

PROGRAM YEAR 2023 (JULY 1, 2023 THRU JUNE 30, 2024)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

COVID-19 PROJECTS

HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

High Priority Projects:

Housing Strategy – There is a need to increase the supply of affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing for homeowners and renters.

Goal: Conserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units occupied by owners and renters in the community addressing code violations, energy efficiency improvements and accessibility for persons with disabilities.

(HS-2) Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation: The City operates a city-wide homeowner rehabilitation loan program for low income households. During PY 2023 (6) housing units were completed with a total CDBG expenditure of \$403,146.94. *853 29th Street, 1218 3rd Avenue, 113 40th Street, 524 N. 10th Avenue, 2025 5th Avenue, 205 E. 2nd Avenue*

Objective:	Decent Housing	Outcome:	Affordability
Proposed:	10 Housing Units	Outcome:	6 Housing Units

(HS-2) Rental Rehabilitation Program: The City operates a rehab program which consists of a 50/50 financial match. Units will be made available to income eligible tenants and comply with HOME affordable period requirements. Structures located within the City's limits which contain substandard rental units are eligible. During PY2023 the City expended \$55,549.40 of HOME funds with (1) housing units being rehabilitated. *516 11th Street (1 Household)*

Objective:	Decent Housing	Outcome:	Affordability
Proposed:	8 Housing Units	Outcome:	1 Housing Units

(HS-2) Emergency Homeowner Roof Replacement: Owner occupied, low income homeowners that require emergency roof replacement in the City of Altoona. Assistance will be provided to homeowners at 0% interest, deferred loans to be forgiven at a rate of 25% a year over four years. The program is limited to roofs only. City expended \$72,141.95. *500 21st Avenue, 409 1st Avenue, 908 Broadway, 119 E. 3rd Avenue, 107 N. 13th Avenue*

Objective:	Decent Housing	Outcome:	Affordability
Proposed:	5 Housing Units	Outcome:	5 Housing Units

(HSS-2) IDA-CDC Evergreen Manors I: Kitchen and corridor renovation project at Evergreen Manors I Building #5928/#5930 During PY2023 \$0.00 expenditure. *5919 Evergreen Court*

Objective:	Decent Housing	Outcome:	Affordability
Proposed:	16 Housing Units	Outcome:	0 Housing Units

(HSS-2) IDA-CDC Evergreen Manor II: Replacing kitchens and updating building corridors in two buildings located at the Evergreen Manors Low/Mod Income Housing Development. During PY2023 \$0.00 expenditure. *5919 Evergreen Court (Building 304 and 308)*

Objective:	Decent Housing	Outcome:	Affordability
Proposed:	16 Housing Units	Outcome:	0 Housing Units

(HSS-2) Altoona Housing Authority Low-Income Housing Development – Siding

Installation: Installing vinyl siding on 26 buildings located in the Fairview Hills Low-Income Housing Development. During PY2023 \$184,782.00 was expended. *1614 1st Street*

Objective:	Decent Housing	Outcome:	Affordability
Proposed:	44 Housing Units	Outcome:	44 Housing Units

(HSS-2)Altoona Housing Authority 11th Street Tower: Windows and glass door replacement of 160 housing units at Altoona Housing Authority’s 11th Street Tower. This is a low/moderate income residential apartment building located in downtown Altoona. Twenty (20) windows will also be replaced in the lobby area of the tower. During PY2023 \$0.00 expended. *1100 11th Street*

Objective:	Decent Housing	Outcome:	Affordability
Proposed:	160 Housing Units	Outcome:	0 Housing Units

(HMS-1) Family Services, Inc., Homeless Shelter ADA Compliant Bedroom:

Construction of an ADA Compliant Bedroom at the Family Shelter benefitting persons with special needs who are homeless. During PY2023 project is complete with \$0.00 expenditures.

Objective:	Suitable Living Environment	Outcome:	Availability/Accessibility
Proposed:	People	Outcome:	99 People Shelter
		Outcome:	2 People ADA Apt.

