

Urbana is great, I love calling it my home. But we need to NOT defund the police or fall into the liberal trap of so many other city's. Take note and do the right thing

Stronger enforcement of traffic laws/rules with more police on the streets and cameras

Would recommend fixing what we have before pursuing anything new. As it is, we're paying a lot of money for roads that don't get fixed and sidewalks that'd be more usable if they were still grass.

People who can afford to live and eat decently will be good citizens

In order to overcome its poor reputation as a high-tax, left-leaning (neither of which is actually a bad quality in my book, but they are used to disparage the city), politically supercharged, utopian (not so good) community, the city needs to prioritize basic infrastructure, starting with road conditions. Roads are a city's first and last impression, and streets in poor condition are a constant reminder of the shortcomings of city government.

The city should embrace relatively low-cost programs to address low-income housing shortages, rather than envision costly new construction. There is a ton of rental units in Urbana in very poor condition. Obviously these are privately owned, but couldn't the city create some very attractive incentives for owners to undertake improvements? Give them rebates if they correct and improve their rental properties, rather than investing in new construction on the

periphery. I know HEUNA better than other neighborhoods, but there is a lot of rental property here in very poor condition. (There is a separate problem of unoccupied single-family structures that are dilapidated, but city staff seems constrained in their ability to compel owners to take necessary remediation.) Find a way to improve the city's core. (Unfortunately, the city suffers from a bad rep among construction professionals regarding code enforcement, which won't facilitate willingness to undertake repairs and rehabilitation on the part of rental property owners. I don't know enough about that situation to make any kind of recommendation.) Improving rental units in the core capitalizes on already existing transportation and access to grocery stores.

I'm not really sure about solutions in my neighborhood. I am good secure and I own my home, but I know I have neighbors that struggle. The houses in my neighborhood are older, and it is difficult to maintain the houses.

Maintain the cities parks and greenspace. Provide safe walking routes in terms of footing and crime prevention.

Please help asylum seekers and refugees.

None

We have lived in the same 4 block radius in Urbana for the last five years, first renting and now as homeowners. We like the neighborhood. But our 9 year old daughter has gone to 1) school online 2) school in person at Leal 3) school at Wiley 4) school at Thomas Paine and now 5) probably back to Leal next year. This is insane. Every time the school district changes something it messes up our day-to-day. And they never accepted our petition to keep her at Leal (which we filed every year), even the first year when we moved literally across the street.... currently I have a 1 hour commute to work on two different buses + a walk because she goes to Thomas Paine now and there is no school bus service since we are 1.2 miles away from the school and not over 1.5....If I wanted a 1 hour commute to work I would live in Chicago not Urbana. Before when she went to Wiley or Leal I had a pleasant 25 minute walk to work. Also every time she changes school she loses some friends, it's not easy to do. Please talk to the school district and ask them to stop messing things up and just let them be, or if they have to make changes do it all at once in one year and not over and over again. Hoping the new redistricting is the last change they make for a while. If the city has any influence on this process, please stand up for families and ask the board to stop changing things around every year.

once again, the east Urbana neighborhoods are neglected, and unscrupulous landlords continue to not be held accountable for neglect and blight in what used to be working class decent neighborhoods.

Stop hiring more cops! There are more than enough police in Urbana. Invest in community services instead.

Rising costs of utilities, combined with climate change, are of concern to me. More options for eco-friendly renting such as rental credits for solar panels (or enticements for landlords to install solar), curbside composting, and water conservation programs along with 'no mow May' limiting noise pollution from household and commercial lawn equipment, and increasing insect hotels, bat houses, and other environmentally helpful resources.

I am not sure why Champaign and Champaign county input is needed in Urbana? If this is truly a survey for our city, input wouldn't extend to people who don't live here.

Limitations need to be put on investors buying up housing, preventing people from being able to purchase their own homes to actually live in.

Thank you for seeking input.

I think that the resources and money that you guys get me to help more homeless people. Every homeless person is not on drugs. We are just in a bad situation. The rent is too high, and

the money that they're paying at jobs are only enough to make enough to pay your rent with no food.

Please give us affordable rental housing, and affordable home buying chances without it getting ate up by real estate investors.

Community blight is growing. We need to address that before building more apartments on fresh ground.

ADUs need to be available and legal everywhere in this community

Senior housing.

Don't build more housing that long term residents can't afford. Don't build neighborhoods that depend on cars. Listen to your low income families with small children to find out how to lift everyone up in the community.

Urbana has plenty of low income properties. The problem is the people that are renting have to put up with the crime of the people that are allowed to move in. I think if you're on assistance there needs to be rules in place in order for you to continue to receive assistance. I work hard and I do not mind helping others but I don't want my hard earned money being used to house drug dealers and gang members that needs to be cleaned up.

Less and Less Community Care or Services to the Demographic shooting up the neighborhoods until they show they can act like they deserve the Services.

This may not be pertinent to this survey but it's time for license plate readers in Urbana.

If this community does not improve on public safety I'm moving.

There are many properties in my neighborhood (HEUNA) in disrepair and some even look abandoned. There are also apartment rental units that seem to invite criminal activity. These should addressed. Some streets north of Illinois between Urbana and Cottage Grove have no sidewalks, curbs, or obvious parking. This should be a priority for the safety of pedestrians. It could also make snow removal more effective and efficient.

We need to reduce parking minimums and allow for upzoning. It seems like CU only allows single family homes and luxury multi-family. We need more middle housing like affordable quadplexes.

The only thing I would do beyond what's been talked about is making the area around affordable housing nicer. For instance, a lot of the homes closer to both downtowns are in pretty bad shape. Above ground power lines, run down video gambling storefronts, and a lack of sidewalks can just tank a home's value.

I think the issue to a lot of the systemic problems we have is making generational wealth more accessible, and that's going to happen primarily through making home buying affordable and a worthwhile investment. Investing in the areas around low income areas helps uplift the home values.

And this is more of a state/federal thing, but also some caps on # of homes that can be rented out per individual. When someone else's housing becomes a financial investment, the incentives don't align with what is best for the renter. That's not a grant-related thing though haha. Thanks to whoever is reading this for all your work and care for our town and its people!

After school program for kids

Tree trimming backyard

Before retirement in 2013 I worked in the Cunningham Township Supervisor's Office, so am familiar with social services providers.



We need assistance now, because we have been overlooked for too long

I love the City of Urbana, and Champaign, and am not aware of problems that were asked in the questions above. In general, available houses and mortgage interest rates (which we can't control) are a problem. I recently bought a house, and found it but sheer luck of being in the right place at the right time, as we had been looking for sometime and got the loan when the rates were low.

