**CITY OF SLIDELL**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

**2024-2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

**SUMMARY**

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**CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is an annually funded entitlement program funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Consolidated Plan is the framework to identify community needs, define priorities and focus funding to best utilize CDBG resources. The 2020‐2024 Consolidated Plan started at the beginning of the City of Slidell’s fiscal year on July 1, 2020. The five‐year plan is in effect from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025 with specific annual action plans prepared each year.

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

The Annual Action Plan is the City’s yearly application to HUD, and it details how the City plans to spend the CDBG resources on specific activities. Priority is given to projects that carry out one of three national objectives:

* Benefit LMI persons.
* Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.
* Meet a need having particular urgency due to an immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community

The Annual Action Plan delineates projects, establish goals and creates performance assessment standards for each year the Consolidated Plan is in effect.

The Annual Action Plan

* Develops Annual Goals and Objectives
* Formulates projects
* Determines the Geographic Location of Projects
* Administers projects in compliance with City of Slidell and HUD regulations

This annual action plan represents the fifth year of the City of Slidell’s five-year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

**2024 GOALS**

The City of Slidell developed its annual action plan based on the data presented in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan with additional planning and input from the community. As a result, the following priority goals were established:

**Priority 1**: Public Facilities Improvement (High Need) - Continue revitalization of public facilities/public parks specifically within Ducksworth Park.

**Priority 2:** Increased coordination with Service Providers (High Need) - The City will network with service providers including but not limited to those that provide homelessness prevention, emergency and supportive services and affordable housing to assist the City in identifying community needs and to invest in the future of families who may need emergency services.

**Priority 3**: Urgent Need Public Facilities (High Need): This is a preemptive and proactive measure to address emergency public facility needs based on an unforeseen disaster.

**Priority 4**: Urgent Need Public Services (High Need): This is a preemptive and proactive measure to address emergency public service needs based on an unforeseen disaster

**Priority 5**: Administration and Planning (High Need):  Provide for administration and planning activities to develop community development strategies and programs needed to carry out activities.

**PAST PROJECTS**

Significant contributions have been made in the CDBG Target Area, CT409. The following is a highlight of past accomplishments:

CDBG-CV

In 2020, HUD awarded the City a CDBG-CV allocation of $288,026 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus. Part of this allocation was utilized to provide WI-FI in four area parks located within the CDBG Target Area to provide school children access to internet availability to assist in learning activities. Additional CV funds were used to provide enhanced restroom improvements in three area parks within the CDBG Target Area. Improvements included touchless fixtures, improved air circulation and outdoor fans.

2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN PROJECTS

Public Facilities Improvements: The City’s CDBG activities provided funding over for recreation improvements in Ducksworth Park. This park is located within the CDBG Target Area. These activities were based upon priorities established in the Ducksworth Park Plan, adopted by the Planning Commission in August 2019. Elements of the Ducksworth Plan were subsequently incorporated into the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and the City’s Annual Action Plans. Proposed activities in the action plans included but were but not limited to conversion of a baseball field to a multi-use field, lighting, walking trail and new playground. New playground equipment was installed in 2023. Construction of the new multi-use field is imminent. Prior to 2020, two basketball courts were constructed in Ducksworth Park.

Administration and Planning: The City utilized funds for program administration and planning for the CDBG program and for compliance with all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

Project Summary

**2024 PROJECTS**

* Recreation Improvements: Anticipated funding $128,000
  + Recreation improvements for the construction of a multi-use field in Ducksworth Park
* Network with Service Organizations: Funding $0
* Staff will network with service organizations that assist the low and moderate- income community
* Urgent Need Public Facilities & Public Services: Funding to be determined
  + Activities are undefined and not yet funded
  + Activities will be determined as need arises in the event of a disaster or emergency
* Administration and Planning: Anticipated funding $32,000
  + Efficient administration of CDBG funds

Slidell has not received the 2024-2025 allocation. Expected resources are based funds received from the 2023 -2024 allocation. Funding is distributed so that 80% of funds are directed to activities and 20% for administration.

**GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION**

* All proposed spending less administrative costs, will occur in the lowest income area in Slidell, Census Tract 409 (CT409)
* Projects must benefit 70% low and moderate- income households