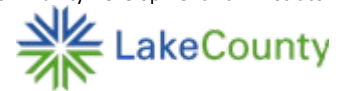


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Memorandum

TO: Lake County Board

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The Program Year 2023 (PY23) Lake County Affordable Housing Funding Round was initiated on October 18, 2022 with the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Applications were due December 19, 2022 and Community Development (CD) received 16 funding requests totaling over \$10,000,000. The PY23 Affordable Housing Funding Round includes multiple funding sources including \$281,000 of Lake County Affordable Housing Program (LCAHP) funds. LCAHP funds are appropriated annually by the Lake County Board (LCB) and administered by the Lake County CD staff. LCAHP funds are the most flexible funding source and can support households making up to 100% Area Median Income (AMI).

Available Funding – PY23 Affordable Housing

Funding Source	Funding Program	Amount
Lake County	AHP	\$281,000
HUD	CDBG	\$1,177,191
HUD	HOME	\$2,042,865
	Total	\$3,501,056

*estimate based on PY2022 amount

On February 3, 2023 the Affordable Housing Advisory Recommendation Committee (ARC) reviewed applications, scoring and funding recommendation levels for all available funding sources. Available funding levels for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds are based on PY2022 amounts due to the lack of a PY2023 federal budget. The ARC funding recommendations for LCAHP funds are summarized below and include awards to three housing applicants.

Catholic Charities – Rapid Rehousing Program

\$91,000 LCAHP

Catholic Charities is a services agency that supports low-income and homeless families throughout Lake County. The Rapid Re-Housing Program provides rent and security deposit support as well as case management to homeless individuals and families. Catholic Charities helps clients with a variety of services such as improving or obtaining employment and applying for benefits or other support so that clients are well situated to maintain their housing after the assistance concludes. Research has shown this to be a very effective intervention for individuals who have fallen into homelessness but demonstrate a capacity to maintain housing after short and medium term assistance is provided.

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) – Down Payment Assistance Program Subsidy

\$40,000 LCAHP

The Down Payment Assistance Program provides assistance for first time homebuyers to use towards down payment or closing costs. Program beneficiaries also receive homebuyer education, pre-purchase counseling, and post-purchase counseling. This is an existing program supported annually with HOME

funding by Lake County and its Consortium Partners. This funding award would support overall program administration.

Lake County Housing Authority (LCHA) – Landlord Outreach Education Program
\$150,000 LCAHP

The Landlord Outreach Education Program (LOEP) acts as an advocacy program for Housing Choice Voucher tenants to property owners and landlords, a program that does not exist in any form in Lake County. This type of advocacy program does what vulnerable population rarely can do for themselves: make the case that landlords should choose them over market rate or non-voucher tenants. In a climate where landlords do not have to rent to voucher holders, a program that incentivizes landlords to do so could quite literally be the difference between homelessness and finding safe, secure and financially feasible housing. LOEP will provide landlords with coordinated services to property owners; education, support, and referral services along with comprehensive landlord training.

PY23 Affordable Housing ARC LCAHP funding recommendations

Applicant	Project	Request Amt.	Recommendation
Catholic Charities	Rapid Re-housing	--- ^a	\$91,000
Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH)	Down Payment Assistance Program Subsidy	--- ^a	\$40,000
Lake County Housing Authority	Landlord Outreach Education Program	\$250,000	\$150,000
Lake County Community Development	Program Administration	---	\$30,000
	TOTAL	\$250,000	\$311,000

^a Multiyear funding approved in Program Year 2020 (Proven Program)