My interests for the City are various and many, but the thing that gets my goat is all of the plastic trash the is blowing around and is stuck up around businesses. I personally think that businesses should clean up the trash around their establishments and insure that their dumpsters are secure. I'm sure places like Walmart, Schnucks, McDonalds etc. etc. can afford to use employee man-hours to PICK-UP the trash around and near their properties!!

No additional thoughts.

Don't wait until the last minute to let people know about meetings. Use multiple ways to reach out to the community, email, social media, the farmers market. Local businesses would probably be fine with posting flyers as well. Don't assume people are not interested. Assume that the city staff are not getting the information out effectively enough.

Heavy truck traffic between Bradley & Springfield on Duncan has been causing misery for nearby residents since the mid 90s and City of Champaign says residents need to deal with it by contacting the trucking companies themselves because it's not the city's problem.

In my opinion the City really needs to begin recognizing the needs of other demographic groups other than low income residents. I have my fingers crossed that this \$500k grant will be the beginning of this much needed municipal planning.

Needs help with repair interior and exterior

The road behind busey woods and the country club is packed and ppl use their bikes on it to get places, but that's dangerous. Consider widening and adding a sidewalk. Also, start paying attention to how corrupt usd116 has been behaving in last 2 years. People are mad and leaving this town bc of them

The streets in certain parts of Urbana need serious repair. I'm not sure where the high property tax dollars are going at times.

Lots of programs and events available thru the park district. Not sure how well they are meeting g the needs of active/older adults.

My lifetime goal was to find the method and system for stability in society and science

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RESIDENT NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERN RESPONSES CONT'D

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Timestamp	Please provide any additional information about why the selection you made above is a concern in your neighborhood, including any specific examples you wish to share.
3/18/2024 12:17:09	Without adequate lighting, it can be difficult for drivers at night to see pedestrians, cyclists, + people walking pets.
3/18/2024 17:40:16	Currently local or state government doesn't have any rent control legislation. Legislation is desperately needed both on state and local level. Affordable not cheaply constructed housing is needed for seniors and middle income residents. There's a housing crisis in our community no one is talking about.
3/18/2024 18:35:46	Use to be very quiet kids were good until certain people move in neighbor hood too much marjuana
3/18/2024 19:52:46	Usd 116 is broke and making people leave urbana. You need to be in talks with them yesterday about all that's going down to make anyone with means flee this town bc of their poor decision making and civil rights violations on our kids (Wiley closure).
3/18/2024 20:09:59	Hardly any street lights and there are lots of cracks in the sidewalk. Very unsafe to walk at night.
3/18/2024 20:15:09	The Urbana school district is failing the students of Urbana. I realize that the city is independent of the school district. However, families with children want to live in an area with good schools. The school district recently closed the top performing elementary school in the city. A school that had a high population of low SES and minority students. They are using funds they don't have
3/18/2024 20:32:46	My neighborhood school (Wiley) was closed.
3/18/2024 21:45:21	Urbana School District is currently looking to eliminate another neighborhood school (2 in 2 years). We were attracted to Urbana because of the neighborhood school model. Removing an elementary school from another neighborhood (Yankee Ridge or Thomas Paine) and overcrowding our elementary schools will seriously harm Urbana's marketability to families with elementary age children.
3/19/2024 7:44:04	Old homes in need of repair and vacant
3/19/2024 11:02:45	There was just a shooting a couple of blocks away. The city should do more community policing. Rent apartments for new police officers to move into where there's rising or steady crime rates.
3/19/2024 16:01:53	Would like to see the High Cross Road Bridge over 74 have a bike/pedestrian side path for crossing. There are many folks that cross on foot/bike and it's super dangerous. We have many lower income trailer parks and housing on both sides of the interstate.
3/20/2024 10:09:43	Gun violence
3/21/2024 22:56:18	We have a bunch of cobblestone sidewalks and roads that are difficult for my husband to navigate since he's losing his sight.
3/22/2024 21:30:37	Our neighborhood school has a large population of students who enroll at our school for a few months, then move due to housing issues. It's very hard to be successful in school or feel like part of the school community when you switch schools every six months
3/24/2024 20:25:34	Occasionally incidents happen in my neighborhood- a murder of an Uber driver 1 block away, burglaries, people being mugged.
3/25/2024 11:20:55	There is very little participation in community, and in particular, among king school. the school coul & should function as a neighborhood community hub/center, but there is relatively no sense of community in this area. check the participation % of this survey, very few surveys will have been completed by individuals in the area around king...

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Subject: AAP and lots
Date: Friday, March 22, 2024 3:39:20 PM

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Hi Brea den,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to turn in some feedback as it relates to the AAP.

First, I want to say that Habitat truly does need additional support to continue building. We have seen an increase of 30% in our building costs since the start of the pandemic, and that equates to house production costs that increased by \$40,000 per house. Tree clearance, infrastructure support, and building cost funds are all appreciated and needed to continue our mission and fulfill the needs of the community.

The need for affordable home ownership continues to grow. Last year, we had 223 applicants for 6 homeownership openings. There are hundreds of individuals hoping to pursue homeownership in Urbana, but that dream is out of reach for them.

Also, my board looked at the Lierman and Washington location, and we are definitely interested in pursuing further discussions. They are very excited. I have stressed the need for confidentiality at this point, but I also asked our architects to sketch something up for homeownership options.

Thanks,

Chad

Chad Hoffman

Executive Director

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Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless (CSPH)
March Board Meeting

Item F1.

