




CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: May 9, 2023 

To: Mark F. Miller, City Manager

From: Robert J. Bruner, Deputy City Manager
Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Director
Cindy Stewart, Community Affairs Director

Subject: Oakland County's Urban County Community Development Block Grant
Cooperation Agreement for Program Years 2024-2026

History

Oakland County Community and Home Improvement Division are requesting the City of Troy's continued participation in Oakland County's Urban County Community Development Block Grant program for program years 2024-2026. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires Oakland to renew the Cooperation Agreement every three years. The City of Troy has been participating in Oakland County's Urban County CDBG Program since 1982. Oakland County handles the majority of the federal paperwork involved in administering the CDBG program. The reduction in administrative burden helps maximize the benefit of each dollar at the local level.

Funding

The City of Troy should receive approximately \$178,000 in CDBG funds through the "Urban County" program this year. During the past three years approximately \$533,640 has funded such programs as Parks and Recreational Facilities Projects, Non-Residential Historic Preservation (Roof on Barn at the Troy Farm), and Public Services (Yard Assistance for Low Income Seniors and Persons with Disabilities).

Recommendation

It is recommended that City Council approve the resolution for the City of Troy to continue its participation in Oakland County's Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program for program years 2024-2026, which shall be automatically renewed in successive three-year qualification periods of time, or until such time that it is in the best interest of the City of Troy to terminate the Cooperative Agreement.

May 5, 2023

The Honorable Ethan Baker, Mayor
City of Troy
500 W. Big Beaver
Troy, MI 48084

RE: 2024 - 2026 Cooperation Agreements

Dear Mayor Baker:

We invite the City of Troy to continue participating in the Oakland County urban county Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for program years 2024-2026. The City has participated during the past three years. During this period, approximately \$533,640 has funded programs to address the needs of low-income residents.

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the County to renew its Cooperation Agreement with participating communities every three years. Your participation is essential to the County and the other cities, townships and villages that combine demographics each year to achieve the highest level of federal funding for local projects. Participation in the urban county requires a three-year commitment and your community must remain in the program for the three-year duration. If your community chooses to remain with the urban county, it is ineligible to apply for grants under the State CDBG program while a part of the urban county.

Although Troy has a population of more than 50,000 and is eligible to apply directly for HUD funding, we would like to point out several reasons for the City to consider remaining in the County program. The City receives approximately \$177,880 in CDBG funds through the urban county program each year. Besides the annual CDBG allocation, Troy also benefits from the County's HOME Investment Partnerships and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. As a participating community, the City will automatically be included in the County HOME and ESG programs.

The HOME program provides low-income residents with access to our award-winning Home Improvement Program. HOME funds are also used to develop affordable rental and owner housing. ESG funds are used to meet the needs of the homeless through emergency shelters, rapid re-housing and homeless prevention assistance. Another benefit is that Oakland County takes care of most of the federal paperwork involved in the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. The reduction in administrative burden maximizes the benefit of each dollar at the local level.

As a current participant, there is a Cooperation Agreement between the City of Troy and Oakland County on file. This three-year Cooperation Agreement is automatically renewed for each three-year cycle unless an amendment is required by HUD. Your CDBG primary contact was provided a copy of the most current Cooperation Agreement and should have it on file. If you require a copy, please contact us.

In order to continue to participate in the Oakland County urban county program the City must submit the following document to the County by Monday, June 12, 2023:

- 1) A resolution (see attached) specifically designed to meet HUD requirements. Please ensure that the original resolution is signed, dated and certified by the City Clerk. Alternatively, the original resolution can be signed and dated by the City Clerk and embossed with a seal. Please send us the original resolution and keep a copy for your records.**

If you decide to opt out of the urban county program, a letter signed by the chief executive officer is required. The letter should state that the community intends to opt out of the Oakland County urban county program. Due to federal requirements, you must submit this letter to the County **and** to HUD. Please mail HUD's copy of the letter to Keith E. Hernandez, AICP, Director, Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development, Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building 477 Michigan Ave., Ste. 1600, Detroit MI 48226 by **Monday, June 12, 2023**. The County's copy of the letter should be mailed to Samantha Ferguson, Grant Compliance Coordinator, by **Monday, June 12, 2023**. If you have questions, please contact Samantha at (248) 858-5312.

We look forward to three more years of productive partnership.

Sincerely,



Shane Bies, Manager

cc: Cindy Stewart, Community Affairs Director

**INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING – RESOLUTION REQUIRED
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Oakland County, Michigan
Urban County Qualification 2024-2026**

Resolution Language

We resolve to opt into Oakland County's Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs for the program years 2024, 2025 and 2026. Furthermore, we resolve to remain in Oakland County's Urban County Community Development programs, which shall be automatically renewed in successive three-year qualification periods of time, or until such time that it is in the best interest of the local Community to terminate the Cooperative Agreement.

NOTE: Please ensure that the above resolution is signed, dated and certified in the originals by the Clerk. Alternatively, the resolution can be signed and dated by the Clerk and embossed with a seal. Please keep a copy for your records.

Please send the original by Monday, June 12, 2023 to:
Samantha Ferguson, Grant Compliance Coordinator
Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development
250 Elizabeth Lake Road #1900
Pontiac, MI 48341-0414