



# **City of Miami Gardens**

## **2023 Annual Action Plan**

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## Executive Summary

### AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

#### 1. Introduction

The City of Miami Gardens strives to provide a suitable living environment in particular for low- to moderate-income households and special needs groups in the City. Miami Gardens is a distinctive suburban City in Miami-Dade County. Incorporated in 2003, Miami Gardens is the largest predominantly African-American municipality in the state of Florida, with a solid working-class and middle-class resident base and a strong sense of community ownership and civic pride.

The City is designated as an entitlement city by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which enables it to be eligible for federal funds allocated through HUD's Community Planning Development (CPD) program. The City's Community Services Department administers the federal HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds and ensures compliance of HUD regulations and guidelines. Partnerships with neighborhood nonprofit organizations, City departments and other local units of government allow the City to improve the quality of life for its citizens through affordable housing activities, public improvements and public services. Currently, the only CPD program from which Miami Gardens receives funding is CDBG.

CDBG activities must meet eligibility requirements set by HUD and address an identified priority need, goal, and objectives established in the City's 2021-2025 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This plan represents the PY 2023 Annual Action Plan (AAP), which is the third program year of the Five-Year Plan, and meets HUD's requirements for CPD grantees, identifying goals and objectives for the use of CPD funds based on public input and an analysis of housing and community service needs and resources. PY 2023 begins on October 1, 2023 and ends on September 30, 2024.

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

The City of Miami Gardens has developed its strategic plan based on an analysis of the data presented in this plan and the community participation and stakeholder consultation process. Through these efforts, the City has identified three priority needs and associated goals to address those needs. The priority needs and goals for PY 2023 are as follows:

##### **Priority Need: Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements**

##### Goal: 1A. Expand & Improve Public Infrastructure

The City will work to expand and improve public infrastructure in Miami Gardens. These activities include improvements to infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks, ADA improvements, and storm water and water systems in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. These activities will benefit low-/mod areas.

- Objective: Creating Suitable Living Environments
- Outcome: Availability/Accessibility
- Outcome Indicator: 25,000 Persons Assisted

Goal: 1B. Improve Access to Public Facilities

The City will work to improve access to public facilities in Miami Gardens. These activities include improvements for neighborhood facilities, community centers and park and recreational facilities in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. These activities will benefit low-/mod areas.

- Objective: Creating Suitable Living Environments
- Outcome: Availability/Accessibility
- Outcome Indicator: 10,000 Persons Assisted

**Priority Need: Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs**

Goal: 2A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs

The City will work to increase the capacity of local service providers that offer vital services to the special needs population such as the elderly, persons with a disability, the homeless and victims of domestic violence.

- Objective: Creating Suitable Living Environments
- Outcome: Availability/Accessibility
- Outcome Indicator: 500 Persons Assisted

Goal: 2B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households

The City will work to increase the capacity of local service providers that offer vital services that improve the quality of life for to low- and moderate income (LMI) households. Public Services that are intended to help assist LMI residents include activities such as a food pantry, after school tutoring, summer programs, youth services, health services and more.

- Objective: Creating Suitable Living Environments
- Outcome: Availability/Accessibility
- Outcome Indicator: 2000 Persons Assisted

**Priority Need: Owner Occupied Housing Preservation**

Goal: 3A. Provide Funding for Critical Housing Repairs for LMI

The City will fund a critical housing repair program for LMI and seniors in Miami Gardens. Application notices will be published by the City for eligible owner-occupied households needing critical housing repairs.

- Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing
- Outcome: Affordability
- Outcome Indicator: Homeowner Housing Rehab: 10 Household Housing Unit

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

The City of Miami Gardens, with local nonprofits, community housing providers and other public and private agencies, has made significant contributions to provide safe, decent and affordable housing, and a suitable living environment for low- to moderate-income individuals in the community. However, the City recognizes that affordable housing opportunities, vital public services and public improvements remain priority needs in Miami Gardens, as documented by the current Consolidated Plan and the most recent program year 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The CAPER provides an assessment of progress towards the five-year goals and the one-year goals of the CDBG grant program in the City. In the most recent reporting program year 2021, the City highlighted these accomplishments by priority:

**Affordable Housing:** The City completed housing rehab for 6 LMI owner-occupied households in PY 2021. Housing rehab activities included, but were not limited to fixing exterior damage by storms, roof replacements, minor structural damage, and residential cleanup through the Neighborhood Beautification Program. The City did not meet its goal for the program year, however new households continue to be identified and will add to the accomplishments in the future.

**Public Services:** In PY 2021, the City assisted LMI and special needs groups with vital public services that improved their quality of life. In total 12,522 persons were served through public services which included senior services, youth service programs, assistance for abused and neglected children, housing counseling and food banks. Overall, the City exceeded its goal to assist LMI residents with public services.

**Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements:** The City completed public facility and infrastructure activities that had a citywide benefit (122,035 estimated persons) in LMI areas. Public facility improvements were made at Lester Brown Park and Betty T. Ferguson Natatorium. Public infrastructure activities were street improvements in low/mod areas in Miami Gardens. The City exceeded its goal to assist LMI residents with public improvements

#### **CDBG-CV Accomplishments**

In PY 2021, the City funded PPR upgrades to the Betty T. Ferguson Natatorium facility, which included HVAC improvements for better air handling and quality. These upgrades helped to provide health and

safety precautions in the facility.

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

The City follows its Citizen Participation Plan, which adheres to 24 CFR 91.105 and sets the minimum requirements in reaching out to citizens, in particular LMI individuals and special need groups to participate in community planning and development programs. This includes, but it not limited to soliciting participation from minorities, non-English speakers, low- and moderate-income persons, the elderly and those with any disability. A copy of the Citizen Participation Plan can be requested from the Community Services Director and can be emailed to their attention.

