



THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM

2022 ACTION PLAN

A COMPONENT OF THE 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

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Community Development Block Grant 2022 Action Plan, a Component of the City of Biloxi's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

Pursuant to the requirements of 24 CFR Part 91, the City of Biloxi, Mississippi developed its Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the period 2020-2024 in compliance with consolidation of planning and application requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for four of its programs. Biloxi is an entitlement city for one of the four HUD programs subject to these requirements, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

In compliance with CDBG Program national objectives, the City of Biloxi invests almost all of its CDBG resources to principally benefit low- to moderate-income residents by funding projects that support at least one of the program's three broad goals: to provide decent housing; provide a suitable living environment; and expand economic opportunities.

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan consists of three sections: identification of housing and community development needs through data assessment; a housing market analysis; and a strategic plan that prioritizes housing and community development needs and identifies strategies the City will implement with available HUD resources over the 2020-2024 planning period.

The 2022 Action Plan identifies the CDBG resources expected to be available to address the needs and objectives established in the Consolidated Plan and how these resources will be invested to achieve the City's housing and community development goals and objectives, particularly as they relate to low- and moderate-income residents. Biloxi's program year runs from October 1 to September 30.

The 2022 Annual Plan was developed with the participation of residents, elected officials, the Biloxi Housing Authority, the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care, affordable housing representatives, public service providers and many other stakeholders.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Objectives identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and through the 2022 Action Plan development process focused on maximizing the use of CDBG resources to address high priority unmet needs in the community that primarily benefit low- to moderate-income and special needs residents, with the outcomes of improving residents' living environments and overall quality of life.

Consistently, residents and nonprofit agency representatives expressed support for using CDBG and other resources to improve basic infrastructure and services, including improved public safety; improved drainage to alleviate recurring flooding in Central and East Biloxi; street, sidewalk and parks improvements; and to support public service activities that address and prevent homelessness, provide access to affordable childcare services and youth education/recreation programs; and workforce development activities that expand opportunities for lower income residents to earn a living wage.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Through its Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), the City annually reports on its performance to HUD and maintains a copy of the CAPER available for public review in the Federal Programs Division office.

In conjunction with citizen input and consideration of progress made or blocked toward addressing high priority unmet community needs, evaluation of past performance is considered by the City during the process of identifying projects to be funded each program year.

For example, in PY2018, PY2019, 2020 and 2021, the City was successful in achieving annual goals to address the high priority need to expand access to affordable childcare. Based on past success and on-going community need, the City of Biloxi plans to invest CDBG resources to support qualified public service agencies in providing affordable childcare to eligible households again in PY2022.

Successful implementation of transportation improvement projects, as identified in past performance evaluations, likewise have resulted in the investment of CDBG resources to achieve the goals of providing suitable living environments and improved public safety in primarily low- to moderate-income areas. The City proposes to invest additional CDBG resources in PY2022 to construct an access road to preserve public safety and neighborhood connectivity in a low- to moderate-income area, which will be impacted by closure of at least two railroad crossings.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Planning and development of the Biloxi 2022 Action Plan was launched in March 2022. To broaden public outreach and encourage public input, the City conducted two public hearings, designated a 30-day period for submittal of written comments and complied with HUD regulations and its Citizen Participation Plan as described in template PR-15.

The City consulted with known housing, supportive public service and community development providers to update Annual Plan information and to invite their input about unmet community needs, particularly as they impact low- to moderate-income residents. For the first time, the City invited agency representatives to provide input about an identified broad topic during one of three consultation meetings. Table 2 in Template PR-10 identifies some of the agencies that not only provided input into this document, but that also work with the City on an on-going basis to help address community needs.

5. Summary of public comments

The Citizen Participation Attachment provides documentation of compliance with HUD regulations and the Biloxi Citizen Participation Plan's public participation requirements for planning and developing the 2022 Action Plan. The City conducted two public hearings to encourage public participation into the development process; all known public and private agencies providing public services in the City were invited to participate and to provide input orally or in writing.

All written comments received during the public hearings were considered by the City and a copy of each is included in the Citizen Participation Attachment; none were submitted during the designated 30-day comment period, from June 23 to July 25. Minutes summarizing oral comments received during the two public hearings also are attached. The citizen participation process is described in template PR-15.

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

All comments submitted to the City were accepted and considered.

7. Summary

The Mayor reserves the right to designate qualified subrecipients to assist in the City's on-going efforts to address high priority, unmet community needs through specific, HUD-eligible public service activities, subject to the approval of the Biloxi City Council and in compliance with HUD's annual budget limits on public service activities.

