



FY23 Annual Action Plan Zoning & Planning Committee

June 1, 2022

The City of Newton

FY23 AAP Timeline

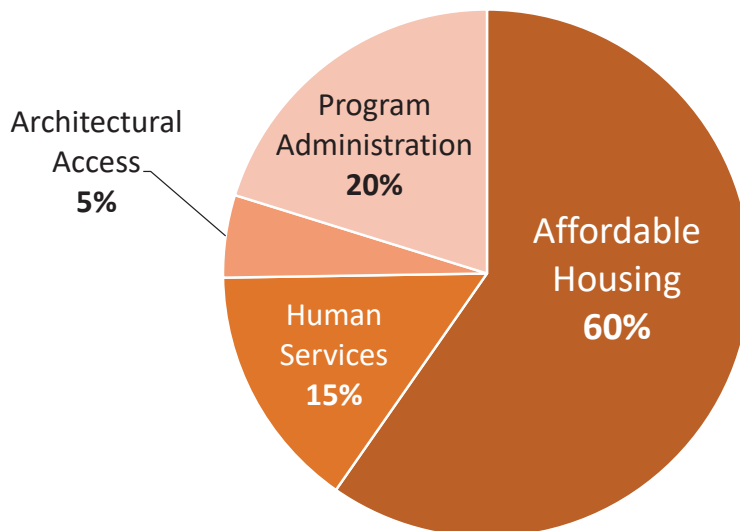
January – April 2022	Housing & CD staff meet with advisory committees to review needs / proposed projects (Newton Housing Partnership, Commission on Disability, Fair Housing Committee, former BNWW Continuum of Care, WestMetro HOME Consortium)
Jan. 5 – Feb. 2, 2022	Human Services and ESG RFP application open for submissions
May 2, 2022	P&D Board Public Hearing on Draft FY23 AAP; start of 30-day public comment period
June 1, 2022	Zoning and Planning Committee Presentation
June 8, 2022	Submission of FY23 Annual Action Plan
July 1, 2022	Start of FY23 program year

FY23 Allocation of Funds

Program	FY23
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,870,395
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)**	\$1,618,338
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$165,059
Total	\$3,653,789

**Approx. \$140,000 of total is designated as Newton entitlement HOME funds

Recommended FY23 CDBG Allocation



FY23 Goals and Activities

Goal #1: Affordable Housing

Create, preserve, and rehabilitate safe, decent, and affordable rental and ownership housing and provide financial support to income-eligible first-time homebuyers.



FY23 Affordable Housing Program

- **Production of Affordable Units:**
 - Haywood House – Newton Housing Authority (55 units)
 - Golda Meir House Expansion – 2Life Communities (68 units)
 - West Newton Armory - Pre-Commitment of FY24 & FY25 funds (43 units)
- **Preservation of Affordable Units:**
 - Coleman House Preservation Project (146 units)
- **Rehabilitation of Existing Units:**
 - Newton Housing Authority / CAN-DO Portfolio (16 units across 7 properties)
 - Newton Housing Authority's Management Portfolio (57 units across 13 properties)
 - Approx. 3 homeowner units
- **Support Affordable Homeownership:**
 - Approx. 3 first-time homebuyer grants (\$10,000)

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Goal #2: Fair Housing



Continued education around fair housing laws, regulations and their enforcement are critical to ensuring that every individual and household has equal opportunity and access to affordable housing in Newton and across the WestMetro HOME Consortium.

➤ FY23 Fair Housing Program

- Collaborate with the FHC and HOME Consortium to increase knowledge about fair housing laws and obligations – Fair Housing Month
- Continue implementation of Analysis of Impediments report
- Re-release the RFP for a fair housing testing program throughout Consortium
- Finalize parking utilization study with MAPC and analyze results

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Goal #3: Human Services



Financial support for programs that directly provide stability across the lifespan for Newton’s low- to moderate-income population.



*Above: Newton Community Development Foundation

FY23 Human Service Program Recommended Awards

Agency	Program	Allocation
Newton Housing Authority	Resident Services Program	\$38,550.00
West Suburban YMCA	Childcare Financial Aid Program	\$36,720.00
Family ACCESS	Social Mobility for Young Families	\$33,730.00
The Second Step	Community Programs for Adult Survivors of DV	\$24,100.00
Newton Community Development Foundation	Resident Services Program	\$24,100.00
Riverside Community Care	Mental Health Services Promoting Economic Mobility	\$19,275.00
2Life Communities (formerly JCHE)	CaringChoices and Wellness Nursing for Low-Income Seniors	\$19,275.00
John M. Barry Boys and Girls Club	Financial Aid for Teens/Families	\$15,600.00
Jewish Family & Children’s Services	Stabilization & Recovery Services	\$14,630.00
The Carroll Center for the Blind	Career and Vocational Rehab Services	\$13,760.00
Newton Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Culture	Financial Aid for Summer Camp	\$12,530.00
Jewish Big Brothers and Big Sisters	Mentoring Initiatives	\$9,640.00
Plowshares Ed. Development Center	Tuition Assistance	\$9,637.00
Pathway to Possible	Clinical Social Worker	\$9,637.00
	Total	\$281,184.00

Goal #4: Supportive Services for Homeless and At-Risk of Homelessness



Provide supportive services for individuals and families that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, including financial support for existing emergency and transitional housing.

*Above (clockwise): Middlesex Human Service Agency, Brookline Community Mental Health Center, and Community Day Center of Waltham.

FY23 ESG Program Recommended Awards

ESG Category	Agency	Program	Allocation
Emergency Shelter	Middlesex Human Service Agency	Individual Shelter Assistance	\$8,050.00
	The Second Step	Residential Shelter Program	\$30,195.00
	REACH Beyond Domestic Violence	Emergency Shelter for Survivors of Domestic Violence	\$22,140.00
	Community Day Center of Waltham	Day Shelter	\$38,650.00
Homelessness Prevention	Brookline Community Mental Health Center	Homelessness Prevention	\$27,235.00
Rapid Re-housing	Brookline Community Mental Health Center	Rapid Re-housing	\$26,410.00
Administration (capped at 7.5%)	City of Newton	Program Administration	\$12,379.00
Total			\$165,059.00

Goal #5: Architectural Access



Removal of material and architectural barriers restricting mobility and accessibility of elderly or severely disabled persons, through public thoroughfares, public buildings, parks and recreational facilities, and nonprofit agencies.

5% (\$90,500) of FY23 CDBG funds will fund the creation of two accessible crossings at the three-way intersection of Langley Road, Warren Street and Chase Street.

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HOME-ARP

- ❖ The WestMetro HOME Consortium has been awarded approximately \$5 million as part of the American Rescue Plan that will be administered through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME-ARP). HOME-ARP funds will assist individuals and/or households who are experiencing or are at-risk of homelessness and other vulnerable populations.
- ❖ HOME-ARP funds can be used for four eligible activities:
 1. Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing
 2. Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
 3. Supportive Services, Homelessness Prevention Services, Housing Counseling
 4. Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter
- ❖ Before we can access these funds, the WestMetro HOME Consortium will undergo an extensive Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis in order to develop the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released in February and will be available until April 7, 2022, in order to bring on a consultant to develop this plan.

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City Council Vote

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting City Council authorization, pursuant to the 2020 Revised Citizen Participation Plan, to submit the FY23 Annual Action Plan to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the City of Newton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funds and the WestMetro HOME Consortium.