Citizen participation efforts for the development of the PY 2023 AAP included a 30-day public comment period which was held to allow members from the public an opportunity to review and provide input on the draft plan. A public hearing was also held to allow members of the public an opportunity to make comments on the plans.

##### Citizen Participation Efforts for the 2023 Annual Action Plan:

**Public Comment Period:** A 30-day public comment period will be held for the PY 2023 AAP from **June 15, 2023 until July 15, 2023**. The draft plan can be downloaded from the City of Miami Gardens Department of Community Services website at: <https://www.miamigardens-fl.gov/170/Community-Services>.

Written comments for the draft plan will be accepted until July 15, 2023. To view a hardcopy of the documents and submit comments the locations listed below could be visited. Comments could also be submitted by e-mail at [hudcomment@miamigardens-fl.gov](mailto:hudcomment@miamigardens-fl.gov)

City of Miami Gardens  
Community Services Department  
18605 NW 27 Avenue, Suite 151  
Miami Gardens, FL 33056  
7:00 AM - 6:30 PM M-Th

City of Miami Gardens  
City Hall  
18605 NW 27 Avenue  
Miami Gardens, FL 33056  
7:00 AM - 6:30 PM M-Th

**Public Hearing:** The City will hold a public hearing on **June 14, 2023 at 3:30 PM** to review and discuss the proposed AAP. The public hearing will be held at City Hall in the Community Room, 18605 NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33056. The City encourages public participation by attending the hearing.



All comments are welcome. Details of the citizen participation outreach efforts are located in AP-12 Citizen Participation.

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

PUBLIC HEARING (June 14, 2023): There were no comments made.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (June 15, 2023 until July 15, 2023): There were no comments made.

All comments were welcome. Details of the citizen participation outreach efforts are located in AP-12 Citizen Participation.

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

All comments are welcome. Details of the citizen participation outreach efforts are located in AP-12 Citizen Participation.

## **7. Summary**

The PY 2023 Annual Action Plan is the third program year of the City's 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan. The priority needs and goals in this plan were identified through a needs assessment and housing market analysis in the Consolidated Plan and a citizen participation and consultation process.

## PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

### 1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

*Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.*

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	MIAMI GARDENS	Community Services Department

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

### Narrative

The City of Miami Gardens Community Services Department is the responsible entity for carrying out the day-to-day administration of the housing and community services programs. Community Services staff work with other City Departments, local nonprofit and for-profit organizations, and contractors to carry out the goals of the Annual Action Plan.

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## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)**

### **1. Introduction**

To comply with the Consolidated Plan development process, federal regulations (24 CFR 91.200(b), 91.215(i)), the City of Miami Gardens consulted with community service providers, other jurisdictions, and other entities with a potential interest in or knowledge of that jurisdiction's housing and non-housing community services issues.

During the development of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan, the City reached out through online surveys; a public hearing to discuss the plan; a 30-day public comment period to allow the public an opportunity to provide input of the plan and placed a newspaper advertisement in the Miami Herald. Individuals and organizations were invited to attend the public hearing, participate in the public comment period, and to respond to the online survey. This provided every stakeholder, interested party and resident with the opportunity to provide feedback. The online survey also provided an opportunity for the public to make suggestions and recommendations on the priority needs and goals of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan identified the priority needs and goals that inform the PY 2023 AAP.

### **Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))**

The City of Miami Gardens will work to strengthen existing relationships as well as work towards developing relationships with local services providers where underserved needs currently exist. The City continues to improve its citizen participation process, including engaging with local services providers, other City departments, other local units of governments, and housing providers.

The Community Services Department will continue to enhance coordination between these entities, by attending meetings, phone calls, and emails. This section contains a list of all relevant agencies and entities with regards to the planning and coordination of the plan. These include, but are not limited to:

- The public housing authority, Miami Dade County Public Housing and Community Services Department
- The Miami Dade Homeless Trust Continuum of Care, and other homeless service providers
- Local public service providers with services for LMI and special needs groups
- Other City departments such as the Miami Dade Office of Emergency Management
- Agencies providing health services and services for persons with a disability
- Agencies that help bridge the digital divide for LMI residents

**Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.**

In July 1993, Miami-Dade County's governing body, the Board of County Commissioners (the BCC), adopted a Continuum of Care plan entitled the "Miami-Dade County Community Homeless Plan" (the Plan). Concurrent with the adoption of the Plan, the BCC approved the levying of a one cent food and beverage tax to provide a unique, local dedicated source of funding for homeless programs, and approved the creation of the 27-member Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust (the Trust) to administer the proceeds of this tax and implement the Plan. The Trust is the overall coordinating body for the continuum of care.

Additional partners in the implementation of the Plan include the public housing agency (the Miami-Dade Public Housing Agency), the County department responsible for the development of the consolidated plan (the Community and Economic Development Division of the Miami-Dade Department of Housing and Community Development), the local homeless provider consortia, and the Trust's private-sector partner, with its own diverse 65-member board. Services and housing are accessed through a coordinated, county-wide outreach process and connected through a homeless management information system (HMIS).

Within the Miami Gardens city limits, the only facility serving homeless populations is Del Prado Gardens, a permanent supportive housing development owned by Carrfour Supportive Housing, a Miami-based nonprofit developer. However, Miami Gardens is in the service area of Citrus Health Network, a homeless service and mainstream service providers. Citrus Health Network follows the CoC's Coordinated Outreach, Assessment and Placement (COAP) policy. Under the COAP policy, outreach workers administer a VI-SPDAT or F-VI-SPDAT to assess vulnerability. Individuals and families with high vulnerability scores are referred to the permanent supportive housing waiting list, while those with intermediate scores are referred for rapid re-housing. Veterans Affairs (VA) outreach workers refer clients to HUD-VASH, SSVF, or Grant and Per Diem programs as appropriate. A main access point for the COAP system is a centralized Homeless Helpline for persons to call to request assistance. Persons in the City of Miami Gardens in need of prevention or rapid-rehousing are directed to their closest location to apply for assistance.

**Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS**

Miami Gardens does not receive ESG funds, but City staff attend Continuum of Care subcommittee meetings held by the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust. The Homeless Trust has developed performance standards for coordinated intake and assessment, adopting housing first core concepts, implementing housing first standards, and establishing core components for rapid rehousing and procedures for HMIS administration.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Miami Gardens
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Community Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City of Miami Gardens is the lead responsible agency for the ConPlan, AAP and CDBG program.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Miami Dade Homeless Trust
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Continuum of Care. The City of Miami Gardens maintains open lines of communication with this organization and the input was taken into consideration when addressing program needs.

3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Prosperity Social Community Development Group
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services- Children Services - Health
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Homeless Needs -
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City of Miami Gardens maintains open lines of communication with this organization and the input was taken into consideration when addressing program needs.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	MIAMI DADE COUNTY PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA Service-Housing Service-Fair Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	PHA. The City of Miami Gardens maintains open lines of communication with this organization and the input was taken into consideration when addressing program needs.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CARRFOUR SUPPORTING HOUSING, INC.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City of Miami Gardens maintains open lines of communication with this organization and the input was taken into consideration when addressing program needs.

6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	BROADBANDNOW
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Community Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	BroadbandNow is a research organization which publishes data on the digital divide and impact of highspeed internet in society. It believes broadband internet should be available to all Americans and its mission is to help find and compare internet options with a goal to bring attention to underserved areas and help raise awareness of the importance of broadband access. The City consulted with the BroadbandNow website for broadband access and identified highspeed internet providers in the City.
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Pisgah Pantry
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City of Miami Gardens maintains open lines of communication with this organization and the input was taken into consideration when addressing program needs.
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Miami Dade Office of Emergency Management
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Emergency Management Other government - County Regional organization Planning organization Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Market Analysis Emergency Management



	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City is engaged with the Miami Dade Office of Emergency Management for emergency management and preparedness. The Office supports the disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation needs through the coordination of information and resources countywide.
9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	North Dade Regional Library
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Community Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City consulted with the local North Dade Regional Library on how to bridge the digital divide for LMI residents in Miami Gardens. All branches of the public library system offer free highspeed WIFI services on site and/or to use on personal devices. This service is available to all residents, including LMI households. Reservations can be made in person on the day of use, and there is a daily limit of 120 minutes per user.

#### Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

All comments are welcome. There were no agency types not consulted during this process.

#### Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust	The Strategic Plan is consistent with the goals and strategic plan of the Continuum of Care and the plan to end homelessness.
Local Housing Assistance Plan	Florida Housing Finance Corporation	The Strategic Plan is consistent with the Local Housing Assistance Plan, which is based on the criteria established by FHFC to serve low and moderate income households by providing housing assistance and homeownership opportunities.

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
City of Miami Gardens Comprehensive Plan	City of Miami Gardens	All planning efforts are consistent with the overall goals of the City of Miami Gardens Comprehensive plan.
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	City of Miami Gardens	This plan was used to address sections of the Consolidated Plan related to fair housing issues within the City of Miami Gardens.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

## **Narrative**

The City of Miami Gardens works with Miami-Dade County in the implementation and coordination of its programs. The County has an array of housing, community and public service programs that help to enhance the current services and programs available throughout Miami Gardens. The City is committed to ongoing cooperation with neighboring communities and Countywide housing and community service efforts. The City will participate in local and regional meetings as well as forums and will regularly review the availability of information published on the County's website.

The State of Florida provides a number of programs and services that help to enhance current services and programs provided by the City that are made available to assist residents. Through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, the Florida Housing Coalition, and the Department of Economic Opportunity, residents and non-profit organizations can receive training and technical assistance and learn about programs and services available to residents. This is used as a tool to leverage funding for programs, increase participation, and learn about services available to local organizations, service providers and residents.

## **AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

### **1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

The City's citizen participation process adheres to HUD's requirements set within the City's Citizen Participation Plan. This plan includes soliciting participation from all City residents, including minorities, non-English speakers, and low- and moderate-income persons, those living in low/mod income areas, as well as those with special needs (the elderly and any person with a disability). Citizen views were obtained through a public hearing that addressed housing and community service needs, development of proposed activities and review of program performance. A 30-day public comment and review period was held to allow citizens an opportunity to review and make comments on the proposed plan.

The following table outlines the citizen participation outreach made by the City in PY 2023.

### Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL
1	Public Comment Period	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>A 30-day public comment period will be held from <b>June 15, 2023 until July 15, 2023</b>. The draft plan can be downloaded from the City of Miami Gardens Department of Community Services website at: <a href="https://www.miamigardens-fl.gov/170/Community-Development">https://www.miamigardens-fl.gov/170/Community-Development</a>. Written comments for the draft plan will be accepted until <b>July 15, 2023</b>. To view a hardcopy of the documents and submit comments citizens could also visit the Community Services Department or City Hall. Comments can be submitted in writing to the address above or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:hudcomment@miamigardens-fl.gov">hudcomment@miamigardens-fl.gov</a></p>	There were no comments made from the public during the comment period.	All comments were accepted.	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>A public hearing will be held on <b>June 14, 2023 at 3:30 PM</b> at City Hall in the Community Room, 18605 NW 27th Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33056. The City encourages public participation by attending the hearing.</p>	There were no comments made at the public hearing.	All comments were accepted.	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

The City of Miami Gardens CDBG allocation from HUD for program year 2023 will be \$1,028,602. In addition to the annual allocation the City anticipates it will generate an additional \$69,460 from the Beautification Program Housing Rehab program. The City proposes to utilize these funds for public services for LMI individuals and special need groups, public facilities and infrastructure improvements and homeowner housing rehab.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,028,602	69,460	0	1,098,062	2,196,124	PY 2023 is the third program year of the Consolidated Plan. The expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan is 2x more years of the annual allocation and program income.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

CDBG federal funds help the City to secure annual Florida's State Housing Initiative Partnership Program (SHIP) funds. SHIP funding is used for affordable housing programs in the City such as owner-occupied housing rehab. Federal and State SHIP funds will also help leverage contributions from private sector lending institutions. Federal CDBG funds provided for public service activities will also leverage additional resources by the agencies. Additional funding sources come from foundations and local fundraising efforts by service providers.