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

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	BILOXI	Engineering Department, Federal Programs

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The City of Biloxi complied with HUD CDBG Entitlement Program regulations and policies as well as the Biloxi Citizen Participation Plan, and consulted with HUD specified community representatives as well as the general public during development of its 2022 Annual Action Plan (AAP).

The Citizen Participation Attachment includes a copy of the City's CDBG mailing list, identifying individuals/agencies contacted by mail to invite and encourage their input and participation in the 2022 AAP development process in compliance with 24 CFR 91.100(a) (1). It also includes a copy of the CDBG email addresses list, identifying those who indicated they prefer email contact regarding Biloxi CDBG public hearings and information.

Consultation meetings were organized by subject group to encourage input from 1) local broadband internet service providers; and those engaged in narrowing the digital divide; 2) agencies whose primary responsibilities include management of flood prone areas, public land and/or water resources and emergency management/hazard mitigation planning; and 3) representatives of protected classes under the Fair Housing Act and agency representatives who work to support enforcement of the Act. As Mississippi does not have a designated state agency responsible for Fair Housing Act enforcement, residents must submit violation complaints directly to HUD; the Biloxi office of the Mississippi Center for Justice assists residents with what may sometimes be an arduous process.

In addition to topic-specific consultation meetings, the City reached out to encourage input from local and regional economic development and planning organizations; local business owners; chambers of commerce; known developers; public service agencies; faith-based organizations; other local units of government; the regional CoC for preventing and addressing homelessness; state and regional mental and public health agencies; organizations representing residents with English as a Second Language; public and private housing agencies; legal, social justice and child advocacy organizations; philanthropic organizations; veterans' services agencies and others.

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(l))

To enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers, private and governmental health, mental health and services agencies, the City of Biloxi encourages all known public and assisted housing providers, private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies to participate in the process for developing each of its Annual Action Plans, including attending its CDBG public hearings. The City also encourages these agencies to attend regularly scheduled public program meetings hosted by the Open Doors Homeless Coalition, which support the exchange of information and encourage on-going collaboration among those working to improve the overall quality of life of residents in the lower three counties of Mississippi.

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.

The City of Biloxi consulted with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care throughout development of the 2022 Action Plan. The Federal Programs Manager, who has the day-to-day responsibility for administering the Biloxi CDBG Entitlement Program, attends meetings of the Continuum of Care and the Executive Director of the Open Doors Homeless Coalition regularly attends and provides oral and written comments at the City's CDBG-related public hearings.

The City works with Open Doors during the CDBG Program Year to address needs of Biloxi's homeless and at risk of homelessness populations, including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and unaccompanied youth. During Program Year 2022, the City will continue to collaborate with and support efforts of Open Doors to prevent and address homelessness in Biloxi. The Biloxi Police Department coordinates with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition on an on-going basis, participating in the annual Point in Time count and working to balance public safety with the needs of homeless individuals and families.

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

The City of Biloxi does not receive ESG funds but provides feedback to and supports the efforts of the Continuum of Care to administer its ESG award to best meet the needs of Biloxi residents.

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

Table 2 – Some of the agencies, groups, organizations who participated – as IDIS allows, other agencies will be added to this table

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Biloxi Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment, Public Housing Needs, Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless, Homeless Needs - Families with children, Homelessness Needs – Veterans, Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth, Homelessness Strategy, Anti-poverty Strategy and Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Biloxi Housing Authority (BHA) was contacted by telephone and email and asked to provide updated public housing information for inclusion in the 2022 Action Plan. The Executive Director emailed the requested information and followed up via telephone to discuss updated information with the FP Manager.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA, Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment, Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless, Homeless Needs - Families with children, Homelessness Needs – Veterans, Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth, Homelessness Strategy, Anti-poverty Strategy and Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City encouraged the Mississippi Housing Authority Region VIII (MRHA8) to attend 2022 Action Plan hearings and to provide updated information about assisted housing services provided to Biloxi residents. MRHA8 does not have any housing developments in Biloxi but provides housing vouchers that may be used in Biloxi. MRHA8 collects data on a county rather than city basis so it is not possible to identify the number of Biloxi residents served.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Open Doors Homeless Coalition
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing, Services – Housing, Services-Children, Services-Elderly Persons, Services-Persons with Disabilities, Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS, Services-Victims of Domestic Violence, Services-homeless Services-Health, Services-Education, Services-Employment, Service-Fair Housing, and Services – Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment, Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless, Homeless Needs - Families with children, Homelessness Needs – Veterans, Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth, Homelessness Strategy and Anti-poverty Strategy