Community Development Strategy – There is a need to upgrade and improve community facilities, infrastructure, public services.

Goal: Infrastructure – Improve the public infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of streets; sidewalks; bridges, curbs; walkways; water; storm water management; sanitary sewers; lighting; handicap accessibility improvements and removal of architectural barriers; etc.

(CDS-1) Donald Witherspoon Basketball Court Revitalization: Installation of new basketball standards, fencing, slip resistant color-coding surfacing and installation of a drain and signage on court fencing. During PY2023 project is complete with \$6,984.29 expenditure.

1214 19th Street, C.T. 1003 BG 1; C.T. 1004 BG 1,2; C.T. 1005 BG 2,3; C.T. 1014 BG 1; C.T. 1016 BG 3; C.T. 1019 BG 2. Serving 7120 persons with 4970 persons or 69.80% being L/M.

Objective:	Suitable Living Environ.	Outcome:	Sustainability
Proposed:	7120 people	Outcome:	7120 people

(CDS-1) Altoona Fire Department – Automatic External Defibrillator: Purchase of six (6) Automatic External Deibrillators (AED) machines. The AED’s will be placed on vehicles at two City Fire Stations serving the low/moderate income areas residents of Still District 310 and 330. During PY2023 project is completed with \$15,842.20 expenditure.

Low/mod areas of C.T. 1003, BG 1,2,3; C.T. 1004 BG 1,2; C.T. 1005 BG 1,2,3,4; C.T. 1006 BG 2,3,4; C.T. 1014 BG 1,2; C.T. 1015 BG 1,2,3,4; C.T. 1016 BG 1,2,3; C.T. 1017 BG 1,2,3,4; C.T. 1018 BG 1,2,3; C.T. 1019 BG 1,2

Objective:	Suitable Living Environ.	Outcome: Sustainability
Proposed:	17,340 people	Outcome: 17,340 people

(CDS-1) Altoona Fire Department – Hurst Rescue Tools (Jaws of Life): Purchase of Hurst Rescue Tools (Jaws of Life) for Station #1 Washington Avenue. During PY 2023 project is completed with \$44,209.81 expenditure. Still District 310 located at 1319 Washington Avenue.

C.T. 1003, BG 1,2,3; C.T. 1004, BG 1,2; C.T. 1005 BG 1,2,3,4; C.T. 1006 BG 2,3,4; C.T. 1014 BG 1,2; C.T. 1015 BG 3,4; C.T. 1019 BG 1,2.

Objective:	Suitable Living Environ.	Outcome: Sustainability
Proposed:	15,935 people	Outcome: 15,935 people

(CDS-2) PY2023 Street Reconstruction: This project consisted of reconstruction of roadway in the low/moderate income areas of the City. Project expended \$1,065.13 for local advertisement of the locations of the streets.

20th Ave – 13th Street to 16th Street; 21st Ave – 11th Street to 12th Street; 13th Street – 17th Ave to 21th Ave; 12th St – 17th Ave to 20th Ave; 2nd St – 3rd Ave to 2nd Ave; 3rd Ave - 4th St to 5th St; 3rd Ave– 9th St to 10th St; Crawford Ave- 5th St to 7th St.; 2nd Ave-2nd St to 4th St.

Objective:	Suitable Living Environ.	Outcome: Sustainability
Proposed:	5,855 people	Outcome: 0 people

***Goal:** Improve the living conditions and support services available for homeless persons, families and those who are at risk of becoming homeless – No activities under this goal.*

***Goal:** Improve the community facilities, infrastructure, public services, public safety, and transportation, along with the elminiation of blighting influences in the City of Altoona.*

(CDS-3) The Nehemiah, Inc., Meal Preparation: Providing free meals to anyone in need in the low/mod Fairview area of the City of Altoona 1809 11th Street. PY2023 expenditure \$112,460.52.