**If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

The City owns single family homes that are part of the NSP program, which will be reconstructed and sold to first time buyers.

The property addresses are:

- 3501 NW 213 Terrace
- 2320 NW 162 Street Road

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	1A. Expand & Improve Public Infrastructure	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$311,440	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25000 Persons Assisted
2	1B. Improve Access to Public Facilities	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$311,440	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10000 Persons Assisted
3	2A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development		Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs	CDBG: \$118,289	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted
4	2B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development		Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs	CDBG: \$118,289	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2000 Persons Assisted
5	3A. Provide Funding for Critical Housing Repairs	2021	2025	Affordable Housing		Owner Occupied Housing Preservation	CDBG: \$238,604	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

## Goal Descriptions

<b>1</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	1A. Expand & Improve Public Infrastructure
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City will work to expand and improve public infrastructure in Miami Gardens. These activities include improvements to infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks, ADA improvements, and storm water and water systems in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.
<b>2</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	1B. Improve Access to Public Facilities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City will work to improve access to public facilities in Miami Gardens. These activities include improvements for neighborhood facilities, community centers and park and recreational facilities in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.
<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	2A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City will work to increase the capacity of local service providers that offer vital services to the special needs population such as the elderly, persons with a disability, the homeless and victims of domestic violence.
<b>4</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	2B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City will work to increase the capacity of local service providers that offer vital services that improve the quality of life for low- and moderate income (LMI) households. Public Services that are intended to help assist LMI residents include activities such as a food pantry, after school tutoring, summer programs, youth services, health services and more.
<b>5</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	3A. Provide Funding for Critical Housing Repairs
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City will fund a critical housing repair program for LMI and seniors in Miami Gardens. Application notices will be published by the City for eligible owner-occupied households needing critical housing repairs.



## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The following projects have been identified for funding during the 2023 program year. CDBG funds will be utilized for public services, public facilities and infrastructure improvements, homeowner housing rehab and administration of the CDBG program.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration (2023)
2	CDBG Public Services (2023)
3	CDBG Public Facilities & Infrastructure (2023)
4	CDBG Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab (2023)

Table 7 - Project Information

#### Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Priorities were determined based on stakeholder and community input, as well as the short- and long-term needs of the community. The three priorities in the City are supportive services for LMI and special needs groups, improvements to public facilities and infrastructure and affordable housing preservation. The funding of these priorities is reflected in the approved projects and planned activities identified in this section.

The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is funding. The lack of available funds severely limits the levels of accomplishment that are possible. The City has had to prioritize needs in order to maximize benefits to LMI and special needs groups in Miami Gardens.

Further consideration is made for grant cap requirements. The CDBG program has a grant cap of 20% for administration and 15% grant cap for public services.

## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

1	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Administration (2023)
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	1A. Expand & Improve Public Infrastructure 1B. Improve Access to Public Facilities 2A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs 2B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households 3A. Provide Funding for Critical Housing Repairs for LMI
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs Owner Occupied Housing Preservation
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$205,720
	<b>Description</b>	The City of Miami Gardens will utilize the CDBG allocation, and will not exceed the 20% max cap as allowed by HUD regulations, for the administration of the CDBG program throughout the City. This may include fair housing outreach, disaster recovery planning and preparedness efforts.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Planned activities include:  CDBG Administration including staff salaries and program related expenses. Administration also includes: trainings, conferences, publications and memberships.  Disaster recovery planning and preparedness efforts.  HUD Matrix Code: 21A General Program Administration
2	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Public Services (2023)
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	2A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs 2B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$154,290
	<b>Description</b>	The City will utilize 15% of the annual allocation to provide funding for much needed public services benefiting low- to moderate-income and special needs residents in Miami Gardens.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2,500 Persons Assisted
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide based on income eligibility
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Public Service activities may include activities that benefit LMI and special needs residents.  HUD Matrix Code: 05A Senior Services, 05B Services for Persons with a Disability, 05D Youth Services, 05G Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, 05H Employment Training, 05W Food Banks, 05N Abused and Neglected Children, & 05M/05O Health & Mental Health Services
3	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Public Facilities & Infrastructure (2023)
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	1A. Expand & Improve Public Infrastructure 1B. Improve Access to Public Facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$540,592
	<b>Description</b>	The City will utilize CDBG funds to improve and expand existing public infrastructure and improve access to public facilities in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 35000 Persons Assisted
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide, low/mod income areas.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Planned activities include:  Expand and improve Infrastructure, HUD matrix codes: 03J Water/Sewer Improvements, 03K Streets & 03L Sidewalks  Improve access to public facilities, HUD matrix codes: 03C Homeless Facilities, 03E Neighborhood Facilities & 03F Parks and Rec Centers
4	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab (2023)
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	3A. Provide Funding for Critical Housing Repairs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Owner Occupied Housing Preservation
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$197,460
	<b>Description</b>	The City will fund a critical housing repair program for LMI and seniors in Miami Gardens. Application notices will be published by the City for eligible owner-occupied households needing critical housing repairs. Funding for this project will be \$128,000 from the PY 2023 annual allocation and \$69,460 from anticipated program income funds.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide based on income eligibility
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Planned activities include:  Owner-occupied housing Beautification Program, HUD matrix code: 14A

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

### **Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed**

The City of Miami Gardens does not allocate funding based solely on geographic requirements. Individuals or households must meet income qualifications in order to receive direct assistance from activities and services in the CDBG program. Direct services include housing rehab activities and public services directed towards LMI and special needs individuals and households.