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Open Doors Homeless Coalition Executive Director provided considerable input to the City during development of the 2022 Action Plan via telephone, emails and in meetings. The Director discussed with the FP Manager strategies to address and prevent homelessness in Biloxi in light of increased needs resulting from the coronavirus. Impediments to fair housing and strategies to remove affordable housing barriers were reviewed and the Director and FP Manager concurred about the need for a facility in which homeless individuals and families may be assessed and linked with housing and related supportive services.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The City consulted with all known agency types through telephone calls, emails, public hearings and/or meetings and distribution of flyers to identify and prioritize the unmet housing and nonhousing community development needs of Biloxi. No known agencies or agency types were intentionally not consulted or invited to participate in the development process.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Open Doors Homeless Coalition	The Comprehensive Plan and the CDBG Strategic Plan for the City of Biloxi coordinates with the Open Doors' Continuum of Care Plan in terms of identifying homelessness as a high priority need that merits the on-going short- and long-terms efforts of public and private sectors to address.
Joint City of Biloxi and Biloxi Housing Authority Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, a component of the State A.I.	Mississippi HOME Corporation	The joint CoB-BHA component of the State's A.I. coordinates well with the Biloxi Strategic Plan component of its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan; both identify the goal of addressing impediments to fair housing for the benefit of all residents.
Sociodemographic & Economic Snapshots of Moore Community House	Moore Community House (MCH)	Data analysis identifies concentrations of poverty and food deserts in East Biloxi, verifying the continued need of residents for a variety of supportive services that include affordable childcare and job training services, especially for single women with children. The Women in Construction Program is part of MCH's effort to break the cycle of poverty, providing participants with skills needed to earn a living wage.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
2019 East Biloxi Community Collaborative Needs Assessment	East Biloxi Community Collaborative	Priorities identified in the EBCC Community Needs Assessment parallel the needs identified and prioritized in Biloxi's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan).
Biloxi Comprehensive Plan	City of Biloxi	Goals of the ConPlan - to expand access to affordable housing; to provide suitable living environments for residents; and to expand economic opportunities throughout the City - overlap goals and objectives identified in the City's Comprehensive Plan.
MS Gulf Coast Plan for Opportunity	Gulf Regional Planning Commission	Goals in the ConPlan overlap several of the six livability principles identified in the Plan for Opportunity, including supporting more public transportation choices; promoting equitable, affordable housing; enhancing economic competitiveness; and expanding social opportunities.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City continues to work in cooperation with the Mississippi HOME Corporation and Mississippi Center for Justice (MCJ) to update information about local and state impediments to fair housing choice. MCJ collaborated with the City in 2020 and 2021 to offer no-cost Fair Housing Act Workshops, which were well attended, and has committed to supporting City efforts to conduct a workshop during Program Year PY2022.

Letters with questionnaires were mailed to other local units of government, including Harrison County, requesting input about shared transportation, infrastructure and community needs as well as about projects or programs that may warrant a multijurisdictional approach to address. Jackson County completed and returned the survey, a copy of which is included in the Citizen Participation Attachment.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

The Biloxi Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) identifies the City's processes for inviting and encouraging community wide participation and input into its CDBG Entitlement Program, from five-year planning and annual project development through project/program implementation and evaluation.

The City initiated its citizen participation process regarding development of the 2022 Action Plan in March by publishing a notice of information availability and the schedule of public hearings in the B-News, a multipage publication mailed monthly to each Biloxi water/sewer account holder. The City distributed notices that were posted in public buildings, the four branches of the Biloxi Library and Biloxi Housing Authority offices, which invited the public to attend the hearings; informational flyers were mailed or emailed to residents, agencies, organizations and other stakeholders on the City's CDBG Master Mailing and Email Lists. Notices also were hand delivered to nonprofit agencies representing NonEnglish speaking residents.

The first public hearing was held on Tuesday, May 24 at 5:30 p.m. with six residents and agency representatives attending in addition to one Councilman and staff. Two residents and agency representatives attended the 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22 public hearing, in addition to staff.

All oral comments offered at the public hearings were accepted and considered by the City in developing the final plan. No written comments were submitted during the first public hearing. One was submitted at the June 22 public hearing by Carol Burnett, Executive Director of Moore Community House, identifying the City's continued high priority need for affordable daycare services, especially for very young children; to support efforts to address this on-going need, the City budgeted \$25,000 in PY2022 CDBG public services funds for MCH's affordable early childhood education program.

One written comment dated June 14, 2022 was submitted in response to the Notice about the CDBG hearings published in the June B-News. The resident indicated he would not be able to attend either hearing, but requested the City's assistance in having the Biloxi Housing Authority address specific maintenance issues at its Seashore Oaks Assisted Living Facility. The City contacted BHA, which reported that it is in the process of addressing the maintenance issues. No written comments were submitted during the June 23 – July 25 30-day comment period.

A copy of each written statement is included in the Citizen Participation Attachment.