Meeting location: Zoom Meeting https://ccrpc.zoom.us/j/83820938460 Meeting ID: 838 2093 8460 --- One tap mobile +13092053325,,83820938460# US +13126266799,,83820938460# US (Chicago)		Date: 03/05/2024
Meeting Leader: Breaden Belcher	Recorder: Nina Sibley	Start time: 3:00pm End time: 3:55 pm

Agenda

Topic	Presenter	Status/Update
Introductions and Announcements / Requested Additions to Agenda	All	Breaden Belcher called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. There were no requested additions to the agenda.
Approval of 02.06.2024 Meeting Minutes	Breaden Belcher	Breaden Belcher requested a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2024, meeting. Motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried.
Agency Presentation: Dimension-F (15 minutes)	Jeanine Bumba	Provided overview of Services, 2 teams – one is US one in the Congo; support poverty fighting projects; help with food insecurity, housing, medical equipment, and school supplies. Also assists with school registration for immigrant children. Goal is to create permanent social change. Collects donations from local groups and ship them overseas to Africa. Working on opening a healthcare center in the Congo, a dining kitchen in Champaign, a shelter in CU for immigrants, and a special needs education school in the Congo.
City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan for FY 2024-2025 (15 minutes)	Nick Olsen (City of Urbana); Betsy Barclay (City of Champaign)	Betsy: Seeking input on 2024-25 Annual Action Plan process. Gave overview of funding sources (CDBG and HOME) and consortium plans and processes for completing reports. Provided estimate grant amounts and explained process for planning how funds will be allocated. Gave overview of eligible activities under CDBG and HOME. Nick added that Urbana and Champaign use funds for similar activity types. Nick: Gave overview of identified community needs. Shared current Consolidated Plan goals and explained that activities must tie back to the goals identified. Betsy: Gave overview of Champaign’s public input process. Draft annual action plan is published and available for public comment from March 1 – April 1. Nick: Gave overview of Urbana’s public input process. The public comment period for Urbana is from February 23 – March 25. Provided link to needs survey in chat. Encouraged group to complete the community needs assessment survey.

Emergency Shelter Providers Capacity Information (10 minutes)	City of Champaign Township/Strides, CCRPC ESF, Courage Connection, CTSO, CU at Home, Cunningham Children's Home, GCAP, The Salvation Army	<div>Item F1.</div> COCT/Strides: announced underwear drive through asked group to spread word and consider hosting a drive to collect donations; 29 people on waitlist, 13 actively seeking shelter, filled to capacity (64 beds), 1 outreach cot filled CCRPC: must be 7+ months pregnant or family with minor children; 5 families should go down to 4 tomorrow; 8 hotel rooms in use Courage connection 10 beds 3 openings for singles – no family beds available CTSO: in chat 2 current openings, 1 on waitlist, 2 units not habitable due to maintenance work being completed Cunningham Children's Home: at capacity with wait list GCAP – no update provided Salvation Army – 5 beds all filled, 1 person on wait list CU at Home - full
Subcommittee/Workgroup Updates (10 minutes)	Nathan Alexander Charlene Murray Melissa Courtwright	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LGBTQ Workgroup – no updates; Katie added committee planning to have training in person during CSPH meeting, possible in May or June Outreach Coordinator Group – looking to crate multi-agency intake process; discussed long-term plan for weather emergencies; taking closer look at 3rd party verifications, next meeting 25th of March Homeless Coalition – no updates, continuing plans to increase capacity in winter and emergency outreach response plan
CSPH Announcements (10 minutes)	All	Braeden: Announced City of Urbana funding opportunity, invited service providers to apply for the Youth Services Grant Program; Apply online here ; grant assistance workshop will be held on March 14 for agencies interested in applying for funding; application deadline is April 1, 2024.

Next meetings: <u>CSPH Executive Committee</u> 03/20/24, 12pm via Zoom 03/27/24, 12pm via Zoom <u>CSPH Meeting</u> 04/02/24, 3pm via Zoom		<u>Upcoming Program Presentations</u> If your agency would like to present on your services at an upcoming CSPH meeting, or if you have suggestions on presentation topics, please contact Katie Harmon at kharmmon@ccrpc.org .
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DRAFT Community Reinvestment Group – Minutes

3/20/24 – Champaign Neighborhood Services – 205 W Park Ave, Champaign

Meeting called to order by John Vasquez at 9:05

Minutes review:

No additions or edits to February 14, 2024 CRG minutes; approved.

Nonprofit updates

CU Habitat:

Chad Hoffman— Habitat is in the middle of 2 projects about to be completed, and is getting started with two new builds.

Allison Garrett—Habitat has upcoming homeowner education courses, and she will provide more information the group.

Housing Authority of Champaign County:

Katie Difanis—Highlighted HACC’s family self-sufficiency program and the HOPE Fair Housing event.

Municipal updates

Champaign:

Jennifer Carlson- The City of Champaign is launching its Vital Home Rehab program for qualifying households with substantial rehab needs. General program details: 150% AMI qualification for households with costs impacted by COVID. There is an application page live on the City of Champaign website.

Champaign is also doing an comprehensive evaluation of its programs manual, and is looking for feedback on removing barriers to accessing services. Champaign is considering increasing income threshold for non-disabled households, and looking for home-ownership age/income demographic data. Allison from Habitat said she often works with younger families she thinks would be interested in home rehab assistance. HACC stated many households graduating from their rental programs are younger.

Nick Olsen- The City of Urbana’s Youth Services Grant application is currently open.

Betsy Barclay from Champaign and Nick Olsen from Urbana presented on the Annual Action Process and current programming. Both cities are currently in the public input process.

Open discussion

John Vasquez spoke to the need to develop a pipeline between private, non-profit, and public resources for housing. There was a discussion about coordinating resources and local gaps.

Jennifer Carlson asked if there was support for site clearance for affordable housing. Chad Hoffman from Habitat said that it does make a big difference in their development costs.

Next meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at Champaign. Shelby from Champaign suggested reaching out to other groups that used to attend CRG, but no longer do.

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 10:01.