For eligible activities to public facilities & infrastructure improvements the City will be targeting low- to moderate-income identified census tracts. The City has identified several neighborhoods that have more than 51% of their residents within the low-to-moderate income range category, which is considered low/mod as defined by HUD. See below on how the City will determine these areas.

### **Geographic Distribution**

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
N/A	N/A

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

Since the primary national objective of the CDBG program is to benefit low- and moderate-income residents, the City of Miami Garden's CDBG program funds will be utilized to develop programs and activities that will provide assistance to this target population, and benefit the City as a whole in improving the quality of life for the residents.

The City does not allocate funding based solely on geographic requirements. When planned activities are intended to serve residents directly, beneficiaries must meet income and residency requirements in order to receive assistance. City staff and/or subrecipient organization shall complete an in-take and eligibility status review of the applicant individual, or household, before the activity is initiated.

The City has also identified public facility and infrastructure improvement activities as a need in Miami Gardens. These planned activities have an "area-wide" benefit. Per HUD requirements, these areas must be within an eligible block group tract, as defined by HUD-CDBG regulations, whereby the majority of the residents are low- to moderate-income (51% or more).

To determine these tracts the City utilizes HUD's CDBG Low Mod Income Summary Data (LMISD) from the HUD Exchange website, which has defined the eligible block group tracts within the jurisdiction. The tracts can be at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/acs-low-mod-summary-data/>

## Discussion

The Consolidated Plan identified several areas of concentration within the City in regards to race/ethnicity and low/mod income. This data from the 2015-2019 ACS can be found in more detail in the MA-50 of the Consolidated Plan. The City does not target locations based on race/ethnicity; however this analysis can help to determine if low/mod income concentration areas overlap with race/minority concentrations.

### *Race/Ethnicity*

For the purposes of this analysis, a concentration is any census tract where the racial or ethnic minority group makes up 10% more than the Citywide average. There were two groups which had census tracts with minority concentrations. These minority groups were Black, non-Hispanic and Hispanic persons. No other minority groups had a tract with a concentration of the group.

Black, non-Hispanic: The citywide rate of Black, non-Hispanic persons is 68.6%, which means any tract with a population of 78.6% or more has a concentration of this group. The MA-50 reported that most of the eastern tracts in the City had a concentration of Black, non-Hispanic persons.

Hispanic, all races: The citywide rate of Hispanic persons is 26.2%, which means any tract with a population of 36.2% or more has a concentration of this group. The tracts bordering the western city limits show a concentration of Hispanic persons.

### *Low-Income Families*

A family is considered low-income if it earns less than 80% of the area median income. A tract has a concentration of low-income families if the tract median household income is less than 80% of the city median household income. The City median family income is \$44,064 and relatively low-income is \$35,251. There are a few tracts in the center of the Miami Gardens just west of S University Drive and north of NW 183<sup>rd</sup> Street. The areas with a concentration of Low-Income households do not overlap either the areas with concentrated Hispanic households or Black households.

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

Affordable housing preservation continues to be a high priority need in Miami Gardens as indicated by the number of older housing in the City and identified through the citizen participation process. To address this need, the City will fund a housing repair program for LMI and seniors in Miami Gardens. Application notices will be published by the City for eligible owner-occupied households needing critical housing repairs.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	10
Special-Needs	0
Total	10

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	10
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	10

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

#### Discussion

CDBG Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab Program

Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 LMI Household Housing Unit

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

The City of Miami Gardens is part of the service area for the Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) department. As the sixth largest housing agency in the nation, PHCD administers over 9,500 public housing units and about 16,000 Housing Choice Vouchers. PHCD's waitlists for public housing, moderate rehabilitation developments, and Housing Choice Vouchers are currently closed.

### **Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing**

PHCD undertakes numerous efforts to improve the living environment for its public housing residents. PHCD is in the process of redeveloping 6,426 public housing units through the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (RAD). RAD is a program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that helps public housing agencies modernize and redevelop public housing sites and units that ensure long-term affordability housing through the conversion of public housing subsidy to project-based Section 8 subsidy. Miami-Dade County will maintain ownership of the land. Private sector companies will have a 75-year lease and the properties will be co-managed by private sector property management firms and PHCD.

PHCD also participates in the Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Rental Program. This federally-funded, housing rental program provides assistance to very low-income individual and families in privately-owned, rehabilitated, multifamily buildings. There are approximately 2,097 units in 48 locations in the Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program.

In addition to ongoing maintenance and improvement of properties, PHCD encourages tenants to form Resident Councils; works with residents, law enforcement, and social service providers to reduce crime in public housing; and helps residents connect with jobs and social services. The Agency also allows up to 200 Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program participants to participate in the Section 8 Tenant-Based Homeownership Program and is applying for a Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) grant.

### **Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership**

The Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development Department (PHCD) encourages public housing residents to become more involved in the management of the housing developments and to participate in homeownership through its Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. PHCD has also implemented a Housing Choice Voucher affordable homeownership program to provide HCV participants the opportunity to purchase a home. The goal of the program is to provide homeownership opportunities, along with counseling, self-sufficiency, training and support, thereby facilitating economic opportunity



within communities while providing parameters to ensure the success of the homebuyer.

The housing agency also offers a variety of homeownership programs to low- and moderate-income families through its Development and Loan Administration Division. Homebuyer education and counseling services are offered and the program has a current approved lenders list. Homeownership programs include: Surtax, State Housing Initiative Partnership, HOME, and an infill housing homeownership program.

**If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

The Miami-Dade County Public Housing Agency is no longer designated as “troubled”. The merger of the County’s Public Housing Agency with their Housing and Community Development Department has helped to focus future planning efforts as well as current operations.