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
1	<u>B-News articles</u> – mailed to each Biloxi water/sewer account holder	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish, Vietnamese Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Six residents/agency representatives attended the 5:30 pm, Tues., May 24 hearing. Councilman Tisdale also attended, in addition to staff. The 2nd hearing was held at 5:30 p.m., Wed., June 22 with two residents/agency representatives in attendance, plus staff.	Minutes from both hearings are included in the Citizen Participation Attachment. At PH#2, one written comment was received from C. Burnett, MCH RE: affordable daycare needs. One written comment was mailed in June 14 in response to B-News Notice.	All comments were accepted and considered by the City.
2	<u>Internet Outreach</u> PY2022 CDBG information, notices and the public review draft were posted on City's website	Non-targeted/broad community	Not known because other forms of advertising were used to encourage public input.	Not applicable	All comments were accepted by and considered by the City.
3	<u>Posted Notices</u> in City buildings, at the four public library branches and in BHA offices	Non-English Speaking - other language: Spanish and Vietnamese Non-targeted/broad community	Not known because other forms of advertising were used to encourage public input.	Not applicable	All comments received were considered.
4	<u>Mailed and emailed information sent</u> using City's CDBG mailing/email lists	Non-targeted/broad community	Not known because other forms of advertising were used to encourage public input.	Not applicable	All comments received were considered.

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

As a participant in HUD's CDBG Entitlement Program, the City of Biloxi receives an annual allocation of federal funds to address local housing and non-housing community needs. Because of the program's many successes in meeting community needs across the country and its proven effectiveness in directly benefiting primarily low- to moderate-income households, the City of Biloxi anticipates the federal government will continue funding the CDBG Program and that annual entitlement allocations will remain at about the same amount during the 5-Year period covered by the current Consolidated Plan.

The City received a Program Year 2022 CDBG allocation from HUD in the amount of \$415,164 and the City anticipates generating approximately \$175,784 in program income. The City anticipates that an estimated \$97,600 in previously allocated but unexpended entitlement funds and program income will be carried over and re-allocated to support PY2022 projects. Any additional program income or carried over funds will be budgeted for the East Biloxi East-West Neighborhood Access Road Project, Phase 2.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public – federal	Acquisition Administration and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	415,164	175,784	97,600	688,548	840,000	The City anticipates its annual allocation will remain about \$420,000 for the remainder of the ConPlan.

Table 5 - 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

Not applicable; the CDBG Entitlement Program does not require a match.

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

City-owned or to-be-acquired rights-of-way may be used to support projects that help address community needs for enhanced public safety or improved/expanded infrastructure.

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Transportation Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Not applicable	Public Safety Improvements Infrastructure Improvements Transportation Improvements	CDBG: \$518,548	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Mod Housing Benefit: 2,450 total; 1,325 or 54.08% Low/Mod
2	Public Services-Non-Housing Community Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Not applicable	Public Services-Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$70,000	Public service activities other than Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit: 283 Persons Assisted 100% Low/Mod
3	Administration	2020	2024	Administration	Not applicable	Not applicable	CDBG: \$100,000	Not applicable

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Transportation Improvements
	Goal Description	Construction of multi-year funded East Biloxi East-West Access Road Improvements, Phase II (Hopkins to Porter) to serve a low/mod neighborhood. This goal overlaps with the Analysis of Impediments' recommended action to consult with transportation agencies to increase/maintain transit access options in low/mod areas.
2	Goal Name	Public Services-Non-Housing Community Development
	Goal Description	During Program Year 2022, the City budgeted \$70,000 to support high priority public services provided to residents by qualified nonprofit agencies as follows: <u>Boys & Girls Club of the Gulf Coast</u> – afterschool and/or summer youth programs \$5,000 <u>Coastal Family Health Center</u> – mental health and substance abuse services \$15,000 (presumed benefit) <u>Gulf Coast Center for NonViolence</u> – therapeutic children's program \$10,000 (presumed benefit) <u>Moore Community House</u> – affordable childcare services \$25,000 <u>Program BELIEVE</u> – East Biloxi youth afterschool and/or summer program \$15,000
3	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Administration of the CDBG Entitlement Program including implementation of projects and activities, which may include costs of staff salary, legal and other professional services; environmental review; publication of notices and material; subrecipient training & material; planning; equipment and supplies; and fair housing education and outreach.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

HUD allocated \$415,164 in CDBG funds to the City of Biloxi for Program Year (PY) 2022 and the City anticipates generating program income of \$175,784 during the year, which will be budgeted to support PY2022 projects. The City also anticipates carrying over \$97,600 in previously allocated but unexpended funds that will be re-allocated to support PY2022 projects and activities.

In spite of the decrease in its annual CDBG allocation, the City is again budgeting \$70,000 to support high-priority public service activities that benefit low- to moderate-income residents as further identified in Template AP-38.

