



# City of Bellevue 2025-2029 Community Development Block Grant Draft Consolidated Plan

## Executive Summary

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

#### 1. Introduction

Each year, the City of Bellevue receives funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for housing and community development activities that address priority needs locally identified by the City. To receive federal funds, the City must submit a strategic plan—the Consolidated Plan – every five years that identifies local needs and how those needs will be addressed. The purpose of this Consolidated Plan is to guide funding decisions for the City’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for 2025-2029.

The Consolidated Plan is guided by the three overarching goals of the CDBG program to assist low- and moderate-income residents:

- Provide decent housing and increase affordable housing
- Prevent and mitigate homelessness
- Expand community and economic opportunities

#### 2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The City has used the 2023-2024 Human Services Needs Update and the 2024-2030 Human Services Strategic Plan in addition to other planning tools and outreach methods to identify the priority needs of low- and moderate-income residents and communities:

- Preserve & Improve Access to Affordable Housing: Maintain and preserve healthy and affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households. This is primarily done through housing repair and rehabilitation but can include support for affordable rental housing and homeless housing.
- Provide Shelter & Services for Unhoused Persons. Support a range of public service activities for individuals experiencing homelessness, including housing stability programs that prevent homelessness, operations of programs that provide emergency shelter and assist households in being diverted from

entering the homelessness system. Supportive services include case management, outreach, and rapid rehousing services.

- Enhance Community & Economic Development: Establish and maintain a healthy and vibrant community and improve the well-being of low- and moderate-income residents. This includes investments in public service activities, microenterprise business assistance, and support of public facilities owned by nonprofits.

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

The City developed its current Consolidated Plan in 2019, prior to the coronavirus reaching the U.S. forcing communities across the country to adapt to a public health crisis. The City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan outlined the same three primary goals as the current plan yet due to several factors, the City did not meet some of its original anticipated outcomes, particularly for housing repair projects. Factors including supply chain shortages, lack of contractors and staff turnovers contributed to project delays. In addition, due to in-person restrictions, services were limited to protect the public's safety during the pandemic. During the four years of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the City accomplished the following under the Plan's goals:

- Community Development-Public/Nonprofit Facilities: 950 persons assisted, and 183 businesses assisted.
- Owner Housing: 165 households assisted via the Major and Minor Home Repair programs.
- Shelter and Services for Homeless-Public Services: 295 individuals assisted with drop-in visits and 120 unduplicated individuals provided shelter through CDBG public services funding. A total of 7,610 bed nights were provided in Bellevue through Porchlight's Enhanced Men's Shelter.
- Public Services through CDBG CV-3 services to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the coronavirus: 2,603 individuals were served with CV-3 public services funds including behavioral health services, subsistence payments, and contactless food box delivery services.

### **4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process**

The City conducted the citizen participation process in accordance with its adopted Citizen Participation Plan, which exists to establish the process by which citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties can actively participate in the development of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, Substantial Amendments, and the Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER), and to set forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation. The Citizen Participation Plan is available on the City's website at [www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov).

The City held two public hearings, including comment periods noticed in the Seattle Times, to receive input on housing & human services needs and funding decisions for projects in the first year of the Consolidated Plan. The City held a 30 day comment period to receive input and comments on the goals and priorities of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. Details of the citizen participation process are included in Section PR-15 of this Plan.

The City reviewed a variety of planning efforts to inform the Consolidated Plan, including the Comprehensive Plan, the Affordable Housing Strategy, the Diversity Advantage Plan, the Human Services Needs Update, and the Human Services Strategic Plan.

The City consulted with multiple entities, including East and North King County cities, the King County Housing Authority, King County Regional Homelessness Authority, and nonprofit service providers in Bellevue and the broader Eastside.

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

Please see Section PR-15 and the attached Citizen Participation Comments for a full summary of public comment.

The City will update this section of the Consolidated Plan following the end of the public comment periods and public hearings.

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

The City will update this section of the Consolidated Plan following the end of the public comment periods and public hearings.

## **7. Summary**

In summary, the Consolidated Plan and the incorporated Annual Action Plan have been developed with community input and reflect the decisions and history of the City Council in funding allocations. The Human Services Needs Update is conducted to gather perspectives of community members and providers and is intended to guide human services strategy and investments. The City of Bellevue engaged Health Management Associates (HMA), a research and consulting firm, to conduct the needs assessment in collaboration with the City and its partners. HMA collected data over a course of a three-month period during the summer and fall of 2023. This assessment included community engagement through surveys, focus groups, interviews, service provider network/coalition meetings, and panel presentations to the Human Services Commission. More than 1000 community members provided input as part of the 2023-2024 Human Services Needs Update.

# The Process

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities 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	BELLEVUE	Parks & Community Services Department

Table 1– Responsible Agencies

### Narrative

The City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department is the lead agency for the CDBG Program under the department’s Human Services Division. Ruth Blaw, Human Services Manager, is the program administrator. Donna Adair, Human Services Planner/CDBG Administrator, is the primary staff responsible for the day-to-day coordination of the CDBG program.

### Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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## **PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(I) and 91.315(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

The City of Bellevue used a mixed methods approach in consultation that included input from community members, human services providers, and entities, including East and North King County cities, the King County Housing Authority (KCHA), and nonprofit agencies delivering services in Bellevue and the broader Eastside.

Data was collected at three network/coalition meetings relevant to human services in Bellevue during the Needs Update: Nourishing Networks, the Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee (EHAC), and the Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council.

The City of Bellevue carries out homelessness planning and coordination as a regional issue. Bellevue works with King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA), the Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee (made up of consumers, providers, faith groups and government agencies), KCHA, neighboring cities on the Eastside, King County, service providers, and the private sector.

### **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(I)).**

The City of Bellevue Human Services Division meets with other jurisdictions in East, North, and South King County, the King County Housing Authority, KCRHA, A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH), PorchLight (formerly Congregations for the Homeless), Mary's Place, Sophia Way, Hopelink, Lifewire, Friends of Youth, and other nonprofit developers to develop strategies and implement plans to improve the quality of housing and access for low-income residents in the City and throughout the region. The City will continue to participate in funding review panels for Continuum (CoC), Emergency Shelter Grant and McKinney funding.

Bellevue Fire CARES (Community Advocates for Referral and Education Services), an internal referral and case management service, is utilized by the Bellevue Fire and Police departments to connect the community to resources that can better meet their needs including unhoused persons. The City has also added a crisis mental health response team, CCAT (Community Crisis Assistance Team), that pairs law enforcement with mental health professionals to provide emergency response to individuals in crisis when a traditional law enforcement response may not be the best means of addressing a situation, including in circumstances where an individual experiencing homelessness in crisis is involved.

Other health and mental health service providers the City works closely with are Therapeutic Health Services, Asian Counseling and Referral Service, Consejo Counseling and Referral, HealthPoint, International Community Health Services, Indian American Community Services, Crisis Connections, Youth Eastside Services, 4 Tomorrow, Harborview Medical Center, LifeWire, NAMI Eastside, IKRON of Greater Seattle, PorchLight, Friends of Youth, Mary's Place, Sophia Way, Catholic Community Services, Bridge Disability Ministries, and Washington Poison Center.

**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**

Bellevue staff works closely with the Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee and King County Regional Homeless Authority (KCRHA). Bellevue employs a Homelessness Outreach Administrator, Homelessness Outreach Coordinator, and Homelessness Outreach Program Manager who work with local providers, community members and emergency services to reach unsheltered persons and assist them in receiving needed services.

Bellevue also contracts with a local nonprofit agency to contact unsheltered community members to provide them with referrals and services. Bellevue funds day centers for adult men, women, families, and young adults through their general funds.

The City funds emergency shelters for men, women, young adults, and families experiencing homelessness through general fund dollars. The City funds PorchLight's Enhanced Men's Shelter through general funds and CDBG public services funds. The City funds transitional housing for women through MAPS-MCRC and The Sophia Way. In addition, the City funds transitional housing for families through Hopelink Place, which includes case management. Transitional housing for youth is provided through The Friends of Youth Transitional Living Program. The City has awarded a contract to the organization 4 Tomorrow to facilitate a Safe Parking program for individuals residing in their vehicles, which launched in 2024.

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

The King County Consortium consults with member jurisdictions (including Bellevue), stakeholders and the public, and works with the Joint Recommendation Committee (JRC) to allocate ESG funds. Funding awards are made on a competitive basis through biannual funding rounds advertised publicly and conducted through the King County Department of Procurement. All projects adhere to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) operating standards and all reporting and evaluation is completed through HMIS. Within HMIS, data for target populations, youth and young adults, singles, and families is collected for the following three categories: 1) exit to permanent housing; 2) average program stay; and 3) return to homelessness. This information is collected for emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, prevention, and rental assistance programs. Actual performance is measured against the target goals.