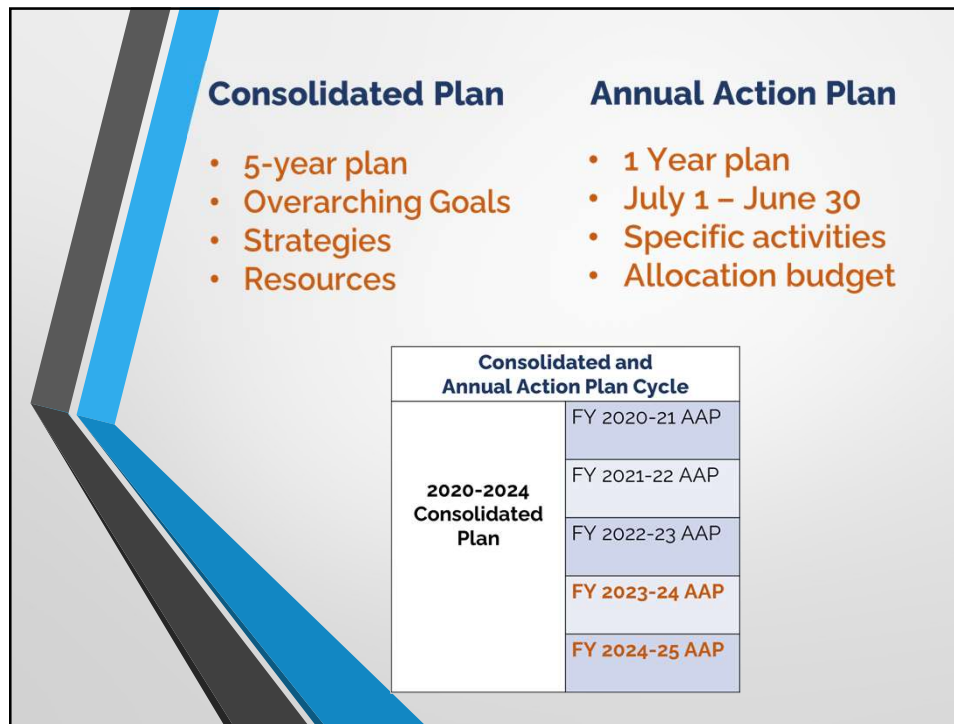
2024-2025 Annual Action Plan

City of Champaign
City of Urbana



What is the Annual Action Plan?

- Annual plan for utilizing CDBG grant funding
- Spells out activities and budget for upcoming year
- Must be submitted to HUD for approval in May



CDBG Eligible Activities

- Public services (15% cap)
- Public facilities and infrastructure
- Single-family housing rehabilitation
- Blight reduction
- Lead Based Paint remediation

HOME Eligible Activities

- Housing rehabilitation
- Down-payment assistance
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- Housing construction



Community Needs

Affordable Housing

- 48.2% of renters in Champaign County are housing cost-burdened, spending more than 30% of their income on housing. 18% of homeowners are cost-burdened. (ACS 1-year estimates, 2022)
 - 30.3% of renters are *severely* cost burdened, paying more than 50% of income on housing
 - 69.3% of very low-income households (below 30% of the area median) are cost burdened
- Homeownership Rate: 53.5%
 - 26.6% for Black households (ACS 5-year estimates, 2018-2022)
- Median gross monthly rent for a 2-bedroom rental unit is \$1,001 (ACS 5-yr., 2018-22)
 - A household needs an annual income of over \$40,040 annually to afford this (without cost burden)
- Median monthly homeowner costs (with a mortgage) are \$1,591 (ACS 5-yr., 2018-22)
 - A household needs an annual income of over \$63,640 annually to afford this (without cost burden)

Consolidated Plan Goals

- Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
- Address barriers to affordable housing
- Preserve existing affordable housing supply
- Coordinate with Housing Authority
- Support services & training for low-income persons
- Support homeless needs
- Reduce lead exposure risk
- Support infrastructure improvements
- Preserve consortium neighborhoods

City of Champaign Public Input Process



- Comment period: March 1—April 1
- Community and neighborhood groups
- Public hearings

March 21, 2024	Neighborhood Services Advisory Board Meeting at 5:30 pm Champaign City Building Council Chambers Champaign 102 North Neil Street Champaign, IL 61820
March 26, 2024	Champaign City Council Study Session at 7:00 pm Champaign City Building Council Chambers 102 North Neil Street Champaign, IL 61820

City of Urbana Public Input Process



- Comment period: February 23—March 25
- Public hearings & meetings
- Community needs survey
- Community groups

Community Needs Survey

(Open Feb. 23-March 25)



Share your thoughts!

*What do you feel are the priorities for
your agency and our community in the
coming year?*



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217-403-7070 or
neighborhoodservices@champaignil.gov

City of Urbana Grants Management: 217-384-
2447 or grants@urbanaininois.gov



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MEMORANDUM TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Meeting: May 20, 2024 Committee of the Whole
Subject: A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to an Urbana HOME Consortium Subrecipient Agreement – Champaign County Regional Planning Commission – Housing Navigation Program – HOME ARP FY 2021/2022

A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to an Urbana HOME Consortium Subrecipient Agreement – CU at Home, LLC – Housing Navigation Program – HOME ARP FY 2021/2022

Summary

Action Requested

Staff request that Council approve the attached Resolutions amending the Urbana HOME Consortium subrecipient agreements with Chamapign County Regional Planning Commission and CU at Home. The amendments will extend the agreement terms from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025. All other provisions of the original subrecipient agreements will remain in effect.

Brief Background

The original subrecipient agreements provided \$148,224 in HOME ARP funds to CCRPC and \$120,000 to CU at Home to support housing navigation case management services for low-income households. Approval of the amendments will allow both agencies to rollover their grant balances to FY 2024-2025 and continue operating their housing navigation programs.

Relationship to City Services and Priorities

Impact on Core Services

There will be no impact on core servcies as a result of approving the enclosed Resolutions.

Strategic Goals & Plans

Approval of the proposed Resolutions will further Mayor/Council Strategic Goal 2.1 (A) *Coordinate with housing and social service agencies to reduce homelessness*, as well as the strategies and objectives described in the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.

Previous Council Actions

On January 23, 2023, the Urbana City Council approved Resolutions [2023-01-003R](#) and [2023-01-004R](#) allowing the Mayor to execute HOME Consortium subrecipient agreements with Champaign County Regional Planning Commission and CU at Home, respectively.

Discussion

Additional Background Information

Both CCRPC and CU at Home experienced operational and programmatic challenges that delayed the expenditure of these grant funds. CCRPC's housing navigation program was impacted by staff turnover and hiring delays, as well as initial difficulty connecting with eligible candidates. Once CCRPC streamlined the referral process, engagement nearly tripled. CCRPC's grant balance of \$70,000 will serve an estimated 50 households with housing navigation case management services in FY 2024-2025.

After launching their housing navigation program in spring 2023, CU at Home staff determined that the program did not require the level of client assistance initially budgeted. If permitted to rollover the grant balance of \$22,750, CU at Home will be able to provide service to 20 additional individuals. CU at Home anticipates that the rollover funds will be expended by September 2024.

Community Impact

To date, CU at Home has provided 104 households with housing navigation case management services, and CCRPC has served 48 households. Both agencies are confident that extending the grant timeline will maximize client success, and ensure that critical program objectives are met.

Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of the proposed Resolutions amending the agreement term to June 30, 2025 for CCRPC and CU at Home housing navigation programs.

Next Steps

If approved by Council, the Mayor will execute the Amendments and staff will rollover the grant balances to FY 2024-2025.