#	Project Name
1	Transportation Improvements Project
2	Public Services – Non-Housing
3	Administration

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Input provided during development of Biloxi's CDBG 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan helped identify and prioritize community needs as well as guided allocation of limited CDBG resources to specific projects and activities to meet those needs. Input provided during development of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 Action Plans continues to guide allocation of the City's limited and decreasing CDBG resources and supports the City's efforts to maximize benefits to neighborhoods in which a majority of residents qualify as low- to moderate-income.

PY2022 CDBG resources will be invested to support implementation of Phase 2 of the East-West Neighborhood Access Road Project to preserve public safety in a low- to moderate-income neighborhood north of the CSX Railroad tracks between Hopkins Boulevard and Porter Avenue. The proposed access road will maintain neighborhood connectivity while preserving access for emergency response vehicles as opposed to creating dead-end streets and negatively impacting response times. Investment of CDBG funds in this project will preserve public safety and the overall quality of life for the 2,450 people living in one of the few East Biloxi neighborhoods that is still intact after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Based on HUD Census data, 1,325 or 54.08% of those benefiting from this project qualify as low- to moderate-income.

There are no anticipated obstacles to addressing the high-priority need for public safety and transportation improvements. The project is under contract and environmental review is essentially complete; construction is anticipated to begin in late 2022.

AP-38 Project Summary

1	Project Name	East Biloxi East-West Neighborhood Access Road, Phase II (between Hopkins Boulevard and Porter Avenue)
	Target Area	East Biloxi
	Goals Supported	Streets, Sidewalks &/or Lighting
	Needs Addressed	Enhanced Public Safety and Welfare
	Funding	CDBG: \$518,548* (see planned activities for total funds by source)
	Description	This project will improve public safety and welfare of residents in a primarily low- to moderate-income area in East Biloxi through design and construction of a neighborhood access road to preserve neighborhood connectivity and improve emergency vehicle response times.
	Target Date	2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The City estimates that 2,450 people will benefit from this project, of which 1,325 or 54.08% are low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	East Biloxi between Hopkins Boulevard and Porter Avenue , north of the CSX Railroad tracks and south of Division Street
2	Planned Activities	Activities will include design and construction of a two-lane neighborhood access road; right-of-way acquisition; demolition and relocation; environmental review; survey and legal work. *Funding combines \$245,164 in 2022 entitlement allocation funds; \$97,600 in carryover/prior year funds; and \$175,784 in program income.
	Project Name	Public Services – Non-Housing Community Development
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Non-Housing Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Improved Suitable Living Environments
	Funding	CDBG: \$70,000
	Description	\$70,000 in CDBG funds is budgeted to implement high priority public service (non-Housing) activities during Program Year 2022 as follows: <u>Boys & Girls Club of the Gulf Coast (BGCofGC)</u> – afterschool and/or summer youth programs \$5,000 <u>Coastal Family Health Center (CFHC)</u> – healthcare services primarily for homeless clients w/mental health and/or substance abuse issues \$15,000 <u>Gulf Coast Center for NonViolence (GCCNV)</u> – Therapeutic Children's Program \$10,000 <u>Moore Community House, Inc. (MCH)</u> – affordable early education services \$25,000 <u>Program BELIEVE</u> – East Biloxi afterschool and/or summer youth program \$15,000

Target Date	9/30/2023
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100% of beneficiaries of PY2022 public service activities will be very low and low-income residents. <u>BGCofGC</u> – estimates 18 total income-eligible children <u>CFHC</u> – estimates 150 Limited Clientele residents <u>GCCNV</u> – estimates 15/month Limited Clientele children <u>MCH</u> – estimates 60/month income-eligible children <u>Program BELIEVE</u> – estimates 40 total income-eligible children
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	The City will execute a subrecipient agreement with each agency to provide services addressing the following high priority unmet needs: mental and healthcare services for the homeless, at-risk of homelessness and substance abusers; services to assist those who have experienced domestic abuse; affordable early childcare services; and affordable afterschool and/or summer educational programs for qualified children. Public service activities will be implemented and monitored by the City in compliance with HUD regulations and City SOPs and policies.
3 Project Name	Administration
Target Area	Not applicable
Goals Supported	Not applicable
Needs Addressed	Not applicable
Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
Description	PY2022 funds in the amount of \$100,000 are budgeted for eligible expenses associated with administering and implementing the CDBG Entitlement Program, the City's CDBG-CV CARES Act allocations to prepare for, prevent and respond to the coronavirus and to implement fair housing educational outreach as identified in the City of Biloxi/BHA Joint Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.
Target Date	9/30/2023
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
Location Description	Federal Programs Office City of Biloxi 214-A Delauney Street Biloxi, MS 39530

Planned Activities	Administration costs to implement the CDBG Entitlement Program may include a portion of staff and/or professional services consultant costs; publication of notices and brochures; development and reproduction of program materials; implementation of fair housing educational outreach activities identified in the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice; legal and environmental services expenses; and purchase of equipment and supplies.
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AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The City does not allocate funds based on geographic priorities but invests its limited CDBG resources to maximize benefit to low- to moderate-income residents. Maps attached to this document identify low- to moderate-income areas, as defined by HUD Census data; areas of minority concentration; and the location of PY2022 projects.