The King County Consortium has improved the efficiency and accountability of HMIS. HMIS staff are also King County staff, which strengthens the infrastructure and refines the process that allows HMIS to act as the data system platform for the Coordinated Entry for All (CEA) system. Using HMIS as the platform for the system allows continued and substantial improvement in the amount and accuracy of data reported.

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

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

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	King County Regional Homelessness Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Other government - County Regional organization Planning organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Bellevue staff attend King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) planning meetings and coordinate with KCRHA on regional homelessness issues. Bellevue follows KCRHA's homelessness strategy.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth



	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Bellevue's staff meet with members of the Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee each month to gather input regarding the needs of people experiencing homelessness including individuals and families in the community. Through this consultation Bellevue continues to work closely with homeless service providers such as Hopelink, Mary's Place, Imagine Housing, Friends of Youth, Lifewire, PorchLight (formerly Congregations for the Homeless), YWCA, and Catholic Community Services. The anticipated outcomes are that we continually receive information on the evolving needs of service providers to move people from homelessness to housing, particularly around funding, siting, and other city-related administration that impacts how services are provided.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Porchlight (formerly Congregations for the Homeless)
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft of Consolidated Plan and requested comment. The City continues to consult with them via their general human services fund and public services funds through CDBG.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HOPELINK
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans

	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft of Consolidated Plan and requested comment. The City will continue consulting with them via their general fund human services grant.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing PHA Services - Housing Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft of Consolidated Plan and requested comment. The City will continue to work with them via the Major Home Repair Program.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft of Consolidated Plan and requested comment. The City will continue consulting with them via their general fund human services grant.
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	LifeWire
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Families with children
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft of Consolidated Plan and requested comment. The City will continue consulting with them via their general fund human services grant.
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	FRIENDS OF YOUTH
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Children
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft copy of Consolidated Plan and requested comment. Will continue to consult with them through human services general funding.
9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	YOUTH EASTSIDE SERVICES
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Child Welfare Agency
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft of Consolidated Plan and requested comment. The City will continue consulting with them via their general fund human services grant.
10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Mary's Place
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Children Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Sent draft Consolidated Plan and requested comment. The city will continue to consult with them via the human services fund grant.

11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Sound Generations
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft Consolidated Plan for comment. City will continue to consult with them through general human services funding and CDBG funding.
12	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Bellevue College
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Education Services-Employment Other government - State
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft of Consolidated Plan and requested comment. The City will continue consulting with them via their general fund human services grant.
13	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CITY OF REDMOND
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft of Consolidated Plan and requested comment. Eastside cities meet monthly to coordinate and collaborate.
14	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Kirkland
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft of Consolidated Plan and requested comment. Eastside cities meet monthly to coordinate and collaborate.
15	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Issaquah
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft of Consolidated Plan and requested comment. Eastside cities meet monthly to coordinate and collaborate.
16	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Habitat for Humanity Seattle King County
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft Consolidated Plan and requested comment. The City will continue to work with Habitat through our Major Home Repair Program.
17	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	4 Tomorrow
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft Consolidated Plan and requested comment. The city will continue to consult with the organization through human services general fund grants and CDBG funding.
18	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Indian American Community Services
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Education Services - Victims
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft Consolidated Plan and requested comment. The city will continue to consult with the organization through its human services general fund grant and CDBG funding.
19	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Sammamish
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft of Consolidated Plan and requested comment. Eastside cities meet monthly to coordinate and collaborate.
20	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	T-Mobile, USA, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Major Employer

<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Broadband access
<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided draft of Consolidated Plan and requested comment.

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

No types of agencies involved in housing, homelessness, or community development were excluded from consultation.

**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	KCRHA	Bellevue's Strategic Plan goals are aligned with the goals of King County Regional Homeless Authority.
Bellevue Affordable Housing Strategy	City of Bellevue	Maintaining and increasing affordable housing is a SP goal.
Bellevue Comprehensive Plan	City of Bellevue	The goals of the SP align with the Housing & Human Services elements of the Comprehensive Plan.
Diversity Advantage Plan	City of Bellevue	Community development goals of the SP will assist the diverse low/mod income population.
Human Services Needs Update	City of Bellevue	The Needs Update informed the priorities and goals of the SP.
Human Services Strategic Plan	City of Bellevue	The Human Services Strategic Plan informed the priorities and goals of the SP.

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

**Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))**

Bellevue collaborates with King County and the other direct entitlement cities (Auburn, Federal Way and Kent) in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan, as well as other Eastside and South County cities that are part of the King County Consortium. Staff from the direct entitlement cities meet frequently and collaborate on best practices on how to implement the CDBG program. Bellevue coordinates with King County Regional Homelessness Authority on homelessness strategies by participating on committees and regional meetings.

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## **PR-15 Citizen Participation - 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)**

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

The Bellevue Human Services Commission adopted an updated Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) on July 1, 2024, which incorporated all regulatory requirements for Consolidated Plans submitted. The CPP can be downloaded on the City's website. The CPP details the requirements and processes for public involvement and opportunities for comment regarding the planning and programming for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Human Services Commission held two public hearings to receive input on human service and housing needs, project and funding recommendations, and goals and priority needs.

In addition, for the 2023-2024 Human Services Needs Update, the City of Bellevue contracted with Health Management Associates (HMA) to conduct the needs update in collaboration with the City and its partners. This assessment included community engagement through surveys, focus groups, interviews, service provider network/coalition meetings, and panel presentations to the City of Bellevue Human Services Commission. More than 1000 community members provided input which served as the foundation of the report. A variety of populations and groups were consulted and are described in Table 4.

### 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 (if applicable)
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1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held before the Human Services Commission on June 6, 2024, to address housing and human services needs. Two people spoke at the public hearing.	Kajan Kapour with Indian American Community Services welcomed the new Commissioners and voiced appreciation for all the funding the agency has received in the past, especially the funding received in 2023 for domestic violence services through ARPA. The speaker noted working with domestic violence and crisis services where clients face barriers to work visas, abusive relationships, financial instability, and a reluctance to leave their homes due to social and emotional reasons. Domestic violence survivors often find themselves trapped in a cycle of abuse	All comments were accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	A public notice was published in the Seattle Times announcing the June 6th, 2024, public hearing and soliciting written comments between May 1 and June 6, 2024.	No written comments were received.	No comments were submitted.	

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3	Focus Group	LGBTQIA2S+	<p>Pride Across the Bridge in collaboration with the city of Bellevue and HMA held a focus group meeting on August 22, 2023, to gather community-specific information on human services needs. Community partners led outreach for the focus group. The focus group was semi-structured and guided by a set of specific questions developed to understand individual experiences with human services in Bellevue and opportunities for change.</p>	<p>21 community members attended the focus group. Community members noted frustration about only being able to access services that meet their needs outside of Bellevue. Members of the LGBTQIA2S+ shared their experience of only being able to find resources that meet their gender and sexuality needs in the City of Seattle.</p>	<p>All comments were accepted.</p>	

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4	Focus Group	Older adults	A focus group led by HMA and the city was held at the North Bellevue Community Center on August 28, 2023 to address the human services needs of older adults.	12 participants attended the focus group. Community members identified challenges in finding information about available resources due to "outdated websites" and "ineffective search engines". Community members highlighted the need for more paper-based communication, to augment online platforms. Community members also noted that they missed the human connection that ha been lost through the expansion of online resources. Difficulty accessing services was noted.	All comments were accepted.	
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5	Focus Group	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	On September 12, 2023, 4 Tomorrow, HMA and the city hosted a virtual focus group for Latinx, Spanish speaking community members to gather information on human services needs.	11 participants attended the focus group meeting. Community members expressed the need for expanding culturally and linguistically specific services in Bellevue. Nearly 50% of residents speak a language other than English at home. Community members also expressed there are unmet needs within the community but funding, staffing and capacity present significant barriers to expanding services. Other comments were changes in the availability of funding sources and concerns about the loss of service provision that will	All comments were accepted.	
OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 09/30/2021)	Consolidated Plan		BELLEVUE		23	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
6	Focus Group	Minorities  African Community	A focus group was held with Africans on the Eastside, Congolese Integration Network, Ubumwe Women's Association and WA State Coalition of African Community Leaders on September 21, 2023, to gather information on human services needs.	20 community members participated in the focus group. Community members noted Bellevue' growth and diversification and how human services has struggled to adapt to the changing needs of the community. Community members highlighted the value of supporting organizations that are led by the communities they serve. They also noted there are a lack of resources and human services providers that meet their language and cultural needs. Community members noted that they want support from		
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
7	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing will be held on September 9th to receive community input on the 2025 CDBG funding recommendations.	Will update after the public hearing.		
8	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	A newspaper ad will be published in the Seattle Times announcing the 30-day comment period for the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments (AI)	Will update after the comment period ends.		