Attachments

1. A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to an Urbana HOME Consortium Subrecipient Agreement – Champaign County Regional Planning Commission – Housing Navigation Program – HOME ARP FY 2021/2022
2. Urbana HOME Consortium Subrecipient Agreement Amendment No. 1 – Champaign County Regional Planning Commission Housing Navigation Program
3. A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to an Urbana HOME Consortium Subrecipient Agreement – CU at Home – Housing Navigation Program – HOME ARP FY 2021/2022

4. Urbana HOME Consortium Subrecipient Agreement Amendment No. 1 – CU at HOME Housing Navigation Program

Originated by: Breaden Belcher, Grants Division Manager

Approved by : Carol Mitten, City Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AN URBANA HOME
CONSORTIUM SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT**

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
HOUSING NAVIGATION PROGRAM**

HOME ARP FY 2021/2022

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana (“City”) is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, and the passage of this Resolution constitutes an exercise of the City’s home rule powers and functions as granted in the Illinois Constitution, 1970; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2023, the Urbana City Council passed Resolution No. 2023-01-003R approving the subrecipient agreement for Champaign County Regional Planning Commission authorizing housing navigation activities under the HOME ARP Program; and

WHEREAS, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission has requested an amendment to extend the program completion date to June 30, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS**, as follows:

Section 1. That an Amendment providing an extension of program completion to June 30, 2025, to provide housing navigation services to eligible populations in substantially the form of the copy of said Amendment attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference, be and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

Section 2. That the Mayor of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is hereby authorized to execute and deliver and the City Clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same

is authorized to attest to said execution of said Amendment as so authorized and approved for and on behalf of the City of Urbana, Illinois.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

Darcy E. Sandefur, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, _____.

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor



(HOME ARP 2021/2022)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AN URBANA HOME
CONSORTIUM SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT**

**CU AT HOME, LLC
HOUSING NAVIGATION PROGRAM**

HOME ARP FY 2021/2022

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana (“City”) is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, and the passage of this Resolution constitutes an exercise of the City’s home rule powers and functions as granted in the Illinois Constitution, 1970; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2023, the Urbana City Council passed Resolution No. 2023-01-004R approving the subrecipient agreement for CU at Home, LLC authorizing housing navigation activities under the HOME ARP Program; and

WHEREAS, CU at Home, LLC has requested an amendment to extend the program completion date to June 30, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS**, as follows:

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Section 2. That the Mayor of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is hereby authorized to execute and deliver and the City Clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same

is authorized to attest to said execution of said Amendment as so authorized and approved for and on behalf of the City of Urbana, Illinois.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

Darcy E. Sandefur, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, _____.

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor



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MEMORANDUM TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Meeting: May 20, 2024 Committee of the Whole
Subject: A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement to Share Cost for Use of a GPS Survey Base Station

Summary

Action Requested

City Council is being asked to pass the attached resolution to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to participate in a cost share for use of a GPS Survey Base Station predicated on a Memorandum of Understanding between the Champaign County GIS Consortium (CCGISC) and the University of Illinois (UIUC), which is included with the attached IGA as Appendix A.

Brief Background / Statement of the Issue

The City has participated in this cost share setup for use of GPS Survey Base Station since 2013 via similar IGA's on five-year terms.

As denoted in a memo dated April 19, 2024 to the CCGISC's Policy Committee, "*A GPS base station is a relatively expensive GPS receiver that is placed on a known location. The base station gathers signals from satellites, then transmits corrections (errors between the calculated location of the base station and the actual location of the base station) to roving GPS units. Utilizing a centralized GPS base station provides a cost benefit and resource sharing opportunity for local agencies. Without it, agencies would be required to subscribe to a virtual reference station or maintain their own receivers to act as base stations.*"

Relationship to City Services and Priorities

Impact on Core Services

Use of this GPS Survey Base Station allows for cost effective data collection to ensure accurate and reliable mapping of public infrastructure/information that creates efficiencies in most core services (especially related to Public Works).

Strategic Goals & Plans

Use of this Base Station allows for cost effective data collection to ensure accurate and reliable mapping of public infrastructure/information, which enhances strategic asset management planning efforts.

Previous Council Actions

In 2002, Ordinance 2002-08-094 was executed to create the Champaign County GIS Consortium in order to develop and operate a coordinated countywide geographic information system, which was later amended in 2019 via Ordinance 2019-07-038.

Discussion

Fiscal and Budget Impact

One key difference between this five-year term and the last 10 years is that our cost-share is actually a reduced amount. Previously, Urbana's share was \$1,156.25 annually and the cost for the term from 2024-2028 would be \$481.74 annually (\$674.51/year less than previous 10 years).

Community Impact

Accurate and reliable mapping of public infrastructure/information leads to better strategic asset management planning, reduces investigation/response times to infrastructure issues, and overall provides a higher level of understanding of what we own, operate, and maintain.

Recommendation

Staff recommends passing the attached resolution to allow for continued regionalized cost-sharing of the GPS Survey Base Station at a reduced annual cost from previous 10 years.

Next Steps

If the attached resolution is passed, the Base Station IGA will be executed, and upon execution by the other Participants and CCGISC, the Public Works Department will continue to pay for the City's portion of these costs out of its annual operating budget for the term of the agreement.

Attachments

1. Resolution No. 2024-05-____: A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement to Share Cost for Use of a GPS Survey Base Station
2. Base Station Intergovernmental Agreement Between Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District, City of Champaign, City of Urbana, Village of Savoy, Village of Rantoul, and the Champaign County GIS Consortium

Originated by: Tim Cowan, Public Works Director

Reviewed: Tim Cowan, Public Works Director

Approved: Carol Mitten, City Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05-**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO
SHARE COST FOR USE OF A GPS SURVEY BASE STATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana (hereinafter “Urbana”) is an Illinois municipal corporation and a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the statutes of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Geographic Information Consortium (hereinafter “CCGIS”), Champaign County (hereinafter “County”), the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District (hereinafter “UCSD”), City of Champaign, Village of Savoy, and Village of Rantoul are bodies of politic organized under the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Section 10 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 authorizes units of local government to contract or otherwise associate among themselves in any manner not prohibited by law or by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the CCGISC, the County, UCSD, City of Champaign, Village of Savoy, Village of Rantoul, and Urbana wish to cooperate to share costs to utilize a centralized GPS base station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1.

The Intergovernmental Agreement between UCSD, City of Champaign, Urbana, Village of Savoy, Village of Rantoul, and the CCGISC concerning utilization of a centralized GPS base station, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, shall be and hereby is authorized and approved.

Section 2.

