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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Evaluation of Current Needs

The Mountainland Association of Governments brings local elected officials together for the purpose of identification of regional priorities, and to make plans, policies and funding decisions that address those priorities. This cooperative process provides input into a range of community development, economic development, transportation, and human service issues.

Community Development

The top priority of the region is the development and maintenance of community infrastructure to meet citizen needs. While growth in the area has created opportunity, there have also been new challenges for local governments. Priorities in this area focus on providing essential services and creating livable communities. These priorities have included:

- 1) Development and/or improvement to community infrastructure are significant priorities. While water and public safety services are determined to be critical, other types of infrastructure are also important to maintaining quality of life for all citizens.

Increase in housing stock has not kept pace with population growth and housing demands, particularly with demand for affordable housing. In addition to growing the housing portfolio in the region, maintaining the current portfolio of affordable housing is another top housing priority.

The region is working to address needs that can provide a variety of housing opportunities for persons with limited resources. This includes housing stock that can serve the region's workforce, low-income families, seniors, as well as for persons with one or more disabilities.

Funding Priority Decision Making Process

Mountainland Association of Governments reviews all projects utilizing a comprehensive rating and ranking process to determine the priority for funding. The criterion is developed by the Regional Review Committee, with input from all jurisdictions taken into consideration. The criteria reflect both regional priorities and state and federal program requirements.

Decision Making Process

Regional priorities are established by the Mountainland AOG Regional Review Committee, which includes representation from Summit and Wasatch Counties. This committee approves scoring criteria for the region's applications.

CDBG Regional Priorities

Include: Community and Economic Development, Housing, and other projects that benefit low-and moderate-income persons or households.

Evaluation of Past Performance

The following projects were undertaken in the 2023 funding year

CDBG Annual Allocation 2023		
Applicant	Project	Award
Kamas	Waterline Replacement	\$350,00
Single Family Rehab	Single Family Rehab	\$336,000
MAG	Program Administration	\$50,000
Total: \$736,000		

Summary of Citizen Participation

In completing this update to the Consolidated Plan, MAG has conducted extensive public outreach to solicit and coordinate input into the plan. MAG has also coordinated with jurisdictions, elected officials and various agencies that have an interest in the plan.

OUTREACH

Consultation

The Mountainland Consolidated Plan is completed with the input of the Mountainland Continuum of Care. The Continuum includes representatives from the following agencies:

- Center for Women and Children in Crisis
- Central Utah Center for Independent Living
- Children's Justice Center
- Community Action Services and Food Bank
- Department of Workforce Services
- Division of Housing and Community Development
- Food & Care Coalition of Utah Valley
- Golden Spike Outreach
- Habitat for Humanity
- Housing and Urban Development
- Housing Authority of Utah County
- Intermountain Health Care (IHC)
- LDS Church Bishops Storehouse
- Mountainland Community Housing Trust
- Mountainland Head Start
- Neighborhood Housing Services
- Peace House (Park City)
- Provo City Housing Authority
- Rural Housing Development
- Social Security Administration
- United Way of Utah County
- Utah County Substance Abuse

- Veterans Center
- Wasatch Mental Health

This group of service providers was consulted in the development of the plan and participated in identification of housing and supportive service needs for chronically homeless and homeless individuals. In addition, much of the work of the Continuum in identifying needs, services, projects, and goals has been incorporated into this document.

Elderly Care Facilities and Providers

Mountainland Association of Governments serves as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for the three-county area of Summit, Utah, and Wasatch Counties, and as the focal point for services and resources available to serve the elderly. The AAA works closely with the 14 Senior Centers in the Mountainland region, and contracts with most of the area's senior service providers (home health agencies, etc.).

Development of this consolidated plan included consultation with these agencies and service providers. In addition, the AAA Advisory Board participated in development of the plan. The Advisory Board includes members representing senior centers, various advocacy groups, Foster Grandparents Program, Retired and Senior Volunteer program, the Senior Companion program, the Ombudsman program, minority groups, and members of the business community.

Jurisdictions

The input of local jurisdictions is a key component in development of the plan. While the plan is developed to meet state and federal guidelines, the information provided by jurisdictions represents the heart of the plan. From a local perspective, the document is only relevant to the extent that it provides information useful to local jurisdictions and addresses shared areas of concern.

To update the Community Development needs assessment section of the Plan, MAG staff consults with planners, city managers/administrators, and elected officials. Through these consultations, communities identify their top priorities and update their capital improvements lists for the year. In addition, each jurisdiction was personally contacted to offer assistance in completing the update process and to gather specific information. MAG Staff provides assistance to jurisdictions as requested.

Regional Review Committee

The RRC is an appointed group of four elected officials from Summit and Wasatch Counties. This Committee is the local advisory board to the CDBG program. Their responsibility is to provide oversight to the rating and ranking process of CDBG applications, to rate and rank projects, make the funding decisions, and to develop and approve CDBG policies. As such, the RRC provides significant input into the distribution funding section of the plan.

Economic Development District Board

The EDD Board is a group including elected officials, economic development professionals, business and private sector representatives. The composition of the EDD Board is designated by the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The Board provides oversight to the economic development activities of the Mountainland Economic Development District. For the Consolidated Plan, the EDD Board was consulted in developing information included in the Economic Development section of the plan, including goals and objectives for the EDD program.

