

BILL NO. BL2018-1246 (VERCHER & WITHERS) – This ordinance authorizes the Mayor to submit the 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development programs for the Metropolitan Government to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This five-year Consolidated Plan was prepared by the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (MDHA) and is to be administered by MDHA. The Council most recently approved a consolidated plan in 2013 for the years 2013-2018 (per Ordinance No. BL2013-383).

HUD requires local governments seeking federal funding under the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), the HOME investment partnerships program, the Emergency Shelter Grant program (ESG), and the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program to submit a consolidated plan for housing and community development.

This plan includes a Needs Assessment, a Housing Market Analysis, and a Strategic Plan that establishes priorities for addressing housing and community development needs. In addition, the Action Plan for 2018 provides for expenditure of CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds to address the Consolidated Plan's priorities.

Funding for the programs in the 2018 Action Plan would be used for the following purposes:

- CDBG - Administration and Planning, Economic Development, Housing, Public Improvements, and Public Services
- HOME - Homebuyer assistance, Multifamily rental new construction, New construction for ownership
- HOPWA - Permanent housing in facilities, Permanent housing placement, Short-term or transitional housing facilities, STRMU, and Supportive services
- ESG - Financial assistance, Overnight shelter, Rapid re-housing (rental assistance), Rental assistance services, and Transitional housing.

Funding for these programs could not be allocated for any property acquisition for which the power of eminent domain is utilized by MDHA, which is restricted under federal law.

Fiscal Note: The 2018 Action Plan includes the following funding levels:

CDBG

Allocation - \$5,095,429

Program Income - \$250,000

The actual expenditure of CDBG funds would be submitted to the Council for approval by resolution at the time the projects are identified. CDBG funds are not to be used for capital improvement projects.

HOME

Allocation - \$2,581,408

Program Income - \$305,000

The twenty-five percent (25%) local match for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program will be provided by non-federal funds utilized for HOME projects as well as the value of donated land or improvements associated with HOME-funded projects, or by other eligible methods as provided in the HOME regulations

HOPWA

Allocation - \$1,216,011

This ordinance expressly provides that none of these funds would be used for any property acquisition involving the use of eminent domain.

ESG

Allocation - \$417,516

Local matching funds are required under the ESG program to be provided by the local non-profits that participate in the program as sub-grantees.