The Director of Public Works of the City of Urbana, Illinois, shall be and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver and the City Clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois, shall be and hereby is authorized to attest to said execution of said Agreement as so authorized and approved for and on behalf of the City of Urbana, Illinois.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, 2024.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

Darcy E. Sandefur, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor

**BASE STATION INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SANITARY DISTRICT, CITY OF CHAMPAIGN, CITY OF URBANA,
VILLAGE OF SAVOY, VILLAGE OF RANTOUL AND THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY GIS CONSORTIUM**

THIS AGREEMENT by and between **Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District** whose office is located at 1100 E University Avenue, Urbana, IL 61802, the **City of Champaign**, whose office is located at 102 N Neil Street, Champaign, IL 61820, the **City of Urbana**, whose office is located at 706 S. Glover Avenue, Urbana, IL 61802, the **Village of Savoy**, whose office is located at 611 North Dunlap, Savoy, IL 61874, and the **Village of Rantoul**, whose office is located at 333 S. Tanner Street, Rantoul, IL 61866 (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Participants") and the **Champaign County GIS Consortium**, whose office is located at 1776 E. Washington Street, Urbana, IL 61802 (hereinafter referred to as "CCGISC"), is made and entered into in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement and, in a spirit of cooperation and goodwill.

This Agreement concerns annual payments for a five-year period by each of the respective Participants to CCGISC in order for CCGISC to meet its financial obligations to the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (hereinafter referred to as "University") as set forth in the Cost Share Memorandum of Understanding between CCGISC and the University (hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum"), attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein.

Each of the Participants individually agrees to pay the sum of four-hundred eighty-one dollars and seventy-four cents (\$481.74) to the CCGISC by September 30th of each and every year of the agreement term, commencing September 30, 2024 and continuing through September 30, 2028. The annual payments equate to one-fifth of the cost incurred under the Memorandum.

In consideration for the aforesaid respective payments, the Participants shall be entitled to use the GPS base station correction signal generated as part of the GPS Survey Base Station.

Each of the Participants individually and specifically acknowledges this Agreement is predicated on the Memorandum between the CCGISC and the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, and that any default or breach on the part of the University may result in CCGISC's inability to meet its obligations under this Agreement.

Each of the Participants individually and specifically acknowledges that CCGISC's obligations to the University are to be satisfied through the payments made by each of the individual Participants party to this Agreement among the Participants and CCGISC, said payments which will in turn be used to satisfy CCGISC's financial obligations under the Memorandum. Each of the Participants individually and specifically acknowledges that the failure or breach of any of the Participants to meet its respective obligations under this Agreement may result in CCGISC's inability to meet its corresponding obligations under the Memorandum, and that such failure may result in termination of the Memorandum.

In the event any default, breach or failure to meet obligations incurred under this Agreement or the Memorandum identified herein occurs, the CCGISC and each of the Participants agree to meet and in good faith seek a resolution. However, in no event shall the CCGISC be liable or in any way responsible for any default, breach or failure to meet obligations caused by any acts or omissions on the part of the University or any of the Participants party to this Agreement.

In witness to their agreement, each of the individual Participants and CCGISC have executed this Agreement this _____ day of _____, 2024.

City of Champaign

By: _____
Mark Toalson, IT Director date

Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District

By: _____
Rick Manner, Executive Director date

City of Urbana

By: _____
Tim A. Cowan, Director of Public Works date

Village of Rantoul

By: _____
Jake McCoy, Director of Public Works date

Village of Savoy

By: _____
Christopher Walton, Village Manager date

Champaign County GIS Consortium

By: _____
Steve Summers, Chief Executive Officer date

Appendix A

COST SHARE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2024-2028

This Agreement by and between the CHAMPAIGN COUNTY GIS CONSORTIUM (hereinafter "CCGISC"), and THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, a body corporate and politic of the State of Illinois (hereinafter "University"), made and entered into in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as MOU), and in a spirit of cooperation and goodwill.

WITNESSETH:

PROJECT SCOPE:

This MOU concerns cost sharing for the provision of a Global Positioning System (GPS) base station for the mutual benefit of the parties. This shall be a high accuracy GPS base station and operated as Part of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Geodesic Survey, and National Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS).

Article 1. DEFINITIONS

- A) "University" shall mean The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, together with its subsidiary corporation and entities and their respective successors.
- B) "CCGISC" shall mean the Champaign County Geographical Information System (GIS) Consortium.
- C) "GPS" shall mean Global Positioning System.
- D) "CORS" shall mean Continuously Operating Reference Station, as defined by the National Geodesic Survey, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- E) "National CORS Station" shall mean a CORS Station that meets the requirements of a National CORS Network Station, as defined by the National Geodesic Survey, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Article 2. SCOPE OF MOU

- A) The University shall operate and maintain a GPS National CORS station upon the roof of the Florida Avenue Residence Hall, or another location mutually agreeable to the University and the CCGISC, consistent with NGS requirements in a continuous and reliable manner, including the procurement of all required equipment, software and internet connectivity.
- B) The University shall operate this system with due diligence and commence repairs as quickly as possible with due regard to University business practices. The University shall notify CCGISC of any operational or maintenance issues with this system which causes the system to be inoperable or off-line. Should CCGISC become aware of any operational issues which cause the system to function improperly, CCGISC shall contact the primary authorized University representative in accordance with Article 5 of this MOU to notify the University of any such Operational Issues. In the event the primary authorized University representative cannot be contacted, CCGISC shall notify the secondary authorized University representative in accordance with Article 5 of this MOU. Both the primary and secondary authorized University representatives shall have physical access to the GPS equipment.
- C) This MOU shall remain in effect for five years. At the conclusion of five years, this MOU may be extended or modified as agreed by the CCGISC and the University.

Article 3. INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The University shall cooperate with and share all cost and technical data relative to the operation and maintenance of this GPS CORS station. The University will provide information to the CCGISC for review and comment as to proposed plans for any major changes to the system. Such information shall be provided to the CCGISC within sufficient time such that the CCGISC may provide meaningful comment prior to the time of implementation.

Article 4. COST SHARE DEFINITION

- A) The University shall provide the operation, maintenance, software, and internet connectivity.
- B) The University shall install a new Alloy GNSS Receiver and Zephyr 3 Geodetic Antenna, see annual maintenance/replacement cost allocation item D below.
- C) The University and CCGISC agree to allow existing R5 radio to remain in operation until the equipment expires and can be retired. This MOU does not include a cost allocation for maintenance or replacement of the R5.
- D) Upon receipt of an invoice from the University, the CCGISC shall provide an annual payment to the University in the amount of \$2,408.67 on October 1, 2024 and each year thereafter of the MOU.
- E) In recognition of the University's financial investment in this project to date, the annual costs associated with performing the services in paragraph A. of this Article and the interest costs to finance this project, the University shall not be subject to any special assessment or other charges for the acquisition of equipment as herein defined.