Other Agencies

A primary purpose of the Association of Governments is to coordinate federal, state and local programs across our region. Much of this coordination involves aspects of the consolidated planning process. Efforts made during the preparation of the 2024 Annual Action Plan include:

- Legislative updates provided at MAG Executive Council. These reports keep local officials informed of ongoing congressional actions, including housing, urban and economic development initiatives, and provide an opportunity for local elected officials to give input and comment.
- Representation on the Utah Small Cities CDBG Policy Committee. The committee develops policy that guides the implementation of the small cities CDBG program.
- Involvement with the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget in development of population projections and criteria.

- Close interaction with the region’s state legislative delegation in advocating for various community and economic development, transportation, and human service needs.
- Annual meetings with the federal elected officials to advocate for various community and economic development, transportation, and human service needs.
- Participation and interaction with the Economic Development Administration, and development of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).
- Participation with the Utah Area Agency on Aging Association, and regular contact and interaction with various divisions of the Utah State Department of Human Services, and Utah State Department of Health, in providing and advocating for aging services.

Approval Process

The Regional Review Committee provides oversight and has final authority on all MAG Small Cities CDBG decisions, including final approval authority for the Consolidated Plan.

Citizen Participation

Mountainland AOG makes every effort to encourage responsible input into the Annual Action Plan document from involved or interested parties and the public. To the extent possible, any comments received are incorporated into the final Consolidated Plan document.

- Public interaction is also available through the MAG website. The Annual Action Plan is posted on the web, and the public is invited to submit comments via email, by phone or regular mail.
- A Public Notice is posted on the Utah Public Notice Website
- A draft plan is provided to the State Division of Housing and Community Development. Comments on the draft relate to the plan meeting state and federal reporting requirements

EXPECTED RESOURCES

CDBG Annual Allocation	\$669,934
Program Income	\$0
Prior Years Resources	\$0
Total	\$669,934

CDBG Annual Allocation 2024		
Applicant	Project	Anticipated Award
Kamas City	Sewer Outfall Line Improvement	\$350,000
MAG	Program Administration	\$50,000
Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation Program	Program Administration	\$269,934
Total: \$669,934		

It is estimated the region will receive approximately \$669,9340 in CDBG funding. No match is required; however, applications are scored based on the percentage of matching dollars for the proposed projects.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

MAG brings local elected officials together for the purpose of identification of regional priorities, and to make plans, policies and funding decisions that address those priorities. This cooperative process provides input into a range of community development, economic development, transportation, and human service issues. Using MAGCDBG priorities, the following goals have been set:

Goal Outcome Indicator	Quantity	Unit of Measurement
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Public Facility or Infrastructure Activity other than low/moderate income housing benefit	2092	Persons Assisted
Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for low/moderate income housing benefit	0	Households Assisted
Public service activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit	0	Persons Assisted
Public service activities for low/moderate income housing benefit	0	Households Assisted
Facade treatment/Business building rehabilitation	0	Business
Rental units constructed	0	Household Housing Unit
Rental units rehabilitated	0	Household Housing Unit
Homeowner Housing Added	0	Household Housing Unit
Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	16	Household Housing Unit
Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	0	Households Assisted
Homelessness Prevention	0	Persons Assisted
Businesses Assisted	0	Businesses Assisted
Other	0	Other

One-Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through:	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	16
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	16

ALLOCATION PRIORITIES

CDBG funds are distributed through a competitive process and MAG is unable to predict the ultimate geographic distribution of these funds. However, we are able to identify communities in need. A community “self-assessment” has been completed by municipalities in Summit and Wasatch Counties, and the responses were evaluated with each of the following types of community needs identified:

- **Affordable Housing**
- **ADA Improvements**
- **Fire Department Staffing/Volunteers**
- **Parks and Trails Improvements**
- **Community Culinary and Secondary Water System Upgrades**
- **Senior Citizen Housing**
- **Sewer Replacement and Improvements**
- **Sidewalk Replacement**
- **Street and Road Improvements**
- **Wastewater Facilities Plan**
- **Senior Center and Mental Health Housing**
- **Single Family Rehab**

Each community was asked to assess the level in which those items listed above are addressed in their community on a scale of 1-10, with one meaning that the item is completely inadequate to ten meaning the issue is extremely well addressed. We did not differentiate between a service provided by another entity, i.e., the county providing jail service in the area. The local communities were asked to simply

identify how those services, regardless of who provides them, are addressing needs in the community.

Basic infrastructure remains the primary focus of regional investment of funding. Water and sewer projects are the two highest priorities. The Community Development Block Grant program has many options in which low to moderate income persons can receive job skills training or other training that can help them live a sustainable lifestyle. Projects that promote job training or skills training receive additional points in the rating and ranking criteria.

If a project is funded with CDBG dollars and it will result in the displacement of a household from their residence, it will be required to find another residence for the household. The Utah Small Cities Program will generally not fund projects that will displace a household.

PUBLIC HOUSING

There are no Public Housing Agencies in Summit and Wasatch Counties.

BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The state of Utah passed Senate Bill S34 which required cities to adopt 3 strategies to improve affordable housing in their communities. Three plans (Park City, Heber, and Midway) in Wasatch/Summit were submitted. These strategies will be implemented over the next few years.

OTHER

The CDBG funds in Summit and Wasatch are not used for housing projects that would trigger lead-based paint remediation.

All projects undergo an environmental review prior to project contracts with the State.

CDBG funds in Summit and Wasatch do not execute projects that could lead to displacement.