HUD-eligible projects and activities are identified for funding by the City based on the community's priorities for addressing unmet needs as expressed during the citizen participation process.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Not applicable	Not applicable

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Biloxi does not allocate its CDBG resources based on geographic distribution but invests the funds to address high priority unmet community needs to benefit the largest number of low- to moderate-income residents possible.

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

The City of Biloxi does not receive a HOME, ESG or HOPWA allocation. Because its CDBG allocation is invested to address high priority unmet community needs to benefit the largest number of low- to moderate-income residents possible, the City does not budget limited CDBG resources for housing rehabilitation activities or down payment assistance. The current staffing level and amount of the annual CDBG Entitlement allocation typically would be adequate to support three to four housing

projects, benefiting three to four households as opposed to thousands of low- to moderate-income residents who benefit from Biloxi's non-housing projects annually.

No applications were received by the City in PY2021 to provide housing assistance as a public service activity during PY2022.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	0

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

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

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

In its 2019 Action Plan, the City budgeted its first CARES Act allocation, totaling \$272,001, to prepare for, prevent and respond to the coronavirus by providing rent and utility assistance to residents negatively impacted by the coronavirus. Under a subrecipient agreement between the City and Open Doors Homeless Coalition, qualified residents' applications for up to six consecutive months of rent assistance may continue to be processed until CARES Act funds are depleted or until the federal deadline for expending these funds.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

The Biloxi Housing Authority (BHA) Executive Director provided the City with a written update, which is the basis of information for this template. The City of Biloxi and BHA enjoy a good working relationship that includes on-going exchange of information, collaboration in implementing identified actions in the Joint Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and partnering to support public and assisted housing activities that benefit Biloxi residents.

BHA has successfully transitioned from the Public Housing platform to the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Project Based Section 8 platform and therefore no longer has traditional Public Housing units.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

During PY2022, BHA will continue to maintain its housing developments and will continue to explore the need for additional or replacement housing units. During the program year, the BHA will continue its outreach efforts to expand landlord participation in the local voucher program to increase the number of housing units available to Tenant Based Voucher recipients.

To improve public housing resilience, the Biloxi Housing Authority will consider the cost and effectiveness of rehabilitating or retrofitting public housing units and office space to eliminate or at least reduce flood damage. Retrofits that provide an acceptable level of flood damage protection to warrant the high cost of improvements may not be possible in the current economy.

Concurrent with exploring those options, the BHA also will consider relocating housing units and/or office space. However, available property that also is suitable to the BHA's needs and has an adequate elevation to decrease the risk of being in a future flood zone, if FEMA maps are changed again as predicted, may not be possible.

To be most suitable for public housing residents, the property would be located on or near a regular bus route of Coast Transit Authority, have convenient access to a grocery store and supportive service providers. The City supports the goal of locating public housing outside of special flood zone areas, but it may be cost prohibitive.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The Biloxi Housing Authority will continue to support its Resident Councils and the FSS Program to encourage communication between residents and management and will continue to encourage participation of residents in available programs for self-sufficiency.

The BHA will continue to refer interested public housing residents to local homeownership programs during PY2022 in spite of increased interest rates and flood insurance uncertainties that are impacting affordability of housing along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, especially in areas south of Interstate-10.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Not applicable

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The City of Biloxi works with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care and its other member agencies and organizations to reduce and end homeless within the City.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The City of Biloxi's one-year goal for Program Year 2022 is to continue working with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition, the Biloxi Housing Authority, Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence, Coastal Family Health Center, Back Bay Mission and other agencies to coordinate resources to meet the housing and supportive services needs of the City's homeless and near-homeless populations.

The City did not receive any PY2022 public service applications requesting funding to provide housing for Biloxi's homeless populations. The BHA, Open Doors and the City will continue encouraging the local Veterans Administration to expedite referrals so all VASH Vouchers are issued to benefit homeless veterans.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City will continue to participate as an active member of the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care and will support efforts of Open Doors and its other member organizations to expand emergency shelter and transitional housing inventories in Biloxi.