Article 5. AUTHORIZED UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE

The University designates the Utility Distribution Group, within Facilities and Services, to act on behalf of the University as the designated Authorized University Representative in connection with all duties and obligations of the University pursuant to this MOU. Whenever, under the provision of this MOU, the University is required to take some action at the request of the CCGISC, such request shall be provided by the CCGISC to the authorized representative.

Article 6. AUTHORIZED CCGISC REPRESENTATIVE

The CCGISC designates its CHAMPAIGN COUNTY GIS CONSORTIUM DIRECTOR to act on behalf of the CCGISC as the designated Authorized Representative in connection with all duties and obligations of the CCGISC pursuant to this MOU. Whenever under the provisions of this MOU, the CCGISC is required to take some action at the request of the University; such request shall be provided by the University to the authorized representative.

Article 7. VIOLATION OF MOU

If any of the parties fail or neglect to comply with any or all of the provisions of this MOU (unless otherwise directed by valid order of a court of competent jurisdiction, or unless compliance with any provision herein is prohibited or adjudged unlawful by a valid order of a court of competent jurisdiction), a party may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction to seek compliance with any term or provision of this MOU and/or any damages caused by the noncompliance with any term or provision of this MOU. In addition, following notification in accordance with Article 8 of this MOU, the University may terminate this MOU immediately for failure to pay any amount due in violation of this MOU. CCGISC is not obligated to make payment to the University as required by Article 4 of the MOU should the University fail to resolve operational or maintenance issues with the GPS base station which causes the system to be inoperable or off-line for more than 45 consecutive days unless such system inoperability is due to conditions beyond the University's control, including but not limited to, Acts of God, Government restrictions, labor troubles, wars, insurrections, and /or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the University.

Article 8. NOTIFICATION OF VIOLATION

A party shall notify immediately another party to this MOU if it believes that a violation of this MOU has occurred or of potential deviations from any legal enactments or regulations relating to the use of the GPS Base Station and shall respond in writing within 15 business days after receipt of such notice, unless a shorter time is provided for herein.

Article 9. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY LIMITATION AND REPRESENTATIONS

- A) All commitments by the University are subject to the availability of funds which may be lawfully applied thereto.
- B) All commitments by the University are subject to constitutional and statutory limitations and restrictions binding on the University.
- C) Neither this MOU, nor any obligation hereunder shall create any debt, indebtedness, liability or obligation of the State of Illinois within the meaning of any applicable statutory or constitutional restriction or limitation pertaining to debt or other evidence of indebtedness, and the State shall not be liable hereon nor shall this MOU, or any obligation of the University hereunder, create any liability or indebtedness of the University under any such statutory or constitutional restriction or limitation prior to the time when any payment hereunder, or any renewal hereof, becomes actually due and payable, and then only for an amount which is not in excess of funds in the hands of the University at the time when any such payment becomes actually due and payable, and which may under any such statutory or constitutional restriction or limitation be specifically and properly applied to the payment of the same.
- D) Each of the Parties hereby, as applicable to each, represents and covenants that each has the power and authority to enter into this MOU, has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this MOU, and that neither this MOU nor anything contained herein contravenes or constitutes a default under any other agreement, instrument or indenture or any other requirement of law as the same respectively concern each such Party.
- E) Sovereign Immunity. The University has voluntarily entered into this MOU. The University, as an instrumentality of the State of Illinois, maintains its position that it has sovereign immunity and is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court or to the local government processes, rules, regulations, and ordinances. Local government may dispute the University's assertion of sovereign immunity. This MOU shall not be deemed nor construed as a waiver by any party of its position on the issues of sovereign immunity and jurisdiction.

Article 10. ASSIGNMENT

This MOU shall not be assignable without the express consent of the parties hereto, such consent to be evidenced by an ordinance, resolution or other appropriate action that fully recites the terms and conditions, if any, upon which such consent is given.

Article 11. DELIVERY OF NOTICES

Any notices required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered via certified mail addressed to the Parties as follows, unless otherwise indicated in the future.

Primary Authorized University Contact:

Frank Colacicco
 Associate Director, Utilities Distribution
 Facilities and Services University of Illinois
 1501 South Oak Street Champaign, IL 61820
 217-300-3017 direct
frankc10@illinois.edu

Secondary Authorized University Contact:

Chad Kupferschmid, Facilities Information Resources Coordinator
 Facilities and Services, University of Illinois
 1501 S. Oak Street, Champaign IL 61820
 217-244-0407 direct
cakupfer@illinois.edu

Copy to:

Bruce Walden, Sr. Director Real Estate Planning & Services
 506 South Wright, Suite 208
 Urbana, IL 61801
 217-244-8496 direct

Anthony Spurlock
 Associate Director, Budget Resources Planning, Utilities & Energy
 Facilities and Services University of Illinois
 1501 South Oak Street Champaign, IL 61820
 217-265-4533 direct
spurlock@illinois.edu

CCGIS:

Leanne Brehob-Riley, Champaign County GIS Consortium Director
 1776 E. Washington St, Urbana, IL 61802
 217.819.3555 office
 217.819.4050 direct
lbrehob-riley@co.champaign.il.us

Copy to:

CCGIS Chairperson
 Chair, Champaign County GIS Consortium Policy Committee
 Champaign County GIS Consortium
 1776 E. Washington St. Urbana, IL 61802

Steve Summers, Champaign County Executive
 1776 E. Washington Street Urbana, IL 61802
ssummers@co.champaign.il.us

Provided, however, that in the case of an emergency, notices may be given verbally to any agent of the above names. Notice shall be deemed given three days after date of mailing.

Article 12. AMENDMENT

This MOU shall be subject to amendment by the mutual written agreement of the Parties. Any article or separate agreement incorporated herein by reference that contains a provision providing for termination of the provisions of such article or separate agreement may be terminated in accordance with the terms of such provisions.

In witness to their agreement, the Parties have executed this document this

_____ day of _____ 2024.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

By: _____
Paul Ellinger, Comptroller

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY GIS CONSORTIUM

By: _____
Steve Summers, Champaign County Executive



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MEMORANDUM TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Meeting: May 20, 2024 Committee of the Whole
Subject: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 24, Section 24-49
 (Reimbursement for Sanitary Sewer Repairs, 2024)

Summary

Action Requested

City Council is being asked to pass the attached ordinance to add rehabilitation of a sanitary sewer lateral within City right-of-way (ROW) as an eligible expense for the City's sanitary sewer lateral reimbursement program.