**Table 4– Citizen Participation Outreach**

# Needs Assessment

## NA-05 Overview

### Needs Assessment Overview

The City conducts a Human Services Needs Assessment every two years. This report addresses housing and human service needs in Bellevue. The Needs Assessment includes surveys, focus groups, interviews, service provider network/coalition meetings, and panel presentations. Information gathered also includes publicly available quantitative data on demographic trends within the city and region, relevant city and regional assessments, presentations, and planning documents. Community engagement centered on the voices of those with lived experience accessing the human services system, along with intersectional identities, including race, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The Needs Assessment provides key data in determining the priorities and goals of the Consolidated Plan.

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## **NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)**

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:**

Bellevue has five community centers and several community recreation facilities:

- Crossroads Community Center: International gathering place reflecting diversity. This facility offers programs for all ages in sports, fitness, arts and enrichment. Crossroads also partners with community service providers to offer referrals for human services, from refugee services to legal assistance programs.
- Highland Community Center: Provides programs that give people with disabilities opportunities for recreation, socialization and learning, which help them participate more successfully in the community. The center also offers a wide array of recreation, sports, fitness, cultural arts, and social programs.
- North Bellevue Community Center: Offers a comprehensive array of senior services and programs including health and wellness, cultural, and performing arts, human services, drop-in activities, socialization, information and referrals, community dining and trips.
- Northwest Arts Center: Provides year-round programs for children of all ages, adults, seniors, and adults with disabilities. Program offerings include: multi-media art, movement, fitness, cooking, pottery, glass fusion and foreign language.
- South Bellevue Community Center: Provides a range of drop-in and structured classes and activities that focus on active lifestyles, health and wellness. Participation in programs encourages individuals and families to be active.
- Bellevue Youth Theatre: Dedicated to providing theater arts opportunities for all young people, regardless of income. The Theatre stages quality productions that are both entertaining and socially relevant.
- Kelsey Creek Farm: Provides children's recreational programs, seasonal camps, pony care and farm experience classes, farm-themed tours, and volunteer opportunities.
- Bellevue Aquatics and Tennis Center: Provide classes and programs as well as drop-in use of their sites to the community for specific activities.

In addition to city-owned facilities, there are several public facilities owned by nonprofit organizations throughout Bellevue and the greater Eastside.

Affordable housing and cost of living were cited as the most significant concerns across the community. Community members identified the need to focus on long-term strategies and solutions to address the root causes of housing affordability, lack of childcare, and access to critical behavioral health services and support. In addition, community members identified the need for increased access to culturally- and linguistically- specific services.

In an effort to help unite Bellevue's diverse residents, the city has been researching for several years the possible development of a cross-cultural center that will bring people together around shared intercultural experiences. As part of a pilot project to test out cross-cultural activities in the community, the City of Bellevue's Diversity Advantage Team has provided funding to community partners to host intercultural events and activities that travel to different spaces around the city.

## **How were these needs determined?**

This year the Bellevue Human Services Needs Update was developed by gathering data using a mixed-methods approach. This included input from community members, human services providers, and community leaders. Human Services staff along with Health Management Associates (HMA) determined the needs through the following methods:

- A community survey translated into 10 languages.
- A provider survey for human services organizations serving Bellevue community members.
- Three network/coalition meetings with human services providers.
- Eight individual and group key informant interviews, with population-specific subject matter expertise.
- Four focus groups, each invited participants from a particular demographic in Bellevue.
- Ten panel presentations to the Human Services Commission- by both providers and community members.

## **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:**

Per HUD's guidance, public improvements include "streets, sidewalks curbs and gutters, parks, playgrounds, water and sewer lines, flood and drainage improvements, parking lots, utility lines, and aesthetic amenities on public property such as trees, sculptures, pools of water and fountains, and other works of art." The City does not anticipate using CDBG funds for public improvements; public improvements are supported by other City funds.

## **How were these needs determined?**

Public improvement needs within the City are determined by city staff, community input and life cycle of such improvements.

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:**

The City's public services needs include:

- Culturally- and linguistically-specific services for diverse populations.
- Behavioral health services.
- Affordable childcare.
- Affordable housing.
- Living wage jobs.
- Services for older adults.
- Services for unhoused individuals (homeless).

### **How were these needs determined?**

The City of Bellevue's biennial Needs Update uses public input from residents, businesses, nonprofit service providers, government, key informants, faith communities and other community leaders, along with demographic data to identify the housing and human services needs of Bellevue residents. The Needs Update is endorsed by the Council-appointed Human Services Commission, which uses the document to guide its priorities and funding recommendations which are then adopted by the City Council.

# Housing Market Analysis

## MA-05 Overview

### Housing Market Analysis Overview:

Bellevue's housing insecurity has been exacerbated by the pandemic and rising inflation. In addition, Bellevue's rapid growth has increased the demand for housing and increased housing prices in the area. Bellevue continues to be one of the most expensive areas for housing in the greater Seattle/King County region. The housing supply is limited both for owner and rental housing, creating a high demand. The need for affordable rental housing continues to increase. The percentage of Bellevue residents that are severely cost burdened by rent has risen significantly from 15.4% in 2019 (representing 22,803 residents) to 18.2% in 2022 (representing 27,960 residents).





# MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets - 91.410, 91.210(f)

## Introduction

## Economic Development Market Analysis

### Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	231	32	0	0	(0)
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	5,997	12,385	9	8	(1)
Construction	1,788	5,890	3	4	1
Education and Health Care Services	7,448	18,437	12	12	1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	3,797	13,400	6	9	3
Information	11,918	21,321	19	14	(4)
Manufacturing	3,632	4,887	6	3	(3)
Other Services	2,039	12,600	3	3	0
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	10,395	25,998	16	17	1
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	7,984	14,549	13	10	(3)
Transportation and Warehousing	1,474	603	2	0	(2)
Wholesale Trade	2,723	9,031	4	6	(2)
Total	63,696	149,110	--	--	--

**Table 5 - Business Activity**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

2013-2017 ACS (Workers), 2017 Longitudinal Employee

**Data Source Comments:** 2015 Location Employment Date (LED) (Workers), 2015 LED (jobs)

**Labor Force**

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	79,045
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	76,265
Unemployment Rate	3.52
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	5.22
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	2.79

**Table 6 - Labor Force**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**  
2013-2017 ACS

**Data Source Comments:** Will update data source

<b>Occupations by Sector</b>		<b>Number of People Median Income</b>
Management, business and financial	39,590	
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	1,395	
Service	4,415	
Sales and office	11,845	
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	1,530	
Production, transportation and material moving	1,610	

**Table 7 – Occupations by Sector**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**  
2013-2017 ACS

**Data Source Comments:**

## Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	41,051	64%
30-59 Minutes	20,189	31%
60 or More Minutes	2,976	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,216</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 8 - Travel Time**

Alternate Data Source Name:

2013-2017 ACS

Data Source Comments: Will update data source

## Education:

### Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	2,290	115	930
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	4,640	155	1,855
Some college or Associate's degree	10,035	695	3,330
Bachelor's degree or higher	50,270	1,430	10,050

**Table 9 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status**

Alternate Data Source Name:

2013-2017 ACS

Data Source Comments: Will update data source

## Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	115	380	200	1,060	805
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	900	325	495	880	545
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	2,155	2,085	1,355	3,205	2,715
Some college, no degree	2,340	2,160	2,130	4,625	3,700
Associate's degree	685	1,420	1,085	2,640	1,170
Bachelor's degree	2,355	11,050	7,110	12,900	7,115
Graduate or professional degree	350	10,065	9,070	11,560	4,790

**Table 10 - Educational Attainment by Age**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

2013-2017 ACS

**Data Source Comments:**

## Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	27,289
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	38,884
Some college or Associate's degree	47,364
Bachelor's degree	93,539
Graduate or professional degree	113,316

**Table 11 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

2013-2017 ACS

**Data Source Comments:**

**Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?**

The largest employment sector is information, followed by professional, scientific, and management services. Health care and social assistance, retail trade, and management of companies and enterprises are the rest of the top seven. Bellevue’s top three employers are Amazon, Microsoft, and T-Mobile (data current as of January 2024).

**Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:**

Information technology continues to be a major economic strength in the city, and there continues to be a high demand for technical and skilled workers to fill those positions. Bellevue’s economy is diversifying and has expected growth in creative industries, tourism, retail, healthcare, and research and development in the physical, engineering, and life sciences. Infrastructure needs include affordable workforce housing and transportation options for those who cannot afford to live in the city. In addition, affordable workforce space for businesses located in Bellevue continues to be a high need for the business community.

**Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.**

Amazon continues to add employees to their major presence in the downtown core. Other employers are adding downtown space and hiring workers in the interactive media, e-commerce, enterprise software, artificial intelligence, and other technology related industries. There is a mix of economic situations in Bellevue’s other economic centers. In the Eastgate district, suburban offices have increased vacancies. In the BelRed Arts District, redevelopment is ongoing from a former industrial area to a mixed-use district. Initiatives are ongoing to preserve employment and businesses that transition from older affordable commercial space to newer ones.

Bellevue’s workforce development initiatives include connecting residents to upskilling and technical programs that fit evolving workforce demands. Companies have also increased layoffs across the city especially in the information technology and video gaming/entertainment sectors. A mitigating initiative connects companies and individuals during layoffs to regional technical assistance support such as WorkSource. Light rail has just opened from Bellevue to Redmond and will open the connection to Seattle in 2025. This additional infrastructure will contribute to Bellevue’s expected 70,000 jobs and 86,000 resident growths by 2044.

**How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?**

The majority of Bellevue residents have a bachelor’s degree or higher, qualifying them for information technology, professional services, healthcare, research, and education jobs that are expected to grow.

**Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.**

Bellevue College has several workforce training initiatives. These initiatives include:

**Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET)** provides the following kinds of support to individuals receiving federal food assistance from the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS):

- Funding to pay for tuition, fees, and required textbooks when pursuing approved professional technical training.
- Coordination with DSHS in the provision of childcare.
- Educational advising and planning, including the development of an education plan that lists the courses required each quarter to obtain the training goal in the most efficient manner.
- Advising to address barriers to academic/personal success.
- Employment assistance.
- Assistance in navigating college resources and services.
- Referrals to community partners.

**Opportunity Grant** provides limited-income adults with little or no college credits with:

- Funding to pay up to 45 credits of tuition, fees, and required textbooks when pursuing approved professional-technical training.
- Educational advising and planning, including the development of an education plan that lists the courses required each quarter to obtain the training goal in the most efficient manner.
- Advising to address barriers to academic/personal success.
- Employment assistance.
- Assistance in navigating college resources and services.
- Referrals to community partners.

Worker Retraining is a state-funded program designed to help eligible individuals update their job skills and return to employment. It provides:

- Payment of tuition and fees
- Assistance with the Employment Security CAT/TB application (permission to attend school while collecting your unemployment)
- Educational advising and planning
- Assistance in locating additional funding for training
- Priority registration
- Liaison to other agencies, programs, and funding

**WorkFirst** is Washington State’s welfare reform program that provides support to individuals who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) from DSHS. Support includes:

- “Jumpstart” funding to pay tuition, fees, and required textbooks when pursuing approved professional-technical training.
- High-touch educational advising and planning, including the development of an education plan that lists the courses required each quarter to obtain the training goal in the most efficient manner.
- Advising to address barriers to academic/personal success.
- Assistance in navigating college resources and services.
- Employment assistance.
- Referrals to community partners.

Hopelink, a nonprofit with services in Bellevue, has formed a partnership with WorkSource Washington. WorkSource is the state’s one-stop workforce development system made up of a network of organizations that are focused on helping job seekers find rewarding employment, education, and training opportunities. Through this partnership, Hopelink now has a WorkSource Connection Site at all five of their centers, including Bellevue. The programs offered by Bellevue College and Hopelink support the Consolidated Plan by furthering economic opportunities for Bellevue’s residents.

**Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?** See below

**If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.**

Bellevue has participated in a broader four-county CEDS with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), the region’s Metropolitan Planning Organization. PSRC’s mission is to ensure a thriving central Puget Sound now and into the future through planning for regional transportation, growth management, and economic development. Bellevue updated its own Economic Development Plan in November 2020. Economic development is also a goal of the Consolidated Plan. Foundational strategies of the Economic Development Plan include:

- Providing a business climate and related infrastructure that facilitate and encourage desirable business investment.
- Cultivate attractive and diverse business districts across the city.
- Supporting the development and attraction of world-class talent.
- Continuing to make Bellevue a great place to live, work, and visit.
- Take local and regional approaches to solving transportation challenges through innovative solutions.
- Encourage a variety of housing choices within the city.
- Viewing all activities through a lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion.



## **Discussion**

Access to world-class talent continues to be Bellevue's primary draw for major technology and professional services employers. Employers are attracted to Bellevue due to the number of well-equipped employees. The anticipated growth of major employers like Amazon, Meta, T-Mobile, and others will require the City to meet the needs of additional workers and new residents and provide opportunities for new small businesses that take advantage of the uptick in activity. In addition, it is important that affordable housing and human services needs be considered so that all of Bellevue's residents have the opportunity to thrive in the City's growing economic successes.

## **MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion**

### **Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")**

There are no areas in Bellevue where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated. According to CHAS data, there are neighborhoods in Bellevue including Crossroads, Eastgate and Lake Hills where up to 75 percent of low-income households are severely cost-burdened (defined as spending more than 50% of gross income on housing), and moderate-income neighborhoods where up to 64 percent of households are severely cost-burdened, but there are also residents spread throughout the city experiencing cost burden. Demographic data illustrates disparities by race/ethnicity both for who is more likely to rent versus own and who is most likely to be cost burdened. According to HUD CHAS data 27% of all homeowners in Bellevue are cost burdened with 38% of the Black population and 34% of the Hispanic/Latino population in Bellevue compared to 29% of the White population and 27% of the Asian population. The lowest percentage of homeowners in Bellevue are Black at 24% followed by Hispanic/Latino at 34% and Indigenous at 41%, compared to 59% of White and 50% of Asian populations. No other housing problems are identified in these neighborhoods.

### **Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")**

The majority of Bellevue residents are people of color (61%). There is no concentration of ethnic or racial populations in Bellevue. Racial and ethnic populations are located throughout the City, with the largest percentage of the residents of color located in the Crossroads area. In addition, Crossroads is labeled "disadvantaged" by the C & E Justice Tool in part due to "linguistic isolation" of over 90%.

There are no areas in Bellevue where low-income families are concentrated. The highest concentration of extremely low-income households is in the Crossroads area and south of NE 8th Street between 148th and 164th Avenues, however, low-income households are found in many areas of Bellevue. There are five low- and moderate-income block groups in Bellevue that are spread throughout the city.

### **What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?**

The percentage of renter occupied housing in the Crossroads area is approximately 63%. The largest ethnic group is Asian at 68%.

**Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?**

Crossroads Community Center is an international gathering place where participants reflect diversity. This facility offers programs for all ages in sports, fitness, arts and enrichment. In addition to recreation programs, Crossroads Mall is home to Mini City Hall featuring a spacious lobby, self-service area, two rooms for partner organizations to provide services and a community meeting room for classes and meetings. Mini City Hall provides personalized customer service with staff proficient in several languages.

**Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?**

The city has been researching for several years the possible development of a cross-cultural center that will bring people together around shared intercultural experiences. As part of a pilot project to test out cross-cultural activities in the community, the City of Bellevue's Diversity Advantage Team has provided funding to community partners to host intercultural events and activities that travel to different spaces around the city. District development work aims to build visibility, technical support, and community connection in the Old Bellevue, BelRed Arts District, Crossroads, and Factoria economic districts.

## **MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)**

**Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.**

According to the 2022 American Community Survey 98.9% of households in Bellevue own computers and 97.5% of households have broadband internet subscriptions. In addition, there are multiple libraries as well as other public facilities that provide access to computers and internet services throughout Bellevue for free. Bellevue Connect provides free Wi-Fi access in the downtown Bellevue area.

**Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.**

Bellevue residents are serviced by multiple wired providers including low- and moderate-income households. These include T-Mobile, Xfinity, Zply Fiber, Astound Broadband, CenturyLink, Quantum Fiber, and more. The average download speeds range from 245 Mbps to 6000 Mbps. Bellevue is a major technology hub, and the list of internet service providers is large.

## **MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)**

### **Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.**

The City of Bellevue conducted a Climate Vulnerability Assessment to identify potential impacts associated with climate change, including vulnerability, and adaptive capacity for Bellevue's people, built environment, and natural systems. The assessment was an action in the Sustainable Bellevue Environmental Stewardship Plan. The risks relevant to housing identified through the assessment are:

- Increasing average annual air temperatures leading to more frequent and extreme heat events.
- More frequent and more severe periods of drought, which may impact both water supply and electricity supply from hydroelectric sources.
- Increasing extreme precipitation events, particularly during winter leading to increased risk of runoff, erosion, landslides, and increased frequency or intensity of flood events.
- Increasing frequency, severity, and extent of regional wildfires leading to poor outdoor and indoor air quality due to wildfire smoke.

### **Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.**

Vulnerability to climate impacts is highest for communities who experience disproportionate levels of social or economic stressors including older people, children, low-income families, immigrant communities, people experiencing homelessness, BIPOC individuals, and exposed workers.