Objective:	Suitable Living Environ.	Outcome: Sustainability
Proposed:	16,800 people	Outcome: 26,631 people

(CDS-3) Catholic Charities Emergency Financial Assistance: Support low/moderate income households in Altoona who are in need of one-time emergency utility assistance or rental assistance to resolve valid eviction notices of 30 days or less. PY2023 exenditures of \$10,000.00.

Objective:	Suitable Living Environ.	Outcome: Sustainability
Proposed:	10 people	Outcome: 42 people

(CDS-3) Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation After-School Program: After-school program designed to break the cycles of poverty and incarceration. Program is to assist children, kindergarten through 6th grade. The program will operate out of the Evergreen Manors and Fairview Hills Low/Moderate income housing developments. PY2023 expenditures of \$10,000.00.

Objective:	Suitable Living Environ.	Outcome:	Sustainability
Proposed:	40 people	Outcome:	37 people

(CDS-3 Salvation Army Emergency Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance:

Providing income eligible residents of the City of Altoona who need financial assistance with rent, mortgage utilities and heating fuel to prevent homelessness. PY2023 expenditure of \$12,915.19.

Objective:	Suitable Living Environ.	Outcome:	Sustainability
Proposed:	100 People	Outcome:	42 people

Goal: Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions throughout the City through demolition of vacant, abandoned, and dilapidated structures.

(CDS-4) Blighted Property Program: The City has demolished nine (9) vacant substandard structures not suitable for rehabilitation. The project expended \$119,688.73 during 2023 Program Year. 2311 3rd Avenue, 609 5th Avenue (Garage), 1514 18th Avenue, 1110-12 6th Avenue, 704 2nd Avenue, 1314 N. 4th Avenue, 308 2nd Avenue, 815 3rd Avenue and 104 Kettle Street.

Objective:	Suitable Living Environ.	Outcome:	Sustainability
Proposed:	10 Housing Units	Outcome:	9 Housing Units

Administration, Planning, and Management Priority – The continuing need for planning, administration, management, and oversight of federal, state, and local funded programs

Goal: Overall coordination and Special Studies/Management

(AM-1) Housing & Community Development Program Administration: This includes the operational budget for the Community Development Department for general management, monitoring, coordination, oversight and evaluation of projects. The PY 2023 expenditure was \$313,124.66. 1301 12th Street

(AM-1) Fair Housing Administration: The City of Altoona has contracted with Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services as the City's Fair Housing Administrator (FHA) to promote fair housing choice for all persons through community education and outreach. The FHA works with all organizations who deal with housing such as Realtors, Landlords, Emergency Shelters, Contractors, Lenders, and Housing Managers. Total expended during PY 2023 \$16,506.04 1301 12th Street

(AM-1) HOME Program Administration: Administration costs to provide for staffing to oversee HOME funded projects. Total expended during PY 2023 \$41,140.44 1301 12th Street

COVID-19 PROJECTS:

Community Development Administration – COVID-19: Operational budget for the CDBG department for general management, monitoring, coordination, oversight and evaluation of projects within the CDBG-COVID-CV. Expended \$38,209.28 during PY2023. **PROJECT COMPLETE**

Family Services, Inc., Homeless Shelter Rehabilitation – COVID-19: Rehabilitation of **2300 North Branch Avenue** to create a 35-bed family shelter to serve persons with special needs, the homeless and battered spouses. Project expended \$0.00 during PY2023. **PROJECT COMPLETE**

Objective:	Suitable Living Environ.	Outcome:	Availability/Accessibility
Proposed:	300 People	Outcome:	0 People

Salvation Army Pandemic Economic Assistance – COVID-19: Providing income eligible residents of the City of Altoona who have been impacted by the Coronavirus-Covid-19 with rental, mortgage and utility assistance to prevent homelessness. Project expended \$14,499.15 during PY 2023. **1813 6th Avenue - PROJECT COMPLETE**

Objective:	Suitable Living Environ.	Outcome:	Availability/Accessibility
Proposed:	100 People	Outcome:	36 People