Brief Background / Statement of the Issue

If sanitary sewer lateral repairs are required within City ROW, a property owner can apply for limited reimbursement through the City's sanitary sewer lateral reimbursement program, according to Section 24-49(b) of City Code. Currently, this Section does not expressly allow for rehabilitation, such as cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining, as an eligible expense when rehabilitation is a feasible alternative to repair or replacement. CIPP lining results in a new plastic pipe formed inside the existing host pipe. Compared with repair or replacement in an open excavation, CIPP lining typically has the benefits of lower construction costs, fewer impacts to public infrastructure and private property, and a comparable condition and service life. Adding CIPP (or other similar method) to the list of eligible expenses can, in some cases, provide a better solution for the same or less money, both for the City and the property owner.

Relationship to City Services and Priorities

Impact on Core Services N/A

Strategic Goals & Plans N/A

Previous Council Actions

In 2023, City Council approved American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Sanitary Sewer Lateral Lining Pilot Program in the Dr. Ellis Subdivision. The attached ordinance would make the same CIPP lining technology an eligible expense for the City's sanitary sewer lateral reimbursement program.

Discussion

Additional Background Information

The sanitary sewer collection system in Urbana consists of lateral pipes, collector pipes, and interceptor pipes. In general, sewage flows out of a building's plumbing into lateral pipes, which are owned and maintained by the property owner. Lateral pipes discharge into collector pipes, which are owned and maintained by the City of Urbana. Collector pipes discharge into interceptor pipes, which are owned and maintained by the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District (UCSD). Interceptor pipes convey sewage to the UCSD wastewater treatment plant. The privately-owned sanitary sewer laterals are commonly located partially within private property and partially within City ROW, where they connect to the City's collector sewer. Because collector sewers are often not located in the middle of a street but on one side or the other, some property owners have more of their private lateral within City ROW than others. The intention of the sanitary sewer lateral reimbursement program is to mitigate these inequities by reimbursing for the higher cost of doing work within City ROW, including removal and replacement of street and sidewalk pavement.

Fiscal and Budget Impact

The proposed ordinance makes no changes to the pavement reimbursement portion of this program. Reimbursements for repairs by open excavation will continue as they do today. However, by offering reimbursement for rehabilitation when feasible, the program would incentivize a more economical solution for both the property owner and the City. To illustrate, over the past six months, the City reimbursed ten property owners a total of \$44,272 for their sanitary sewer lateral repairs. The total cost of these repairs was \$116,646, resulting in an average reimbursement of 38% and a net cost to all property owners of \$72,374. If all ten repairs could have been rehabilitated with CIPP lining instead, staff estimated that the total cost for rehabilitation would have been \$55,600. If CIPP lining within the City ROW was eligible for reimbursement, then the City would have reimbursed 55% of the total cost, or \$30,400, resulting in a net cost to all property owners of \$25,200. This hypothetical illustration would result in each property owner saving an average of \$4,700 and the City saving \$13,900 in total – enough to reimburse another three or four property owners. For context, the annual budget for sanitary sewer lateral reimbursements in the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-2029 is \$50,000.

Community Impact

The current sanitary sewer lateral reimbursement program incentivizes open excavation repairs instead of CIPP lining. Open excavation repairs with reimbursement will typically cost a property owner a similar amount as or less than CIPP lining. By offering reimbursement for rehabilitation when feasible, CIPP lining with reimbursement will typically cost a property owner less than open excavation repairs with reimbursement. Incentivizing CIPP lining when feasible can result in fewer impacts to public infrastructure and private property without compromising the long-term performance of the sanitary sewer lateral.

Recommendation

City Council is asked to pass the attached ordinance to add rehabilitation of a sanitary sewer lateral within City ROW as an eligible expense for the City's sanitary sewer lateral reimbursement program.

Next Steps

If the attached ordinance is passed, Public Works staff will begin reimbursing property owners for lining of sanitary sewer laterals according to the conditions of this ordinance. Accordingly, Public Works staff will update the application form, update information about this program on the City's website, and notify plumbers and sewer contractors of the amendment to the sanitary sewer lateral reimbursement program.

Attachments

1. Ordinance No. 2024-05-____: An Ordinance Amending Urbana City Code Chapter 24, Section 24-49 (Reimbursement for Sanitary Sewer Repairs)

Originated by: John Zeman, City Engineer
Carmen Franks, Assistant City Engineer
Reviewed: Tim Cowan, Public Works Director
Approved: Carol Mitten, City Administrator

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05-**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING URBANA CITY CODE CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR,
SECTION 24-49****(Reimbursement for Sanitary Sewer Repairs)**

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana (“City”) is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, and the passage of this Ordinance constitutes an exercise of the City’s home rule powers and functions as granted in the Illinois Constitution, 1970; and

WHEREAS, the City Council heretofore enacted Urbana City Code Section 24-49 to establish criteria by which the City will reimburse property owners for certain costs of repairing sanitary sewer connections within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after due consideration, finds that the best interests of the City are served by amending Section 24-49 as herein provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1.

Urbana City Code Chapter 24, “Utilities”, Article II, “Sewers”, Division 4, “Illegal Discharge and Connection”, Section 24-49, “Reimbursement for sanitary sewer repairs”, part (b), “Sanitary sewer laterals”, is hereby amended by adding paragraph (11) as follows:

- (11) If rehabilitation of a sanitary sewer lateral with cured-in-place pipe (CIPP), or another approved method, is a feasible alternative in lieu of repair or replacement, then the

reasonable costs of materials, equipment, and labor involved in the rehabilitation of the sanitary sewer lateral will be eligible for reimbursement to the property owner by the City. Only the length of the sanitary sewer lateral that is within the limits of City right-of-way shall be eligible for reimbursement by the City.

Section 2.

Those sections, paragraphs, and provisions of the Urbana City Code that are not expressly amended or repealed by this Ordinance are hereby re-enacted, and it is expressly declared to be the intention of this Ordinance not to repeal or amend any portions of the Urbana City Code other than those expressly set forth as amended or repealed in this Ordinance. The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance hereby passed and approved shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

Section 3.

This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or a liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 4.

The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the “ayes” and “nays” being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a meeting of said Council.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, ____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

Darcy E. Sandefur, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, ____.

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor