



CITY OF TACOMA  
COMMUNITY AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
2023 Tacoma-Lakewood HOME  
Consortium  
Executive Summary  
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## INTRODUCTION

The 2023 Annual Action Plan outlines the City of Tacoma's yearly spending plan for federal and non-federal resources. Annual planning ensures that activities meet needs and goals identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

# Executive Summary

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### 1. Introduction

The 2023 Annual Action Plan (AAP) is the spending plan for the fourth year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for the Tacoma and Lakewood HOME Consortium. Annual plans provide a consolidated framework for addressing housing, community and economic development, and human services needs within these cities. The plan is required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive funds from three federal programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and for the City of Tacoma, Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG).

HUD sets the eligibility criteria for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs, which benefit low- to moderate-income residents. Annual grant dollars are assigned to program activities through the implementation of the City of Tacoma's Participation Plan (CPP). The CPP outlines components of the City's partnership with community members on identifying needs and priorities to be met by program activities that meet HUD requirements. It also describes the roles of the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority, the Human Services Commission, and the Tacoma/Lakewood/Pierce County Continuum of Care in forming recommendations to the Tacoma City Council on projects to be funded each program year.

Through Annual Action Plans, the City of Lakewood's HOME funds are also assigned to the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority for administration.

For the 2023-2024 Program year the City of Tacoma anticipates receiving the following grant allocations: CDBG - \$2,389,216, HOME - \$1,494,568, ESG - \$209,851.

In addition to new grant allocations, the City will allocate program income for the HOME and CDBG Programs.

### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The development of the Consolidated Plan provides the Tacoma-Lakewood HOME Consortium with an assessment of needs and market analysis that drives the overall strategy of the five-year cycle. Annual Action Plans specify the activities and projects identified to meet Consolidated Plan objectives each program year, which lasts from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

For the 2023 yearly planning cycle, Tacoma and Lakewood seek to achieve the following Consolidated Plan goals:

- Stabilize existing residents (including housing, economic, and emergency stabilization)
- Increase diverse rental and homeownership opportunities

- Prevent and reduce homelessness

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

Progress towards those annual goals and objectives are then evaluated in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report in the months following the close of each program year. While numeric outcomes for the 2022-2023 program year are not available during the yearly drafting of Annual Action Plans, program activities provided:

- Health- and safety-related home repairs for low-income households, persons living with disabilities, families with children, and elderly households;
- Technical assistance, lease negotiations, financial management, and microloans to low- and moderate-income business owners, creating jobs and preventing commercial displacement;
- Support to community-based organizations providing housing stabilization, legal services, and food assistance to persons experiencing homelessness;
- Funding to support organizational operations of the Homeless Management Information System;
- Rapid re-housing and temporary financial assistance;
- Down payment assistance to eligible, low-income homebuyers;
- Financial assistance to renters, homeowners, and business owners whose incomes were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

The City used state funds to facilitate the acquisition of 79 units of existing housing to create new permanent supportive housing opportunities for people exiting homelessness at the Heron Apartments.

Construction of Hilltop Lofts, a 57-unit permanent supportive housing project, was completed and 100% occupancy established within two months of opening. The commercial space in the building is occupied by legacy businesses Mr. Mac's and Sam and Terry's Barbershop.

### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Funding recommendations for allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for projects related to infrastructure, community development, economic development, and housing are made by the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority.

Recommendations for CDBG Public Services and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds are made by City of Tacoma Neighborhood and Community Services staff with input from the Human Services Commission and the Tacoma/Lakewood/Pierce County Continuum of Care.

The Tacoma-Lakewood HOME Consortium 2023 Annual Action Plan allocates HOME and CDBG funds to be administered by the TCRA in support of Affordable Housing projects.

The thirty-day period for examination and review of the AAP will begin on March 31, 2023, and end on May 2, 2023. Written comment is accepted during this time. In addition, a public hearing will be held during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting on April 25, 2023, during which verbal comment is accepted. The City will provide public notice on or about March 28, 2023, in the Legal section of the Tacoma publication The News Tribune for print and online viewing. Notice is also provided several weeks in advance of the public hearing via the Tacoma Daily Index.

A copy of the public notice will be shared via email with partner agencies, including agencies serving communities who are low-income, elderly, minorities, other-abled, youth, or have limited English proficiency. The AAP will also be posted on the City's website. Public comments will be documented and submitted with the plan, along with an explanation of whether or not they are incorporated into the plan and why.

## **5. Summary of public comments**

This section will be completed at the conclusion of the comment period.

## **6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them**

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## **7. Summary**

The City of Tacoma leverages Consolidated Plan resources with other local funding sources including General Funds, HB 1590 Sales and Use Tax, HB 1406 Washington State Sales Tax Credit, and the City of Tacoma Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Sales Tax to provide for human services, affordable housing, and community and economic development. The City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority administers its federal housing and community development resources in coordination with the City of Lakewood, Pierce County, and the State of Washington.