

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD

The City of Pine Bluff will be accepting public comments on the 2023 Annual Action Plan from April 20, 2023 thru May 19, 2023. Written comments can be sent to: ecdhomes@cityofpinebluff-ar.gov or mailed to: Economic & Community Development, 716 S. Georgia, Pine Bluff, AR 71601. The City's Economic & Community Development Department will submit the 2023 Annual Action Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development on or before May 24, 2023.

In addition, a public hearing to receive comments on the use of 2023 funding for CDBG and HOME Program funds will be held:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Clearance and Demolition 570.201(d)	15,000
Disposition 570.201(b)	16,000
Public Facilities and Improvements 570.201(c)	385,405
Public Services 570.201(e)	60,615
Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202(a)(1)	60,000
Rehabilitation Services 570.202(b)(9)	15,000
General Administration & Planning	106,380
	\$658,400

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

General Administration	26,888
Homebuyer Assistance	87,045
New Construction	89,668
CHDO Allocation	40,333
Rehabilitation of Existing Owner Units	107,295
	\$351,229

2023 Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

1	Goal Name	Create affordable housing opportunities
	Goal Description	<p>ECD will create affordable housing opportunities via homeowner and rental rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance, new construction, and via public services for the homeless and those experiencing housing instability.</p> <p>Emergency Rehabilitation (CDBG): \$60,000</p> <p>This funding will be used to support limited-scope rehabilitation at owner-occupied or rental housing units within the City of Pine Bluff.</p> <p>Rehabilitation Administration (CDBG): \$15,000</p> <p>This funding will be used to support the project delivery costs of housing rehabilitation programs.</p> <p>Rehabilitation Owner Units: (HOME): \$107,295</p> <p>This funding will be used to support substantial rehabilitation at owner-occupied housing units within the City of Pine Bluff.</p> <p>Public Services (CDBG): \$60,615</p> <p>This funding will help support housing stability case management within the city of Pine Bluff for homeless and low-income residents to attain and maintain permanent housing, especially chronically homeless individuals with disabilities.</p> <p>Homebuyer Assistance (HOME): \$87,045</p> <p>This funding will be used to defray closing costs and down payment requirements for existing housing units within the City of Pine Bluff.</p> <p>New Construction (HOME): \$89,668</p> <p>This funding will be used toward the construction of new, affordable housing within targeted areas of the City of Pine Bluff. This funding will be used to offer non-interest bearing subordinate loans for applicants to build a new, affordable housing unit that will serve as their primary residence upon completion.</p> <p>CHDO Allocation (HOME): \$40,333</p> <p>This funding will be used toward the construction and/or rehabilitation of affordable housing developed by a qualified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO).</p>

2	Goal Name	Create suitable living environments
	Goal Description	<p>Creating suitable living environments is a vital component of revitalizing the Heart of the City. It is also vital to the Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods initiative. This project includes public facilities and infrastructure improvements as well as other activities needed to provide suitable living environments, including safe places to play and safe routes to school.</p> <p>Clearance and Demolition: \$15,000</p> <p>This funding is allocated for demolitions or environmental clearances needed to address slum and blighted conditions within targeted redevelopment areas.</p> <p>Disposition: \$16,000</p> <p>This funding will cover disposition-related costs of properties planned for redevelopment.</p> <p>Public Facilities & Improvements: \$385,405</p> <p>This funding is allocated for improvements of existing facilities, including street/pedestrian infrastructure improvements and public parks and recreational facilities.</p>
3	Goal Name	Create economic opportunities
	Goal Description	<p>This goal seeks to facilitate access to employment and small business development opportunities, especially within the Heart of the City through commercial rehabilitation and microenterprise development. Resources are still available from previous program year funding to support activities during Program Year 2023.</p>
4	Goal Name	Effective administration of programs
	Goal Description	<p>Effective administration of CDBG and HOME programs is a top priority.</p> <p>HOME Administration: \$26,888</p> <p>CDBG Administration: \$107,295</p>