Blair County Community Action Program – Community Support Program – COVID-19: Preventing the spread of COVID-19 by providing non-congregate shelter for a minimum of 30 days to individual/families experiencing homelessness. Focus will be on the immediate need of individuals who are currently seeking emergency shelter by providing housing to approximately 200 individuals. PY 2023 expenditures \$16,520.11. **2301 Beale Ave – PROJECT COMPLETE**

Objective:	Suitable Living Environ.	Outcome:	Availability/Accessibility
Proposed:	200 People	Outcome:	14 People

Blair County Community Action Program – Rental Assistance Program – COVID-19: Program will provide individuals/families experiencing homelessness with rental assistance for a minimum of 3 months. Funds will also be used for one full-time employee for 6 months. PY 2023 expenditures: \$19,870.78 **2301 Beale Ave – PROJECT COMPLETE**

Objective:	Suitable Living Environ.	Outcome:	Availability/Accessibility
Proposed:	50 People	Outcome:	31 People

Blair County Community Action Program – Food Delivery Service – COVID-19: Providing three meals per day for 30 days to persons experiencing homelessness currently in non-congregate shelters, hotels and other temporary housing. Funds will also be used for one full-time employee for 30 days. PY 2023 expenditures \$0.00 . **2301 Beale Avenue, PROJECT COMPLETE**

Objective:	Suitable Living Environ.	Outcome:	Availability/Accessibility
Proposed:	70 People	Outcome:	4 People

Nehemiah Meal Preparation – COVID-19: Providing take-out meals to families located in the lower Fairview Area. Funds will be used for purchase of food and take-out supplies. PY2023 expenditures \$3,220.00. **PROJECT COMPLETE**

Objective:	Suitable Living Environ.	Outcome:	Availability/Accessibility
Proposed:	0 People	Outcome:	0 People

HOME AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROJECTS

Administration: Operational administrative budget for the staff for general management, monitoring, coordination, oversight and evaluation of projects within the HOME-ARP Grant Program and monitoring of activities necessary for effective project implementation.

The PY 2023 expenditure was \$3,045.54. 1301 12th Street

Lexington Avenue Affordable Housing Construction: The project consists of the design, construction, and management for a new six-unit apartment building located at 113-19 Lexington Avenue, Altoona PA. It will consist of three accessible units on the first floor and three units on the second floor. All units will be 2-bedroom apartments. The site is currently owned by Blair Community Action Agency (BCAP) and is an underutilized playground (one playset on site). Durbin Companies is currently negotiating a sales agreement with BCAP.

Durbin Companies will provide the architectural drawings by DMA Architects and provide structural, mechanical, and electrical design for the building utility services, basement apartment, and foundation system and foundation walls to support the manufactured building. The first and second floor will be designed and constructed by Modular Structures Incorporated, and the Civil Engineering Services will be provided by Penterra Engineering. The building units will be constructed with multiple exterior finishes, it is anticipated that the front of the building will be brick/stone cased and a new front porch and ramp system. The apartment building project will be designed to meet the local ordinances and building code requirements. The project requires professional sealed construction drawings be completed to meet the Pennsylvania International Family of Building Codes. The project will help meet the need for permanent, affordable housing for those leaving or at risk of becoming homeless. The units will be leased to individuals or families from HOME ARP qualifying populations; homeless, at risk of homeless fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking or veterans & families that include a veteran member at risk of homelessness. The rents will be at or below HUD fair market rent (currently \$971 for a 2 BR unit). Durbin Companies will accept Section 8 tenants, but the units will be available to the general public provided the tenants initially meet the qualifying populations.

PY2023 expenditure was \$0.00. 113-19 Lexington Avenue

Veterans Leadership Program: Assist Veterans and families residing in the City of Altoona to prevent much needed supportive services. These supportive services include case management, budgeting child care assistance, knowledge and basic education skill assistance, career development assistance, food assistance, housing assistance, legal assistance, critical life management assistance, and financial assistance to include rental arrears, applications fees, security deposits and utility deposits. Assisted 17 people. PY2023 Expenditures \$9,637.14

TOTAL HOME ARP EXPENDITURES: \$12,682.68