

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
GRANT PROGRAMS 2020-2024  
And  
FY 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN  
MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN, PA**

In accordance with the federal regulations at 24 CFR, Part 91.200(c), 91.200(b), the Municipality prepared a five-year consolidated action plan in 2020. The document, known as the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan (PLAN) is a requirement for direct assistance under certain US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding programs including the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The Municipality is required to develop an annual action plan that implements the strategies for the goals set forth in the PLAN.

The Municipality of Norristown will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit 23, West Lafayette Street, 1st Floor, Norristown, PA 19401. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties.

Copies of the 2022 Annual Action Plan will be available for public inspection and review at the following locations beginning Thursday, November 23, 2020:

Planning Department Municipality of Norristown 1700 Markley St, Ste 104 Norristown, PA 19401	Montgomery County - Norristown Public Library 1001 Powell Street Norristown, PA 19401
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The 2022 Annual Action will also be available electronically through the Municipal of Norristown Website Norristown.org - the link is below:  
<https://www.norristown.org/>

The FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan establishes the Municipality's goals for a five (5) year period and outlines the specific initiatives the Municipality will undertake to address its needs and objectives by promoting the rehabilitation and construction of decent, safe, and sanitary housing; creating suitable living environment; removing slums and blighting conditions; promoting fair housing; improving public services; expanding economic opportunities; and principally benefiting low and moderate income persons.

The PLAN is a collaborative effort of the Municipality of Norristown, the community at large, social service agencies, housing providers, community development agencies, and economic development groups. The planning process was accomplished through a series of public meetings, stakeholder interviews, resident surveys, statistical data, and review of the Municipality's Comprehensive Plan and other community plans.

The "Vision" of the PLAN is to serve as a consolidated planning document, and a strategic plan for the Municipality of Norristown. The following goals and outcomes have been identified in the PLAN with priority needs dealing with housing, homelessness, special needs, community development and economic development throughout the Municipality.

The Municipality will focus its 2022 and prior years' CDBG funds towards improving the quality of life in the Municipality's neighborhoods for low- and moderate-income households, and to preserve and increase the stock of affordable owner-occupied housing units. CDBG activities are separated into broad categories addressing priority needs as identified in the PLAN.

**Housing Priority Need:** To improve the quality of the housing stock in the community and to increase the supply of affordable, decent, safe, accessible, and sound housing for homeowners, and homebuyers. The goals and strategies to meet this priority need include the continuation of the Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation project which helps to increase the supply of affordable, decent, safe, sound and accessible housing for homeowners in the Municipality through rehabilitation and new construction; the continuation of Fair Housing activities that promote fair choice through education and outreach for both homeowners and renters; and the continuation of the First Time Homebuyers Assistance project which assists first time homebuyers in Norristown by providing down payment assistance, closing cost assistance and requires housing counseling.

**Homeless Priority Need:** Housing and services for homeless persons and persons at-risk of becoming homeless. The goals and strategies to meet this priority need include Norristown's continued support of the Montgomery County Continuum of Care's efforts to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing in non-impacted areas outside the Municipality.

**Other Special Needs Priority:** To create housing opportunities, services, and facilities for persons with special needs. The goals and strategies to meet this priority need are the continuation of activities to increase the supply of affordable, decent, safe, accessible housing for the elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons with other special needs through rehabilitation, new construction, and making reasonable accommodations to existing housing.

**Community Development Priority Need:** To improve the quality of life in the Municipality of Norristown by working to improve the public and community facilities, infrastructure, and other public services. The goals and strategies to meet this priority need include the continuation of activities that improve public infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of various public and community facilities; the continuation of activities to improve and increase public safety, municipal services, and public service programs throughout Norristown; and improvement of public safety facilities and equipment; and continued code enforcement activities to ensure compliance with local codes and ordinances to keep up and maintain sustainable and livable communities.

**Economic Development Priority Need:** Increase employment, self-sufficiency, educational training and economic empowerment for residents who reside in the Municipality of Norristown. Goals and strategies to meet this priority need include activity that supports and encourages new job creation, job retention, employment, and job training services; financial assistance to support business and commercial growth through expansion and new development through technical assistance programs and low interest loans; and redevelopment and development activities that promote the growth in the downtown business district.

