

**MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
DRAFT PY2024 YEAR FIVE ACTION PLAN**

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 91, as the lead agency of the Mobile County Urban County, Mobile County is publishing a summary of its proposed 2024 Action Plan Use of Funds (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) for citizen comment. Mobile County invites the public to review and offer comments on its draft 2024 Year Five Action Plan. The summary is published in order to afford citizens an opportunity to review the contents and to submit comments. The 30-day public comment period begins April 3rd and ends at 4:00 pm on Friday, May 3rd, 2024. The final 2024 Action Plan will be finalized after taking into consideration citizen comments received during the comment period.

The PY2024 Year Five Action Plan serves as the basis for applying for annual funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive funds through HUD’s Community Planning and Development (CPD) formula. Funds available to the Mobile County Urban County are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

At the time of publication for public comment, entitlement allocations have not been published by HUD. Contingency provisions are included in this draft Year Five Action Plan for Citizen Participation as required by HUD Notice: CPD-22-05. The CPD Notice requires that Grantees include contingency provisions to explain how adjustments will be made to its proposed action plan to match its actual allocation amounts, once actual amounts become known. Since estimated funding amounts are used for budgeting purposes in this draft plan for public participation/comment, contingency provisions are located below the program budgets.

Based on 2023 allocations, the County estimates the following allocation for PY2024: \$1,626,019 in CDBG funds, \$679,551 in HOME funds, and \$148,416 in ESG funds. Additionally, the County has \$65,554 in CDBG funds from completed and/or cancelled projects in PY2022 and HOME Program income of \$107,108. Total available for CDBG budget of \$1,691,573, HOME budget of \$786,659, and ESG budget of \$148,416 are included in the 2024 budget.

PY2024 Community Development Block Grant Budget		
Capital Projects		\$1,122,470
1.	Spot Blight Removal – City of Prichard	\$125,000
2.	Homeowner Home Emergency Repair Assistance Program – Countywide	\$140,000
3.	Improvements to Bridges on Warren St and Wasson St - Prichard	\$330,000
4.	Bayou La Batre Senior Center Improvements	\$200,000
5.	Semmes Senior Center Walking Trail Phase II	\$202,470
6.	Fire Equipment Procurement – Prichard	\$125,000
Public Services		\$243,900
7.	Prescription Drug Assistance – Countywide	\$35,000
8.	Child Abuse Victim Assistance – Countywide	\$25,000
9.	Senior Services Activities – Semmes, Grand Bay/St. Elmo	\$60,200
10.	Legal Services Homelessness Prevention Program – Countywide	\$64,000
11.	Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy – Countywide	\$15,000
12.	Youth Program – Mount Vernon, Citronelle	\$30,000
13.	Rape Crisis Victim Service Assistance – Countywide	\$5,000
14.	Financial and Homebuyer Counseling	\$6,700
15.	Services for Homeless Persons	\$3,000
Planning and Administration		\$325,203
16.	CDBG Program Administration	\$325,203
Total CDBG Budget		\$1,691,573

CDBG Contingency provisions: Administration will remain equal to 20 percent of the actual allocation. Public services will not exceed 15 percent of the actual allocation. In case of decrease in allocation that causes the budgeted Public

Service to exceed the 15% of the actual allocation, funds will be reduced to the Youth services program by an amount that keeps Public Services at 15% of the actual allocation. All remaining reduction will be made to the Semmes Senior Center Walking Trail Phase II. In case of an increase in actual allocation, the excess will be budgeted to the Semmes Senior Center Walking Trail Phase II.

PY2024 HOME Budget

1.	Single Family Affordable Housing - Acquisition/Development/Construction	\$609,917
2.	CHDO Housing Development Operating Funds/Acquisition/Development/Construction	\$101,933
3.	HOME Program Administration –EN and PI	\$74,809
Total HOME Budget		\$786,659

HOME Contingency provisions: Administration will be adjusted in order to remain equal to 10% of the actual allocation. CHDO allocation will be adjusted in order to remain at the required 15% CHDO Set-aside. Any remaining balance of increase or decrease in the allocation will be added or decreased from the Single Family Affordable Housing Program. However, should the CHDO set-aside requirements be removed for 2024, the amount allocated to the CHDO line item in this Plan will be deleted and funds transferred to the Single Family Affordable Housing Program.

PY2024 ESG Budget

1.	Street Outreach and Community Shelter	\$34,000
2.	Homelessness Prevention	\$28,900
3.	Rapid Rehousing	\$74,386
4.	ESG Program Administration	\$11,130
Total ESG Budget		\$148,416

ESG Contingency provisions: Administration will be adjusted in order to remain equal to 7.5% of the actual allocation. Any remaining balance of increase or decrease in the allocation will be added or decreased from the Street Outreach and Community Shelter activity.

The draft 2024 Year Five Action Plan is available for public inspection from Wednesday April 3, 2024 on the County website at: <https://www.mobilecountyal.gov/grants/plans-policies-amendments/>. In an attempt to foster additional outreach efforts, Mobile County will also request that public libraries and city/town halls within the County share this information via their websites.

Comments or suggestions concerning the plan may be submitted during the 30-day public comment period in writing by 4 pm on Friday, May 3rd, 2024. After consideration of comments received, the County will consider to adopt and submit the Action Plan to HUD. Comments may be sent to Gordon Bauer at Gordon.Bauer@mobilecountyal.gov or mailed to Gordon Bauer, Mobile County Commission, P.O.Box 1443, Mobile AL 36633.

Spanish translation and/or clarification will be provided upon request, please email Gordon.Bauer@mobilecountyal.gov or call 251-574-8099. La traducción y/o la clarificación Española serán dados si hay solicitud. Email por favor Gordon Bauer at Gordon.Bauer@mobilecountyal.gov o llamar 251-574-8099.

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