Potential impacts to vulnerable populations include:

- An increase in health-related deaths and illnesses, particularly among the elderly, low-income residents, residents living alone, and persons with certain existing disabilities or medical conditions, exposed workers, and those without access to adaptive technologies like air conditioning.
- Rising temperatures, wildfires, and decreasing summer precipitation will lead to increases in ozone and particulate matter, worsening outdoor and indoor air quality and elevating the risk of cardiovascular and respiratory illnesses and death.
- Localized flooding following extreme precipitation events may affect some housing.
- Restricted access to power, potentially due to grid disruptions or brownouts (circumstances where electricity supply is insufficient).

Bellevue, King County and other cities open additional shelter beds to boost capacity to help vulnerable populations during severe weather situations and emergencies. Bellevue’s Major Home Repair program endeavors to keep low- and moderate-income households in condition to withstand most weather emergencies. Bellevue and other Eastside cities partner through the Energy Smart Eastside program to offer electric heat pumps to single-family households, providing air conditioning and heating. Bellevue is exploring additional strategies to help households with indoor air quality, such as through electrification of kitchen equipment and ventilation upgrades, and reliable access to clean power.

# Strategic Plan

## SP-05 Overview

### Strategic Plan Overview

The Strategic Plan is the core of the City's Consolidated Plan for Housing & Community Development (Consolidated Plan). It is where the City's goals, objectives and specific strategies designed to make progress toward those goals and objectives are outlined. The outcomes of the goals are based on the anticipated resources projected to be available during the five-year period of the Consolidated Plan. If those resources change significantly during the five-year period, the goals may be changed through an amendment to the Plan.

## **SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)**

### **General Allocation Priorities**

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

The City of Bellevue does not have geographic priorities for CDBG funding. Low- and moderate-income households are generally spread throughout the City, with a slightly higher concentration of extremely low-income households located in the Crossroads neighborhood. The City's Major Home Repair program serves mostly older adults on fixed incomes who live in many neighborhoods. Focusing funding in certain geographic areas would preclude serving many residents in other areas who would otherwise qualify for CDBG-funded services.



**SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)**

**Priority Needs**

<b>1</b>	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	N/A – all of Bellevue
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Preserve and Improve Access to Affordable Housing

	<p><b>Description</b></p>	<p>The cost of housing in Bellevue, both rental and owner has skyrocketed during the past decade, making living in Bellevue unaffordable to most who work here. The Human Services Strategic Plan cited that affordable housing and cost of living were the most common concern in human services needs across the community. 89% of the city’s workforce lives outside of Bellevue. According to Bellevue’s 2017 Affordable Housing Strategies, one third of renters are paying 30% of their income for housing and one in six are paying more than 50% of their income. The City will continue to provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income residents for maintaining or repairing the health and safety features of their homes through the Home Repair Program, or similar programs.</p>
	<p><b>Basis for Relative Priority</b></p>	<p>The 2022 Bellevue Housing Needs Assessment cited that continued regional housing prices have resulted in high levels of households that are cost burdened. Strategy A: Help People Stay in Affordable Housing, in Bellevue's Affordable Housing Strategy includes A-4, "Increase funding and expand eligibility for the city's home repair and weatherization programs." In addition, The <i>Human Services Needs Update</i> noted that older adults identified that affordable housing or housing that meets the needs of seniors requires some attention. The City of Bellevue Home Repair program helps low- and moderate-income homeowners throughout Bellevue to preserve their homes and obtain the critical safety and health repairs to maintain their homes allowing them to age in place and get needed help that otherwise they could not afford.</p>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Priority Need Name</b></p>	<p>Shelter and Services for Unhoused Persons</p>
	<p><b>Priority Level</b></p>	<p>High</p>

<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	N/A
<b>Associated Goals</b>	Provide Shelter & Services for Unhoused Persons
<b>Description</b>	The City is prioritizing shelter for unhoused persons and will continue to fund shelters through its general human services funds, HSP 1590, and CDBG public services funding.

	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	The 2024 Point in Time (PIT) Count conducted by KCRHA showed an increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness in King County from 13,368 in 2022 to 16,385 in 2024, equaling a 23% increase. Individuals identifying as American Indian, Alaskan Native or Indigenous, Black, African American, or African; Hispanic/Latino; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, and people of multiple races made up the largest percent of the unhoused population. Bellevue School District has seen a significant increase in students experiencing homelessness in the last year, there were 663 students who identified as homeless during the 22-23 school year. There is a need for more shelter beds, increased behavioral health services, case management and other critical services that support unhoused persons.
3	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Community & Economic Development
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development

<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	N/A
<b>Associated Goals</b>	Enhance Community and Economic Development
<b>Description</b>	Establish and maintain healthy, integrated, and vibrant communities by improving the well-being and economic mobility of low- and moderate-income residents, including expanding access to culturally and linguistically specific human services.
<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Investments in low- and moderate-income communities for the benefit of low- and moderate-income people help to ensure equitable opportunities for health, well-being and economic growth. Data highlights disparities in education and employment outcomes by race and ethnicity for Bellevue residents. Bellevue’s Strategic Plan prioritizes services that are culturally and linguistically specific. This includes prioritizing microenterprise business assistance programs that provide culturally and linguistically specific programs.

**SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)**

**Introduction**

Anticipated resources for the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan are based on estimates of the 2025 entitlement amount and projected program income. Program income is difficult to project because it is based on loan repayments from the Major Home Repair program that vary widely from year to year. Future entitlement amounts depend on the federal CDBG budget and HUD’s funding formula.

**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	850,000	150,000	0	1,000,000	4,400,000	Expected Amount available for remainder of Con Plan is based on 2024 allocation and estimated program income. All prior year funds are committed at this time.
Human Services General Fund	public - local	Economic Development Housing Public Services	4,861,389	0	0	4,861,389	20,948,385	Projections for the remainder of the Consolidated Plan are based on the 2025 Human Services general fund with an approximate three percent increase in funding each year.

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: \$		
HSP 1590	public - local	Housing	1,886,851	0	0	1,886,851	8,650,576	Projections for the remainder of the Consolidated Plan are based on an estimate of HSP funds that will be available for each year. Housing Stability Program funds are provided through Bellevue's sales tax at 1/10th percent.

Table 12 - Anticipated Resources

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

General fund human services dollars and HSP 1590 funds will leverage CDBG funds by allowing more Bellevue residents to be assisted. Bellevue has no matching fund requirements.

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

N/A

## SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
City of Bellevue	Government	Planning	Jurisdiction
KING COUNTY	Government	Homelessness	Region
King County Regional Homelessness Authority	Government	Homelessness	Region
A REGIONAL COALITION FOR HOUSING	Regional organization	Ownership Rental	Region
King County Housing Authority (KCHA)	PHA	Public Housing	Region
PorchLight (formerly Congregations for Homeless)	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Sophia Way	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
4 Tomorrow	Non-profit organizations	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs public services	Jurisdiction
Imagine Housing	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Rental	Jurisdiction
HOPELINK	Non-profit organizations	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs public facilities public services	Jurisdiction



<b>Responsible Entity</b>	<b>Responsible Entity Type</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Geographic Area Served</b>
Mary's Place	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Indian American Community Services	Non-profit organizations	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs public services	Jurisdiction
LifeWire	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Public Housing public facilities public services	Region
Centro Cultural Americana	Non-profit organizations	Economic Development public facilities public services	Jurisdiction

**Table 13 - Institutional Delivery Structure  
Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System**

Strengths in the system include:

- Collaboration between nonprofits, faith-based organizations, Continuum of Care, residents, and King County Regional Homelessness Authority.
- Support of human services from the City's elected and appointed decision-makers funding of human services through the general fund.
- Cooperation and coordination between Eastside cities' staff.
- Homeless service provider system.
- A multi-city affordable housing trust fund anchored by the City of Bellevue.

Gaps in the system include:

- Increased cost of living in Bellevue and the Eastside makes it difficult for nonprofits to attract and retain staff when they can't afford to live near where they work.
- High rents make it difficult for nonprofits to locate offices on the Eastside.
- Lack of affordable housing that allows people to move out of homelessness.

**Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services**

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
<b>Homelessness Prevention Services</b>			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	
Legal Assistance	X		
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X	X	
Utilities Assistance	X		
<b>Street Outreach Services</b>			
Law Enforcement	X	X	
Mobile Clinics		X	
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	

<b>Supportive Services</b>			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	
Child Care	X	X	
Education	X	X	
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X	X	X
HIV/AIDS	X	X	X
Life Skills	X	X	
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	
Transportation	X	X	
<b>Other</b>			

**Table 14 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary**

**Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)**

- The services listed above are not able to meet the growing needs of people experiencing homelessness. Programs are often stretched for resources (understaffed and underfunded), at maximum capacity, have long waitlists, or are otherwise inaccessible to individuals who could benefit from accessing them.
- Services strive to be “low barrier” by being easy to access to clients. This can include practices like having minimal initial screening criteria (both asking participants as few questions as possible in order to enroll, and also not “screening someone out” for barriers that regularly impede individuals experiencing homelessness from finding stability, like past criminal history, active addiction, etc.), holding “drop-in” sessions to initiate care (instead of requiring a scheduled appointment), and offering “mobile” (where the provider meets the participant in a location convenient to the participant), online, or over-the-phone services.
- Services strive to be “trauma informed”, in recognition that the violence, abuse, systemic harms, societal disenfranchisement and other difficulties that can lead to, or attend, homelessness, can make seeking out or receiving difficult for those experiencing homelessness. This can include everything from office design to conduct and training of staff.
- Agencies strive to co-design programs with program participants or seek out participant feedback on program design.
- Agencies strive to hire staff that match the demographic composition of the clientele they serve.

**Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above**

- Strengths: Agencies providing these services tend to be mission-based, such that they are dedicated to genuinely helping the individuals they seek to serve. Agencies providing these services must often be resourceful and innovative, finding ways to stretch budgets to serve as many people as possible.
- Gaps: The service delivery system is severely underfunded. Consistency in providers due to staff turnover and funding shortages is rampant. Program availability is sparse (long wait lists, limited opportunities for immediate engagement).

**Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs**

The work of Bellevue Human Services is to support residents with low- and moderate-incomes most impacted by systemic inequities, who are disproportionately people of color immigrants, refugees, people with disabilities, and members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community. The City Council adopted its first Human Services Strategic Plan in 2024 based on the Human Services Needs Update. Four strategic objectives were developed:

- Expand equity-focused and data-driven decision-making that best addresses the most significant community needs, prioritizing investments in the areas of greatest disparities for Bellevue residents.
- Increase the capacity of Bellevue’s human services system by providing equitable access to human services funding opportunities, to support organizations in meeting the needs of and reducing disparities among Bellevue’s most marginalized residents.
- Expand access for Bellevue residents to culturally and linguistically specific human services.
- Increase key stakeholders’ awareness regarding the City’s human service needs, including disparities by community, and serve as a catalyst to collaboratively address those needs.

## SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Preserve and Improve Access to Affordable Housing	2025	2029	Affordable Housing Public Housing		Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$2,500,000 HSP 1590 Housing Stability: \$8,650,576 Human Services General Funds: \$5,000,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2 Households Assisted  Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 150 Household Housing Unit
2	Provide Shelter & Services for Unhoused Persons	2025	2029	Public Housing Homeless		Shelter and Services for Unhoused Persons	CDBG: \$750,000 HSP 1590 Housing Stability: \$8,650,576 Human Services General Funds: \$2,500,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 400 Persons Assisted  Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 2000 Persons Assisted
3	Enhance Community and Economic Development	2025	2029	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development		Community & Economic Development	CDBG: \$1,250,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted  Businesses assisted: 300 Businesses Assisted

Table 15 – Goals Summary

## Goal Descriptions

<b>1</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Preserve and Improve Access to Affordable Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Maintain and preserve healthy and affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households. This is primarily done through housing repair and rehabilitation but can include support for affordable rental housing and homeless housing.
<b>2</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Provide Shelter & Services for Unhoused Persons
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Support a range of public service activities for individuals experiencing homelessness, including programs that prevent homelessness, emergency shelter, housing stability programs and assist households in being diverted from entering the homeless system, case management, outreach and rapid rehousing.
<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Enhance Community and Economic Development
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Establish and maintain a healthy and vibrant community and improve the well-being of low- and moderate-income community members. This includes investments in microenterprise business assistance, public services activities and support of public facilities owned by nonprofits.

### **Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)**

Estimates on the number of families to be provided HOME-assisted affordable housing are included in the Strategic Plan of the Consortium Lead (King County).



## **SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)**

### **Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards**

All existing housing units assisted with CDBG funds through the Home Repair Program will be subject to lead-based paint hazard inspection procedures required by 24 CFR Part 35. The City offers a special grant within the Home Repair Program to assist homeowners in minimizing or abating lead-based paint hazards in their homes. The City will continue to work with other home repair programs in Western Washington and staff from the Washington State Department of Commerce Lead Program to learn about any new rules regarding the training and certification in safe work practices for area contractors. The City will also encourage contractors to attend SafeWork Practices training sessions for local renovation and remodeling contractors, as provided by King County.

### **How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?**

The City's Home Repair Program policies and procedures include lead-based paint testing for all homes built prior to 1978. If lead is determined to be present abatement and lead safe work practices are followed to carry out the home rehabilitation work. Each household is provided the lead pamphlet "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home" and staff consult with the homeowners. There have been no reports of lead poisoning in relation to Bellevue's Home Repair Program.



## **SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)**

### **Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families**

Bellevue contributes approximately \$350,000 annually via its human services general fund to programs in the goal area, "Education and Employment Services". Bellevue provides CDBG funds for microenterprise business assistance to organizations that provide culturally and linguistically relevant services to community members who currently own or are developing a microenterprise business and to support low- and moderate-income home childcare providers throughout Bellevue. This reduces the number of poverty-level families and prevents individuals and families from falling into poverty by providing support and funding programs such as job training and employment services, services for disabled adults to remain independent, childcare for working parents, culturally and linguistically appropriate services for immigrants and refugees and non-English speaking individuals and families.

### **How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan**

The Home Repair Program provides zero interest loans and grants to low- and moderate-income homeowners for repairs that enable them to stay in their homes and minimize the amount of income they need to spend on housing costs. This helps to reduce poverty caused by households becoming cost-burdened and allows the homeowners to preserve their homes and age in place.

## **SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230**

**Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements**

Agencies will be monitored by the City and HUD to assure compliance with all terms and conditions in the contract, and all applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations and promulgated policies. The City (Grantee) requires the Agency (Subrecipient) to appoint a contact person who is responsible for overall administration of CDBG funds and will coordinate with the CDBG administrator to request reimbursements and provide program reports and invoices. Monitoring by the City under CDBG contracts will include, but not be limited to: (1) on-site inspections by City staff, (2) desktop monitoring (3) quarterly performance reports and an annual evaluation.

For public service programs, a Progress Report will be submitted at least quarterly for ongoing services. The report is due on the 15th of the month following the close of the quarter (April 15, July 15, October 15 and January 15). The report will detail information on service units or steps/milestones accomplished during the months/quarters as outlined in Section 5 of the scope of work. Forms are provided by the City.

For acquisition or rehabilitation or improvement of real property projects, subrecipients will submit a demographic report providing, at a minimum, income, race/ethnicity, and head of household information on the beneficiaries of the CDBG project over a one-year period extending back from the due date of the report. If the facility is and remains occupied during the project, this report is due 30 days after completion of the project. If the facility is first occupied or reoccupied after completion of the project, the report is due one year from the date the facility is first occupied or re-occupied after the date of project completion.

Agencies receiving CDBG grant awards from the City of Bellevue are required to establish and maintain internal controls designed to ensure compliance with federal, state and local laws, regulations, and program requirements. The subrecipient will maintain proper documentation and records of all expenditures incurred pursuant to the terms of the contract in a manner that will facilitate auditing by HUD and/or the City.

If the subrecipient expends a total of \$1,000,000 or more in federal financial assistance and has received federal financial assistance from the City during its fiscal year, it will have an independent audit conducted of its financial statements and conditions that complies with the requirements of generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS) and 2 CFR Part 200. The subrecipient will provide a copy of the audit report no later than thirty (30) days after the audit's completion or six (6) months after the end of the Agency's fiscal year, whichever date is sooner. The subrecipient will provide the City their response and corrective action plan for all findings and reportable conditions contained in their audit. When reference

is made in their audit to a “Management Letter” or other correspondence made by the auditor, the subrecipient will provide copies of those communications and the Agency’s response and corrective actions plan.

On the rare occasions that the City undertakes a construction project with the use of CDBG funds, the City will work with King County Housing Authority to monitor and implement Section 3 activities on behalf of the City.

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

Anticipated resources for the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan are based on estimates of the 2025 entitlement amount and projected program income. Program income is difficult to project because it is based on loan repayments from the Major Home Repair program that vary widely from year to year. Future entitlement amounts depend on the federal CDBG budget and HUD’s funding formula.

#### 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	850,000	150,000	0	1,000,000	4,400,000	Expected Amount available for remainder of Con Plan is based on 2024 allocation and estimated program income. All prior year funds are committed at this time.

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: \$		
Human Services General Funds	public - local	Economic Development Housing Public Services	4,861,389	0	0	4,861,389	20,948,385	Projections for the remainder of the Consolidated Plan are based on the 2025 Human Services general fund with an approximate three percent increase in funding each year.
Housing Stability Program	public - local	Housing	1,886,851	0	0	1,886,851	8,650,576	Projections for the remainder of the Consolidated Plan are based on an estimate of HSP funds that will be available for each year. Housing Stability Program funds are provided through Bellevue's sales tax at 1/10th percent.