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

At this time, the City of Miami Gardens does not receive any HUD funding that is specifically dedicated to homelessness, such as ESG. However, the City will continue to support the efforts of the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust (Continuum of Care) and local service providers, including Prosperity Social Community Development Group (PSCDG) and Experts Resource Community Center Inc. (ERCC).

### **Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including:**

#### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

The Miami-Dade Homeless Trust CoC and its network of resources, assess homeless individuals' and families' needs. Homeless persons are primarily identified through the Homeless Helpline and mobile outreach teams. Emergency shelters in the community do not take walk-ins, so the Homeless Helpline is the best way to identify persons experiencing homelessness. Once a person experiencing homelessness calls the Homeless Helpline, they are referred to an appropriate program best suited to meet their needs. Mobile outreach teams serve as the "front door" to the homeless system and teams canvas the entire geographic area of Miami-Dade County identifying individuals living in places not meant for human habitation such as the streets, cars, parks or abandoned buildings. Outreach teams also partner with school personnel, police departments and others to identify homeless households. Designated access points are also established to assess and assist vulnerable homeless sub-populations, including unaccompanied youth, persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking and veterans.

#### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

Miami Gardens does not currently have any emergency shelter or transitional housing programs located in the City. The City will continue to support the Homeless Trust's efforts to refer people who become homeless in Miami Gardens to the nearest appropriate shelter, or to provide motel vouchers if possible. PSCDG provides social services to young adult women and teen girls ages 16-24 who have been subjected to homeless, running away, sexual assault or human trafficking through its program, Project H.O.P.E. The services provided include individual and group counseling, housing referrals, and case management support to assist these women in becoming self-sufficient. The City does not provide CDBG for this program, however the City provides CDBG funding for other programs ran by PSCDG to support its mission and expand its capacity.

#### **Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to**

**permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

Although the City does not receive ESG funds or fund permanent housing projects, it shares resources to connect people experiencing homelessness with homeless service providers. The City's website lists community resources to direct people to the appropriate resources. The Reverend Dr. Edward T. Graham Community Resource Center is located in Miami Gardens and offers variety of social services to economically disadvantaged individuals and families interested in achieving self-sufficiency. The Center offers the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) to provide emergency assistance to residents experiencing crisis situation. Additionally, the Center provides rental assistance that can support households who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again and first-month assistance to help homeless persons transition to permanent housing.

Within the City, Carrfour Supportive Housing (CSH) runs and operates Del Prado Gardens, a permanent supportive housing development. Carrfour offers various services that are designed to help homeless persons and families make the transition out of homelessness. The center also provides homeless prevention services targeted to at-risk and homeless populations in the City. When individuals and families leave CSH, case managers work with them to gain self-sufficiency and maintain independence. Food programs offered by City funded organizations are intended to help offset other basic living costs that low-income and elderly households have.

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.**

Miami-Dade County implements a cohesive community-wide discharge coordination policy. As a result of this process, the County has developed a Memorandum of Agreement establishing discharge policies for all agencies that provide services to homeless persons or those at risk of homelessness. The interagency Agreement includes the Miami-Dade Homeless Trust, State and County Correction agencies, the 11th Circuit Court, Jackson Memorial Hospital/Public Health Trust, community mental health facilities, Our Kids, Inc., and the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Homeless Trust outreach teams coordinate with hospitals, courts and other institutions to coordinate and plan the discharge of persons exiting publicly funded institutions of care to prevent them from experiencing homelessness

CDBG funds are provided to Experts Resource Community Center Inc. (ERCC) for housing counseling services. ERCC provides a full range of HUD-Approved, comprehensive, confidential, one-on-one counseling, and educational workshops. Specific services to prevent homelessness include credit counseling, foreclosure prevention, and financial literacy/life skills workshops.

## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction:**

Affordable housing barriers in the City of Miami Gardens continue to be cost burden among low- and moderate-income residents and in particular renter households.

Affordable housing preservation also continues to be a high priority need in Miami Gardens as indicated by the number of older housing in the City and identified through the citizen participation process. To address this need, the City will fund a critical housing repair program for LMI and seniors in Miami Gardens. Application notices will be published by the City for eligible owner-occupied households needing critical housing repairs. Additionally, The City, through the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP), has a Purchase Assistance Program to include assistance with down payment and closing costs.

### **Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment**

The City of Miami Gardens has established a Comprehensive Development Master Plan and associated land development regulations specific to the City. In recognition of the impact that regulatory requirements have on the cost of development, the City has developed goals, objectives, and policies to address affordable housing issues in the City. These policies will guide all future growth management policies established by the City. The goals are as follows:

- Affordable Housing Incentives: Provide incentives to assist in the provision of affordable housing.
- Adopt land development regulations and appropriate policies that assist private developers with providing (and sustaining) affordable housing.
- Through the comprehensive planning process and the land development regulations, streamline the permitting process providing for efficient review with minimal delays and waiving or reducing costs for development with a substantial affordable housing component.
- Offer technical assistance and referral services to applicants interested in developing affordable housing opportunities.
- Investigate the feasibility of using inclusionary zoning to encourage or require a certain percentage of dwelling units of new development or redevelopment to be set aside for low- or moderate-income housing. The City has adopted a new zoning code that includes Article VI Housing which addresses the following:
  - Promote the development and provision of high quality housing in the City of Miami Gardens through these steps: Implement the goals, objectives and policies of the Housing Element of the City of Miami Gardens Comprehensive Development Master Plan to the maximum extent practicable; Implement the recommendations of the City of Miami Gardens Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to the maximum extent practicable; Increase and otherwise

encourage home ownership opportunities within the city; Stimulate private sector production of workforce housing units for ownership, available to families within the range of 65 percent to 200 percent of the area median income; Facilitate and encourage residential development that includes a range of high quality housing opportunities through a variety of residential types, forms of ownership, and home sale prices; Encourage even and widespread distribution of high quality housing opportunities throughout the City; and Insure that new housing in the City meets high quality development standards.