**Administration/Management/Planning Priority Need:** To provide program management and oversight of federal, state, and locally funded programs to assure the funding is utilized properly and in accordance with federal and local regulations. The goals and strategies for this priority need are continued activity that provides program management and oversight for the successful administration of federal, state, and local funded programs, including planning services for special studies, environmental clearance, fair housing, and compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

The 2022 CDBG program year is March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023. The 2022 Annual Action Plan provides for projects that are consistent with the needs, goals, and strategies in the 2020 - 2024 Consolidated Plan as set forth in the table below. The Municipality will continue to use prior year CDBG funds for the activities below not receiving an allocation in the 2022 CDBG proposed budget.

The Municipality anticipates receiving a 2022 CDBG allocation of \$829,536 based on its 2021 allocation. The Municipality will also be using \$137,112 in 2015 funds for a total of \$966,648.

<b>CDBG Projects/Activities Eligibility and National Objective Citations</b>	<b>2022 Proposed Budget</b>
<u>Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation</u> Continuation of the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program. The program facilitates the rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing units, allowing homeowners to remain in their homes, prevention blighting elements.  24 CFR 570.202(a)(1), Eligibility -- 570.208(a)(3) LMH	<b>\$ 90,000.00</b>
<u>Housing Rehab Technical Support</u> This activity allows administration of the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. Support includes income verification, technical specifications write-ups, bidding, and construction management, reports, and grant applications.  24 CFR 570.202(a)(1), Eligibility -- 570.208(a)(1) LMH	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>
<u>Acquisition for Homeownership (NEW)</u> The funds will be used to acquire properties deemed 'blighted' under the Urban Redevelopment Law of Pennsylvania for the purpose of demolishing the dilapidated buildings, clearing the site and making it ready for building new houses for income eligible homeowners. This is part of the 2020 match for our DCED \$300,000 blight grant.	<b>\$ 74,760.00</b>
<u>Fair Housing Council</u> As part of the Municipality's Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the Municipality is required to undertake fair housing planning. Fair Housing Planning consists of the following: (1) an Analysis of Impediments to fair housing choice; (2) actions to cover the effects of the identified impediments; and, (3) maintenance of records to support the furthering of fair housing certification.  Expected number of people served -- 200  24 CFR 570.206(c), Eligibility -- 570.208(a)(2) LMC	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>
<u>Small Business Assistance Center</u> Continue to provide technical assistance, aiding with job creation to low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs in the Municipality provided by The Enterprise Center via Norristown's Small Business Center.  24 CFR 570.203(b), Eligibility -- 570.208(2)(c) LMC	<b>\$ 40,000.00</b>
<u>Main Street Streetscape</u> Continuation of sidewalk and streetscape improvements in the Downtown area of Main Street.	<b>\$ 49,761.00</b>
<u>Section 108 Loan</u> This activity allows for the payment of Section 108 loan interest and principle for the Logan Square Project.  24 CFR 570.703(c), 570.203(b)	<b>\$ 486,220.00</b>
<u>Administration</u> Includes staff salaries, wages, and related costs for the Planning Department to allow for management and oversight of the CDBG. Also includes rental and purchase of equipment, insurance, utilities, and office supplies.  24 CFR 570.206(a)(1), 570.208(a)(1)	<b>\$ 165,907.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 966,648.00</b>

*\*The 2022 CDBG Budget was developed based on prior year CDBG allocation and contingent upon the availability of the 2022 CDBG funds allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The 2022 CDBG budget is subject to change once the official allocation has been awarded to the Municipality.*

**Comments**

The 2022 Action Plan will be submitted to HUD no later than January 14, 2022 unless otherwise notified by HUD. Interested persons are encouraged to express their views on the Action Plan at the public hearing or in writing to the Department of Planning and Municipal Development at the address identified above. All interested individuals and organizations are invited to attend the hearing to offer their views and comments on the housing and community development needs of the Municipality of Norristown. Non-English-speaking individuals and those who require the information in an alternate format or who require special accommodations at the public hearing, may contact the Planning Department at 610-270-0451 to request guidance and assistance. All comments received by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2021 will be considered.

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