The City also will continue to work collaboratively with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition to identify appropriately-zoned property in Biloxi for development of an assessment center to better serve homeless individuals and families as they are assessed and linked with housing assistance and supportive services.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City of Biloxi will continue to work collaboratively with the Biloxi Housing Authority and Open Doors to encourage the Mississippi Gulf Coast's Veterans Administration to issue all of its VASH Vouchers as quickly as possible to benefit homeless veterans. The City also will continue to work with Open Doors to provide services that expand access of homeless persons, especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth, to existing housing through rent, utility and security deposit assistance as funds allow.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

Collaborating with Open Doors, the City will continue encouraging local housing services agencies to expand services to help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions. Assistance that includes rent, utility and security deposit grants, would expand access to affordable housing for low-income households as well as for those being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care.

Discussion

The City of Biloxi will continue to support the public and private agencies that address housing, healthcare, public services, employment, education and youth needs by endorsing their applications for funding assistance and providing technical assistance as feasible with the City's limited staff and resources.

The City also will continue to support the Biloxi Housing Authority's ongoing Community and Supportive Services activities and programs.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

The City of Biloxi invests public resources to support efforts of its professional planning staff to keep apprised of legal decisions regarding land use at the local level as well as urban planning trends and policies that may change availability of affordable housing or impact individuals' property rights. Consideration is being given to allowing increased density in lower-density residential zones to accommodate the increased number of VRBO conditional use requests and to allowing multiple principal uses on a single lot of record. This may be in response to trends in other communities permitting location of tiny houses and/or small studio housing units in what traditionally were open backyards, as a means of supplementing property owners' income to ease increasing housing cost burdens.

Biloxi officials, planners and community development staff are aware of and considering how best to adapt local codes to meet the growing need for a wider range of housing types, which may include updating zoning classifications to expand options for development by right of affordable group homes and residential "compounds" that include 4 - 6 residential units with shared common areas.

Codes that restrict adaptation of existing single-family houses to incorporate attached or detached "mother-in-law" type units and infill residential development that doesn't meet minimum square footage requirements for a given classification may need to be revised to meet the need for additional affordable housing inventory, particularly for populations requiring on-site guidance/supervision. These populations may include those in substance abuse rehabilitation programs; those with mental or

physical disabilities; young adults aging out of the foster care system; elderly and frail elderly; and those recently released from institutions.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The City worked with the Biloxi Housing Authority to develop the 2019 joint City of Biloxi-Biloxi Housing Authority Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice during 2018-2019, which included a review of local land use controls, including zoning, ad valorem tax policies, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations and policies affecting return on residential investment. At that time, no zoning restrictions or limitations were identified as being barriers to affordable housing.

Biloxi's official zoning district map allows for a mixture of single- and multi-family residential units on varying lot sizes throughout the City as well as group homes in more than one zone. Mixed use zoning is permitted with no parking requirements in the downtown area, which improves affordability of development and redevelopment.

The City has adopted the most current version of the International Building Code, which requires compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Fair Housing Act provisions. Unlike construction costs and property insurance premiums, property taxes in Biloxi have not increased in more than 25 years. With increasing inflation and interest rates and a relatively low residential vacancy rate, almost no affordable housing currently is available for low- and middle-income residents in Biloxi. High costs for construction materials and residential property insurance premiums (wind and water) will preclude many families from pursuing homeownership in Biloxi at least in the near-term.

The interim Overview of the Apartment Housing Market for 2020, prepared by the Gulf Coast Regional Planning Commission, identified the City of Biloxi as the only municipality anticipating construction of unassisted apartments (30 units) at that time. No other Coast city or unincorporated area reported plans for apartment unit construction in 2020. According to the interim report, which is the most current available, Biloxi's 6.5% market rent apartment vacancy average rate for unassisted units was slightly higher than the overall three-Coast County apartment vacancy average rate of 5.4% and Harrison County's rate of 6.2%.

While the 2020 apartment vacancy rate is about 2% higher than it was in July 2019, when the last Loper Apartment Survey for the Mississippi Gulf Coast was prepared, there has been minimal movement in the rental housing market. GRPC's interim report advises users to consider the impact national eviction bans had on the rental housing market during the COVID-19 pandemic, which "altered the dynamic state of the usual housing market of previous years."

And, even though the need for and number of affordable housing units seems to have been relatively stable for the last decade, the City of Biloxi is mindful of the gap between its affordable housing inventory and the affordable housing needs of the community.

Local realtors consistently identify the need for additional affordable housing adapted for the nation's expanding +65 population. With many military retirees choosing to live in Biloxi because of Keesler Air Force Base's top ranked medical services and commissary access, well built two- and three-bedroom single family and multifamily units located in close proximity to regular public transportation routes is in high demand.