- Consider awarding density and height bonuses for the provision of workforce housing in new developments, on infill sites, or within mixed-use developments as referred to in the Future Land Use Element.
- Encourage the development of rental housing alternatives for family households.
- Examine the feasibility of adopting a mixed income ordinance that requires any new mixed-use development exceeding a specific threshold of units to include an affordable component.
- Develop incentive programs in conjunction with a Community Design Element of the Comprehensive Development Master Plan for increasing residential housing densities and providing enhanced urban amenities with funding programs for multistory parking, combining public open space, shared parking areas for use in high density/intensity projects and other similar techniques and mechanisms.

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

The following statements address a variety of additional actions that will be carried out by the City and/or its partner agencies to enhance the delivery of housing and community services programs and services for the citizens of Miami Gardens.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The primary obstacle to meeting all of the identified needs, including those identified as priorities in the plan is the general lack of funding resources available to the public and private agencies who serve the needs of low-to-moderate-income residents. Budgetary constraints have forced the City to make difficult decisions regarding the allocation of resources for programs in the community. This impacts the City's ability to fully fund all the program needs identified in the Action Plan and the 5-Year Consolidated Plan. The City will address this obstacle by continuing the efforts to foster existing partnerships and collaborate with new partners to bring needed resources, both financial and services, to meet the needs of the community.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

Affordable housing preservation continues to be a high priority need in Miami Gardens as indicated by the number of older housing in the City and identified through the citizen participation process.

The Miami Gardens Weatherization Assistance Program aims to reduce energy costs for low-income families, particularly the elderly, disabled, and those with children under age 12, by improving the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety.

In an effort to encourage City of Miami Gardens homeowners to upgrade and maintain the aesthetics of their homes and community, the City has created the Miami Gardens Beautification Initiative. The goal of the program is to improve curb appeal and assist homeowners with creating outdoor spaces they can enjoy and feel proud of while fostering community pride. The program provides homeowners who are senior citizens with a one-time award towards the upkeep of their property's exterior.

The City is also implementing an Infill Housing Program. The purpose of the Infill Housing Program is to increase the availability of affordable homes for very low-, low- and moderate-income persons and households, maintain a stock of affordable housing; redevelop urban neighborhoods by eliminating the blight of vacant, dilapidated or abandoned properties; equitably distribute homeownership opportunities within the Infill Target Areas, and generate payment of ad valorem taxes.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

Participant property owners are notified of the hazards of lead-based paint and of the symptoms

associated with lead-based contamination. The City of Miami Gardens further prohibits the use of lead-based paint in any federally funded construction or rehabilitation project.

The City of Miami Gardens shall either perform paint testing on the painted surfaces to be disturbed or replaced during rehabilitation activities, or presume that all these painted surfaces are coated with lead-based paint.

For residential properties receiving an average of up to and including \$5,000.00 per unit the City of Miami Gardens shall perform paint testing on the painted surfaces to be disturbed or replaced during rehabilitation activities, or presume that all these painted surfaces are coated with lead-based paint. If testing indicates that the surfaces are not coated with lead-based paint, safe work practices and clearance shall not be required. In addition, the City of Miami Gardens will follow all additional requirements as listed in 24 CFR 35.930 (b). For residential properties receiving an average of more than \$5,000.00 and up to and including \$25,000.00 per unit the City of Miami Gardens shall follow requirements of 24 CFR 35.930(c) which include but are not limited to risk assessments and interim controls. For residential properties receiving an average of more than \$25,000.00 per unit the City of Miami Gardens shall follow regulations as set forth in 24 CFR 35.930(d) which include abatement.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The activities reported in this AAP work directly to address and reduce poverty for LMI families in Miami Gardens. Residential rehab activities work to maintain or improve housing conditions that will help LMI households avoid homelessness. These activities also help to maintain or improve the value of their homes. Vital public services help to improve the quality of life for LMI (youth services) and the special needs population, while at the same time address their unique needs. Improvements to public facilities and infrastructure provides for necessary neighborhood revitalization and also improves the quality of life for city residents.

The City of Miami Garden's Anti-Poverty Strategy describes the programs and policies that will be utilized to reduce the number of households with incomes below the poverty line, in coordination with affordable housing efforts. The Community Services Department will deploy a strategy responsive to the needs of low-income citizens and disadvantaged populations throughout the City.

The Community Services Department will further the HUD's national objectives by coordinating the priorities established in the City's visioning process with goals and objectives adopted by HUD.

The City's strategy will:

- Work with existing programs to maximize program dollars for residents.
- Leverage potential CDBG eligible activities with private, state, and local funds.
- Implement programs in the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas to maximize funding and



opportunities in neighborhoods with greater than 70% low to moderate-income residents.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The City of Miami Gardens Community Services Department is the lead administrative agency for the CDBG program. The Department provides fiscal and regulatory oversight of all CDBG funding, as well as other Federal and State grants for housing, economic, and community services. At this time there are no plans to expand the department. However, the City will continue to foster existing partnerships and collaborate with new partners to bring needed resources, both financial and services, to meet the needs of the Miami Gardens Community.

The Community Services Department continues to seek new public service agencies each year that can offer various services and resources that meet the needs of residents. Staff also attends various local and State Boards/Committees to increase the knowledge of available services and assets to provide to the residents of Miami Gardens. Additionally, the City has an agreement and works with the local housing counseling agency.

The City annually announces a request for proposal (RFP) to nonprofits on its website. A mandatory technical assistance workshop is provided as well as a pre-bid meeting. These meetings are designed to inform the organizations of the goals and objectives of the grant programs as well as inform about eligible activities and uses of funds. This helps to increase the capacity of services providers and in turn strengthens the institutional delivery system. Proposals are submitted online through Neighborly Software.