**Table 16 - 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**

General fund human services dollars and Housing Stability Program funds will leverage CDBG funds by allowing more Bellevue residents to be assisted. Bellevue has no matching fund requirements.

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

N/A

### **2025 Contingency Plan**

This Contingency Plan guides 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding if the actual entitlement award plus 2025 program income is greater or lesser than the estimated \$1,000,000.

#### **INCREASE IN ENTITLEMENT AND PROGRAM INCOME**

If the actual amount of the entitlement award plus 2024 program income is greater than the estimated amount of \$1,000,000 the additional funds will be allocated as follows:

**Step 1.** If the increase in the entitlement and program income for Planning and Administration is less than the federal statutory spending cap, the additional funds will be added to Planning not to exceed the 20% cap or \$10,000 whichever is less.

**Step 2.** If any additional funds are available, they will be added to the Home Repair Program.

#### **DECREASE IN ENTITLEMENT AND PROGRAM INCOME**

If the actual amount of the entitlement award plus 2025 program income is less than the estimated amount of \$1,000,000 the reduction will be allocated as follows:

**Step 1.** If the reduction in the entitlement amount causes the award for Planning and Administration to exceed the federal statutory spending cap, the award will be reduced to a level that is within the compliance of the cap.

**Step 2.** If the reduction in the entitlement amount causes the award for Public Service activities to exceed the federal statutory spending cap, the award will be reduced to a level that is within compliance of the cap.

**Step 3.** If additional reductions are required, the Major Home Repair award will be reduced by an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

**Step 4.** If additional reductions are required, the Microenterprise Assistance Programs will be reduced by up to \$10,000 for each activity.

#### **CANCELLATION OF PROJECTS AND REALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

Should it be necessary to cancel a project, the funds can be reallocated to another currently funded project. If no other funded project can expend the funds, then the funds will be recaptured to be allocated in a future program year or can be allocated to new projects in the current program year contingent upon City Council approval and the requirements of the Citizen Participation Plan. Currently funded contracts can be amended to increase the funded amounts if additional funds are available, additional services can be provided, and the funds can be spent in a timely manner.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Preserve and Improve Access to Affordable Housing	2025	2026	Affordable Housing Public Housing		Affordable Housing	CDBG \$396,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 20-25 Household Housing Units
2	Provide Shelter & Services for Unhoused Persons	2025	2026	Public Housing Homeless		Shelter and Services for Unhoused Persons	CDBG \$140,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 100 Persons Assisted
3	Enhance Community and Economic Development	2025	2026	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development		Community & Economic Development	CDBG \$264,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 75 Persons Assisted Businesses assisted: 75

Table 17 – Goals Summary

## Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Preserve and Improve Access to Affordable Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to provide low- and moderate-income Bellevue households with zero interest deferred loans and a limited number of grants for a broad scale of home repairs and rehabilitation such as roofing, electrical and plumbing. In addition, funds will be used to provide low- and moderate-income Bellevue households with maintenance repairs such as plumbing, minor electrical, carpentry, disability access, and more.
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Provide Shelter & Services for Unhoused Persons
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to provide support for operations of Porchlight’s 24/7 (formerly Congregations for the Homeless) Enhanced Men’s Shelter. Services provided include onsite resources drop in visits and shelter beds for people experiencing homelessness.
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Enhance Community and Economic Development
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used for microenterprise business assistance. This will include providing technical assistance, training, classes on licensing, business education cohorts including marketing, finance, creating a business plan and general support for low- and moderate-income business owners with 5 or fewer employees.



## AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

### Introduction

#	Project Name
1	COB Home Repair Program with KCHA 2025
2	COB Home Repair Admin 2025
3	Microenterprise Business Assistance 2025
4	CDBG Administration 2025
5	CDBG Planning 2025
6	Porchlight's Enhanced Men's Shelter (Public Services) 2025

**Table 18 – Project Information**

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

The City devotes at least 90% of the CDBG funds to housing and human services programs that benefit low- and moderate-income individuals.

The City prioritizes the maintenance of our affordable housing stock, including maintaining the ability for low- and moderate-income households to remain in their homes in our community which over time has become increasingly unaffordable relative to the region. This comes in the form of home rehabilitation, maintenance, and repairs to keep these households safe for occupancy and to allow older adults to age in place.

In addition, CDBG will support the needs of people experiencing homelessness through public services funding for a 24/7 Enhanced Men's Shelter to benefit unhoused individuals. This includes the operations and support of a low-barrier shelter, overnight shelter beds, drop-in visits and resources.

The City enhances economic development with CDBG funds by providing microenterprise business assistance to Bellevue microbusiness owners or microbusiness developers prioritizing services that are culturally and linguistically specific. 4 Tomorrow, Centro Cultural Mexicano, and Indian American Community Services are BIPOC organizations who offer these services the community to address the inequities and challenges of potential and existing small BIPOC business owners within Bellevue. While the priority is to serve low- and moderate-income business owners, a small percentage of those served may be above 80% AMI due to the higher cost of living in the region.

The prioritization of these services and projects is based on the City's biennial Human Services Needs Update and the Human Services Strategic Plan. The Needs Update over the past decade consistently identifies affordable housing and homelessness as high needs within Bellevue, along with the 2024/2025 Needs Update identified the need for services that are culturally and linguistically specific provided by trusted members of the community. The Human Services Needs Update and Strategic Plan is supported through CDBG Planning allocations.

Finally, overall administration of these projects and activities are supported by CDBG funds.

## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

1	<b>Project Name</b>	City of Bellevue (COB) Home Repair Program with KCHA 2025
	<b>Target Area</b>	None
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Preserve & Improve Access to Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$296,000
	<b>Description</b>	The National Objective for this project is LMH (Low/Mod Housing), 570.208(a)(3). The Eligible Activity is Rehabilitation of Single-Family Residence, 570.202(a)(1). Process no-interest deferred loans and grants allowing low- and moderate-income Bellevue homeowners to make life and safety-related repairs to their homes.
	<b>Target Date</b>	03/31/2026
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 20-25 low- and moderate-income households will benefit from this program.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Funding is available citywide. Exact addresses of housing projects are unknown until applications have been received, processed, and approved.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Process loans and grants allowing low- and moderate-income Bellevue homeowners to make life and safety-related repairs to their home.	
2	<b>Project Name</b>	City of Bellevue (COB) Home Repair Admin 2025
	<b>Target Area</b>	None
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Preserve & Improve Access to Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000

<b>Description</b>	The National Objective for this project is LMH (Low/Mod Housing), 570.208(a)(3). The Eligible Activity is Administration for Rehabilitation of Single-Family Residence, 570.202(a)(1.) Provide deferred and no- interest loans and grants to assist low- and moderate-income homeowners to make health and safety related improvements to their homes. This project is for the administration of the Home Repair program.
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	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 25 households will benefit from this program.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Funding is available citywide. Exact addresses of housing projects are unknown until applications have been received, processed, and approved.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Administrative support to provide deferred and no-interest loans and grants to assist low- and moderate-income homeowners to make health and safety-related improvements to allow them to stay in their homes.
3	<b>Project Name</b>	Microenterprise Technical Assistance & Support 2025
	<b>Target Area</b>	None
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Enhance Community and Economic Development
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Community and Economic Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$264,000
	<b>Description</b>	The National Objective for this project is LMC (Low/Mod Income Ltd. Clientele), 570.20(a)(2). The eligible activity is Microenterprise Assistance, 570.201(o)(1)(ii). Provides technical assistance and support to low- and moderate-income persons desiring to start a microenterprise business and existing microenterprise businesses.
	<b>Target Date</b>	03/31/2026
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 80 low and moderate-income persons who own or are developing a microenterprise business will benefit from this program.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Funding is available citywide. Four organizations will carry out these activities either in person or virtually at various locations that are accessible to participants.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide technical assistance to low-mod income residents developing a microenterprise business or to existing low- and mod-income microenterprise business owners in Bellevue. Provide a variety of courses and trainings geared to starting and operating a successful microenterprise business including but not limited to business basics classes, assistance with obtaining business licenses and small business loans, small business resiliency, marketing and outreach, and support the participants to successfully carryout a business plan that enhances community development specifically geared towards the BIPOC community and childcare providers.
4	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Administration 2025
	<b>Target Area</b>	None
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	N/A
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Planning and Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$75,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Eligible Activity is Administration & Planning, 570.206. Funds are used to administer the CDBG program for the City of Bellevue.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	450 110 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Bellevue WA 98004
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funds are used to administer the CDBG program for the City of Bellevue.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Planning 2025
	<b>Target Area</b>	N/A
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	N/A
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Planning and Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$125,000

