

# **PROPOSED CITY FISCAL YEAR 2021** **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

## **Executive Summary**

The Community Development Block Grant (CD or CDBG) is one of four formula Entitlement grants the City of New York receives annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As a condition of receiving these funds, grantees must release for public comment and submit to HUD a Consolidated Plan that outlines how the grantee will use the funds to address its identified needs.

This document reflects the proposed City Fiscal Year (CFY) 2021 allocation of CD funds based on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 allocation of \$173,693,281, an increase of \$6,849,664 over its FFY 2019 award. In addition to this allocation, the budget is supported by program income and other supplemental revenue sources, which include prior-year accruals, loan proceeds, fees, fines, and the sale of land in Federal Urban Renewal Areas. The total Proposed CFY 2021 budget is \$280,205,000. These allocations will affect the CDBG portion of the 2020 (calendar year) Consolidated Plan. After City Council adoption of the City Fiscal Year (CFY) 2021 Budget, the changes will be incorporated into the 2020 Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan.

Please note that the allocation mentioned above is limited to the CDBG Entitlement allocation awarded as part of Congress's annual appropriations process. While the City was preparing its CFY 2021 budget, Congress passed and President Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (aka the CARES Act). This Act will provide NYC with an additional \$102 million in CDBG funding to be directed to activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 (aka coronavirus). The City will release its plan for these funds as soon as possible.

Additionally, please note the allocations for City Fiscal Year 2021 and Calendar Year 2020 contained in this document reflect the City's proposals as of April 16, 2020. COVID-19 has led to rapid changes to the City's economy, health care systems, and access to public services and facilities. At this moment, it is impossible to know the final impacts that COVID-19 will have on the City's CDBG budget. Any substantial changes will be noted in the City's 2020 Consolidated Plan.

### **Programmatic Changes in the CFY 2021 Budget**

Please note the following changes for CFY 2021:

- **Accessibility Improvements in City Schools:** The Department of Education (DOE) will use CD funds allocated in prior years to conduct accessibility-focused rehabilitation projects at public schools throughout the city. In CFY 2021, DOE will continue to receive CD funds for program staff.
- **Demolition Program:** The City will also allocate a portion of its FFY 2020 increase to address a projected rise in the number of demolitions that HPD must conduct in CFY 2021. The number of demolitions is dictated by the number of demolition orders issued by the

Department of Buildings, and the amount of orders acted upon by the property owners. While HPD makes every effort to obtain owner compliance first, the number of demolitions that HPD must perform is partially out of its control.

- **Food Pantry Services:** This program received a one-year allocation of \$375,000 for CFY 2020: \$188,000 in Calendar Year 2019 and \$187,000 in Calendar Year 2020. The City has not allocated new CD funds for CFY '21.
- **Neighborhood Preservation Consultants:** The City previously announced that, beginning July 1, 2019, it would no longer issue new CD-funded contracts due to the administrative burden of operating the program using numerous subrecipients. In CFY 2020, the program received approximately \$75,000 for staff at the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) to oversee the program's closeout. As of July 1, 2020, this program will no longer be CD-funded.
- **Targeted Code Enforcement:** The City will allocate a portion of its FFY 2020 increase to hire additional Housing Code Inspectors. This increase will allow HPD to conduct more lead-based paint inspections in units where a child under the age of six is present.
- The City also implemented the following changes during Calendar Year 2019, which are now being reflected in its City fiscal year documents:
  - The DCP Comprehensive Planning program was renamed DCP Comprehensive Planning, Data, and Tools.
  - In recognition that the DCP Information Technology program's functions provided essential support to DCP Comprehensive Planning, Data, and Tools, the two programs were combined. The individual program entry for DCP Information Technology has been discontinued.
  - Due to the similarity in program missions, the Senior Resident Advisor program's functions were combined into the Elderly Safe-at-Home program. The individual program entry for Senior Resident Advisor has been discontinued.
  - The Housing Policy Analysis and Statistical Research program has been renamed Housing Research and Evaluation.

Following is the proposed CD budget for CFY 2021.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) BUDGET  
(Millions of Dollars)

PROGRAMS	CFY 2021
<b><i>HOUSING PROGRAMS</i></b>	<b>217.043</b>
<b>Housing Assistance</b>	<b>24.320</b>
HPD Emergency Shelters	24.320
<b>Code Enforcement</b>	<b>48.393</b>
Litigation	8.224
Targeted Code Enforcement	40.169
<b>Rehabilitation</b>	<b>105.069</b>
7A Program	0.872
Alternative Enforcement Program	9.988
Emergency Repair Program	42.203
Primary Prevention Program	0.609
Project Open House	0.199
Public Housing Rehabilitation Program	51.198
<b>Clearance</b>	<b>11.644</b>
Demolition Program	11.644
<b>Maintenance and Operation of Tax-Foreclosed Housing</b>	<b>19.292</b>
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<b>Fair Housing</b>	<b>0.386</b>
HPD Fair Housing	0.386
<b>Administration</b>	<b>7.939</b>
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PROGRAMS	CFY 2021
<b><i>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS</i></b>	<b>2.297</b>
Avenue NYC	2.297
<b><i>SERVICE PROGRAMS</i></b>	<b>21.796</b>
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Services</b>	<b>3.107</b>
GreenThumb	1.305
Minipools	0.565
Pelham Bay Park Administrator's Office	0.396
Prospect Park Administrator's Office	0.551
Van Cortlandt Park Administrator's Office	0.290
<b>Criminal Justice &amp; Legal Services</b>	<b>3.932</b>
Elderly Safe-At-Home	0.675
Safe Horizon	3.257
<b>Health Care &amp; Social Services</b>	<b>9.704</b>
Beacon School Program	5.606
DHS Homeless Services	3.545
Homeless Outreach and Housing Placement Services	0.553
<b>Housing Services</b>	<b>0.529</b>
Elderly Minor Home Repair Program	0.362
Housing Information and Education	0.167
<b>Education Services</b>	<b>4.524</b>
Adult Literacy Program	1.561
Early Care & Education Services	2.963

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PROGRAMS	CFY 2021
<b><i>LANDMARKS PRESERVATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS PROGRAMS</i></b>	<b><i>0.418</i></b>
Community Arts Development Program	0.304
Landmarks Historic Preservation Grant Program	0.114
<b><i>PUBLIC FACILITIES &amp; IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMS</i></b>	<b><i>9.748</i></b>
<b>Open Space Programs</b>	<b>0.221</b>
Bronx River Project	0.221
<b>Neighborhood Facilities</b>	<b>9.527</b>
Accessibility Improvement in City Schools	0.378
Code Violation Removal in Schools	6.908
DFTA Senior Center Improvements	1.934
DHS Shelter Renovations Project Support	0.307
<b><i>PLANNING PROGRAMS</i></b>	<b><i>26.113</i></b>
DCP Comprehensive Planning, Data, and Tools	18.891
HPD Housing Research and Evaluation	5.641
LPC Planning	0.605
Rent Guidelines Board Support Staff	0.536
Scorecard Program	0.440
<b><i>ADMINISTRATION</i></b>	<b><i>2.790</i></b>
<b><i>TOTAL USES</i></b>	<b><i>280.205</i></b>