### **Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies**

The City of Miami Gardens has limited resources to address the many priorities identified by the community. As such, during the upcoming year the City will continue working to create partnerships with other funding sources, public and private housing agencies, and health and social service providers to leverage the CDBG allocation. The City works closely with the Miami-Dade Continuum of Care (CoC) to reach homeless persons in the City and direct them towards resources such as food pantries and other services. For public housing needs the City works with the Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) department which undertakes numerous efforts to improve the living environment for public housing residents in the region and in Miami Gardens.

Each year the City makes every effort to reach out to residents, businesses and non-profit organizations to ensure their participation in this program year's process. The City advertised in the local paper and on its website and through email the annual action plan. The general public, city residents as well as public and private housing and social service agencies were invited to give their input on the City's goals and projects. This helps to increase the capacity of services providers and in turn strengthens the institutional

delivery system.

## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction:

This section describes program specific requirements of the CDBG program. Under grant guidelines, administration costs will not exceed 20% of the CDBG grant allocation, and the total allocation of public services awards will not exceed 15%. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income is 100%. The City expects to generate \$69,460 in program income funds from its housing programs, and these funds will be programmed back into the housing rehab project.

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	69,460
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>69,460</b>

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%



**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

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5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text" value="HUD"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text" value="B-23-MC-12-0052"/>
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**State Use Only:**

6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
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**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

\* a. Legal Name:

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="11-3695844"/>	* c. UEI: <input type="text" value="K7ZVPZDUA1K2"/>
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**d. Address:**

* Street1:	<input type="text" value="18650 NW 27th Avenue"/>
Street2:	<input type="text"/>
* City:	<input type="text" value="Miami Gardens"/>
County/Parish:	<input type="text"/>
* State:	<input type="text" value="FL: Florida"/>
Province:	<input type="text"/>
* Country:	<input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>
* Zip / Postal Code:	<input type="text" value="33056-0006"/>

**e. Organizational Unit:**

Department Name: <input type="text" value="Community Development"/>	Division Name: <input type="text"/>
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**f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:**

Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Cameron"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="D."/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Benson"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	

Title:

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="305-622-800 x2740"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
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\* Email:

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**\* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

**\* 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

N/A

\* Title:

N/A

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

Title:

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

**\* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

City of Miami Gardens PY 2023 Annual Action Plan, CBDG Program

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424****16. Congressional Districts Of:**\* a. Applicant \* b. Program/Project 

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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**17. Proposed Project:**\* a. Start Date: \* b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,028,602.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="69,460.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,098,062.00"/>

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

☒ \*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:  \* First Name:

Middle Name:

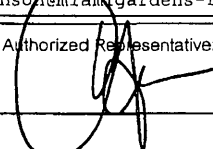
\* Last Name:

Suffix:

\* Title: \* Telephone Number:  Fax Number: \* Email: 

\* Signature of Authorized Representative:

\* Date Signed:

  
8/8/23

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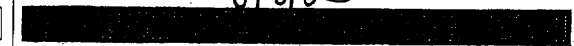
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4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Miami Gardens, Florida	DATE SUBMITTED 8/8/23 

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## Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

**Citizen Participation** -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

**Community Development Plan** -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

**Following a Plan** -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

**Use of Funds** -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2023 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds:

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.


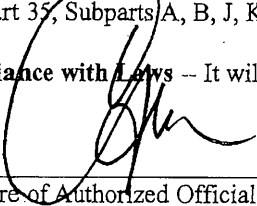

**Excessive Force** -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

**Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

**Compliance with Laws** -- It will comply with applicable laws.

    
Signature of Authorized Official

7/20/23  
Date

City Manager  
Title

## **APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS**

### **INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:**

#### **Lobbying Certification**

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

## CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

**Anti-Lobbying** --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of Jurisdiction** --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

City Manager  
Title

8/8/23





CDBG

Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements  
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Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs  
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Owner Occupied Housing Preservation

2023 CDBG Administration (2023)  
CDBG Public Services (2023)  
CDBG Public Facilities & Infrastructure (2023)  
CDBG Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab (2023)

\$1,028,602

\$ 69,460

1A. Expand & Improve Public Infrastructure	CDBG
1B. Improve Access to Public Facilities	CDBG
2A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs	CDBG
2B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households	CDBG
3A. Provide Funding for Critical Housing Repairs for LMI	CDBG

**TOTAL**

General Program Administration (21A)	CDBG
05A Seniors, 05B Disability, 05D Youth, 05H Employment, 05M Health	CDBG
Infrastructure (03J, 03K, 03L), public facilities (03A, 03D, 03E, 03F)	CDBG
Owner-occupied housing program (14A)	CDBG

**TOTAL**

2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014
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\$1,098,062

\$1,098,063

\$1

x2 more yrs

\$2,196,124

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\$ 311,440 *Admin factored into the goals*

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\$ 1,098,063 \$ -

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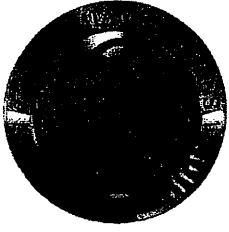
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# City of Miami Gardens

July 24, 2023

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Mayor

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Vice Mayor

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To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Miami Gardens held a 30-day public comment period from June 15, 2023 to July 15, 2023 to give the public an opportunity to review and make comments on the draft PY 2023 Annual Action Plan. There were no comments.

The City also held a public hearing on June 14, 2023 at 3:30 PM in the Community Room in City Hall, 18605 NW 27th Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33056. There were no comments made from the public at the hearing.

With Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey-Ann Anthony'.

**Tracey-Ann Anthony**

**Director of Community Services**

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City Manager

*Mario Bataille, CMC*  
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