	<b>Description</b>	The Eligible Activity is Administration & Planning, 570.206. Provides resources to adequately plan for and anticipate human services needs for Bellevue residents. In addition to supporting the development of the Bellevue Human Services Needs Update, Strategic Plan, and Community Development Block Grant, Planning funds are used to support regional human services planning efforts and provide technical assistance to build the capacity of non-profit agencies
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2025
6	<b>Project Name</b>	PorchLight Enhanced Men’s Shelter 2025 (Public Services)
	<b>Target Area</b>	N/A
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Shelter and Services for the Homeless
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Prevent Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$140,000 General Fund: \$500,000
	<b>Description</b>	The National Objective for this project is LMC (Low/Mod Limited Clientele), 570.208(a)(2). The Eligible Activity is Public Services, 570.201(e). The Enhanced Men’s Shelter Program (operated by PorchLight) provides 24/7 shelter and support specifically to men experiencing homelessness. Individuals access safe shelter with on-site resources needed to rebuild their lives and obtain stable income and housing. This is the only low-barrier Eastside shelter dedicated to serving an average of 125 men experiencing homelessness every day.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 125 residents experiencing homelessness will benefit from this program every day with an average of 800 – 1000 men each year. This is an estimated number as the day-to-day numbers change and it is difficult to predict how many unduplicated individuals will obtain these services.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Services will be provided at Porchlights Men’s Enhanced Shelter at 13620 SE Eastgate Way, Bellevue WA 98005.

<b>Planned Activities</b>	This is a Public Services activity and funds will be used for the overall operations of PorchLights Enhanced Men’s Shelter
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## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)**

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

CDBG assistance will not be specifically directed to only particular areas. The City of Bellevue does not exhibit specific areas of either significant low-income or minority concentration. The city as a whole is diverse racially and ethnically.

While there are areas of the city where low-income proportions are slightly higher than average when contrasted with the rest of the city, the differences are not significant enough to warrant specific assignment of resources to one area to the exclusion of others. In Bellevue, low-income residents can be found in census tracts across the city, and projects funded through CDBG are available to such residents wherever they reside in our community.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
N/A	N/A

**Table 19 - Geographic Distribution**

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

As mentioned above, in Bellevue, low-income residents can be found in census tracts across the city, and projects funded through CDBG are available to such residents wherever they reside in the Bellevue community.



## **AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction**

Actions taken by the City are based on the Council-approved Comprehensive Plan and Affordable Housing Strategy.

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

The following policies are from the Human Services Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan:

- Build public awareness and engage the community in an informed and collective response by assessing and planning for human service's needs. [Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Policy HS-1].
- Identify opportunities and develop strategies that are preventive in their approach to human service's needs. [Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Policy HS-3].
- Maintain the City's role as a human services planner and facilitator by engaging service providers and community organizations in dialogue regarding the functioning of the present service systems, emerging needs, and the building of a complete system of services. [Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Policy HS-5].
- Ensure culturally competent service delivery that respects the dignity of individuals and families and fosters self-determination and self-sufficiency [Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Policy HS-11].

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

The following policies are from the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan:

- Work cooperatively with King County, A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) and other Eastside jurisdictions to assess the need for, and to create affordable housing [Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Policy HO-22].
- Provide incentives and work in partnership with not-for-profit and for-profit developers and agencies to build permanent low- and moderate-income housing [Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Policy HO-26].
- Explore all available federal, state, and local programs and private options for financing affordable housing [Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Policy HO-28].
- Ensure that all affordable housing created in the city with public funds or by regulation remains affordable for the longest possible term [Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Policy HO-30].
- Encourage preservation, maintenance, and improvements to existing affordable housing [Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Policy HO-27].

- Provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income residents for maintaining or repairing the health and safety features of their homes through the Housing Repair Program, or similar programs [Bellevue Comprehensive Plan Policy HO-6].

The City of Bellevue’s Affordable Housing Strategy On June 4, 2017, the Bellevue City Council adopted an Affordable Housing Strategy. Significant progress has been made in the six years since its adoption:

- A total of 2,174 affordable housing units and 100 shelter beds have been funded or built.
- Pipeline affordable housing (estimated at around 787 units) includes affordable units on public land in BelRed at the Sound Transit Operations and Maintenance Base Transit-Oriented Development site and 130th Avenue Station, pipeline affordable units using the City’s Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE) program, and use of the Downtown and BelRed land use incentive programs.
- Affordable units/beds achieved to date (2,174units) plus current pipeline (787 units) indicates that the 10-year goal of 2,500 units will be achieved within the next few years few years.

The City is also continuing work on the following ongoing projects:

- The City Council adopted permanent legislation to respond to recent amendments in RCW 35A.21.430 to allow Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing in all Land Use Districts where residential dwellings and hotels/motels are allowed, and to allow Emergency Housing and Emergency Shelter in all Land Use Districts where hotels/motels are allowed.
- The City is working in partnership to develop affordable housing on suitable public lands in proximity to transit hubs (OMFE transit-oriented development, 130th Station). Amazon recently announced a financial partnership at the OMFE site to create 235 units of affordable housing. The new apartments, funded through \$42.5 million in low-rate loans and grants from Amazon, are targeting residents who earn 30-80 percent area median income and construction is anticipated to occur in 2024.
- The City Council adopted Phase 2 of Action C-1 of the Affordable Housing Strategy, which includes City-initiated map and policy amendments and Land Use Code provisions for affordable housing on properties owned by religious entities meeting certain criteria (e.g., near arterials with frequent transit service).
- Staff completed and published a community engagement guide for supportive housing developers to use. This is based on the supportive housing best practices work in 2021.
- The City updated the City’s Housing Needs Assessment in 2022.

The Housing Needs Assessment will provide a more current representation of the affordable housing need within the City, assist with future affordable housing actions, and inform the scope for the update of the City’s Land Use and Housing Elements as part of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update which is scheduled for 2024. Bellevue 2044, as it’s called, will guide Bellevue’s development through 2044.

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

All existing housing units built prior to 1978 and assisted with CDBG funds through our Home Repair Program will be subject to lead-based paint hazard inspection procedures required by 24 CFR Part 35. The City offers a special grant within the Home Repair Program to assist homeowners in minimizing or abating lead-based paint hazards in their homes. The City will continue to work with other home repair programs in Western Washington and staff from the Washington State Department of Commerce Lead Program to learn about any new rules regarding the training and certification in safe work practices for area contractors. The City will also encourage contractors to attend Safe Work Practices training sessions for local renovations and remodeling contractors, as provided by King County. Lead paint testing, as required by HUD, is also conducted as needed, and an Environmental Review is completed on each home prior to funding.

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

In an effort to reduce poverty and increase the quality of life of Bellevue residents, the City devotes at least 80% of CDBG funds to housing and human services programs that benefit low- and moderate-income individuals. In addition, the City invests a portion of its General Fund to additional human services programs.

The City's goal in human services funding, as stated in the Comprehensive Plan, is to create a community in which all members can meet their basic physical, economic and social needs and the opportunity to enhance their quality of life.

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

The City will continue to invest in developing and maintaining affordable housing for low- and moderate-income individuals, through its support of the Eastside's housing trust fund. The City adopted a sales tax authorized by House Bill (HB) 1590 to increase the acquisition and development of affordable housing and the provision of behavioral health and housing-related services. The City will continue to work with private partners (e.g., nonprofit organizations and housing developers, and willing for-profit business concerns when they emerge) and our public partners, including our peer jurisdictions in North, East, and South King County, King County Housing Authority, and King County to continue investing in and building a support service network that overcomes the aforementioned gaps and addresses our priority needs.

The City continues to work with community-based coalitions, networks, and committees such as the Alliance of Eastside Agencies, the Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee, the Eastside Human Services Forum, King County Regional Homelessness Authority, the Bellevue Network on Aging, and

many others wherein we staff or hold leadership positions. Together, we work with community organizations and other units of government to continue to develop the institutional and service structure of our community.

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

The City maintains close relationships with the King County Housing Authority, Imagine Housing, the YWCA, Attain Housing, Catholic Community Services, Plymouth Housing, Lifewire, Hopelink, and other private nonprofit housing developers in Bellevue and on the Eastside. The City works with them side-by-side along with ARCH to plan projects and scope the support services that will be needed to support the households residing in housing once the project is complete. This requires coordination between nonprofit affordable housing developers, ARCH, and the network of support services in our community. These parties meet to strategize the best ways to develop affordable housing that comes with support services needed to promote the long-term stability and success of residents.

# Program Specific Requirements

## AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

### Introduction

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(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	150,000
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>150,000</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.	80.00%

### Discussion

The Overall Benefit will be a one-year period covering the 2025 program year. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities benefiting low- and moderate-income persons is 80% because 20% of funds are used for planning and administration of Human Services activities.