Affordable housing in close proximity to major resort casino/hotel employers, is limited and also is in high demand yet it is extremely challenging to meet code requirements while maintaining affordability due to several factors, not least of which is uncertainty associated with new "Risk Rating 2.0" federal flood insurance pricing changes. It is not certain if regulations impacting building and rehabilitation of structures in special flood zones will change in the near-term and there is uncertainty about how final resolution of National Flood Insurance Program issues will impact homeowners. Until there is resolution of these issues at the federal level, they are another barrier to local affordable housing.

Discussion:

The current low volume of multifamily rental housing construction and continued apartment absorption has resulted in a return to market equilibrium in almost all segments of the local apartment market. While property owners enjoyed a sellers' market during the first half of PY2021, interest rate increases and climbing inflation have cooled the local real estate market. What was considered affordable housing six months ago may now be cost prohibitive for potential buyers without a purchase contract that locks in the purchase price or a pre-approved, fixed, low rate mortgage.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Information provided by the Open Doors Homeless Coalition is combined with other sources of updated data to address "Other Actions" in this template

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Biloxi will continue to work with other local units of government, supportive service agencies and faith-based organizations to share information about and collaboratively meet the needs of underserved members of the community. Climbing interest rates, a lack of market stability and forecasts for economic recession are creating new challenges to meeting underserved needs as limited resources must be stretched even further than they were during the pandemic.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Biloxi plans to continue working with housing developers and realtors to encourage affordable infill housing development and it will consider zoning changes that allow a wider range of affordable housing types throughout the City to meet the needs of different populations, including the elderly and those with special needs.

The City plans to continue offering its rental housing incentive program to expand availability of workforce housing in the Biloxi Main Street area. Funded through the City's General Fund, the program has encouraged rehabilitation of numerous residential rental units to date.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

All RAD units owned by the Biloxi Housing Authority have been assessed and LBP hazards have been abated.

The City of Biloxi will continue to support the efforts of the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH), the Biloxi Housing Authority and others to improve awareness among parents and caregivers about the hazards of lead-based paint to children, especially those aged six and under. Biloxi building codes require lead-based paint testing for rehabilitation of residential units built before 1978-79 and, if LBP positive, property owners are required to abate and properly dispose of LBP chips/dust or to contain the LBP in compliance with applicable standards.

Data for LBP testing of children residing in Biloxi area codes in 2020 was provided by the MSDH to the City in June 2022 and identifies that of the 306 children age six and under who were tested for elevated blood lead levels, only one was identified with a venous lead level of 5 or higher and none were identified with venous lead levels of 15 or higher. This indicates efforts to improve public awareness about permanent damage LBP poisoning can have on young children may be effective and should be continued.

Brochures regarding LBP poisoning hazards and symptoms are available at no cost at the Biloxi building permit counter in the Community Development Department and through MSDH's Healthy Homes Program.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Biloxi will continue to work with local partners to reduce the number of poverty-level families by redeveloping and diversifying the local economy to provide expanded employment opportunities that pay a living wage. While no official goals, programs or policies have been adopted, the City actively recruits new businesses and facilitates expansion of existing businesses through an expedited development review process and the provision of technical assistance by staff throughout the development process.

The City will continue to collaborate with Open Doors, and its other member agencies and organizations, to provide the supportive services needed to help break the cycle of poverty. Those able to work will be encouraged to participate in existing workforce development and job skills training programs to expand their employment opportunities.

The City also will continue to support participation of the Biloxi Housing Authority in the HUD/HCV/ Family Self Sufficiency Program as part of the effort to reduce the number of poverty-level families.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Continuing to participate as an active member of the Open Doors Homeless Coalition, the City will stay informed about the activities and services of area nonprofits that play a role in the institutional structure.

Federal Programs staff will continue to maintain ongoing communications with the Biloxi Housing Authority and others as it encourages development and implementation of affordable housing programs and rental housing assistance programs to improve accessibility of existing rental housing stock to low-to moderate-income households as well as the homeless.

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

Participation in the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care activities and meetings has been effective in enhancing coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies in Biloxi. The annual Point in Time homeless population count and other programs will continue to be supported by the City of Biloxi as will food, clothing and toy drives as part of the communitywide effort to meet the needs of underserved residents.

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

The City of Biloxi received a CDBG allocation of \$415,164 for Program Year 2022 and anticipates generating \$175,784 in program income to be budgeted in support of PY2022 projects. Also, an estimated carry over of \$97,600 in previously allocated but unexpended funds will be re-allocated to support PY2022 projects.

The City will invest \$518,548* of its PY2022 CDBG resources in the Transportation Improvement Project that will preserve neighborhood access and public safety in a low- to moderate-income neighborhood in East Biloxi. The balance of its CDBG resources will fund five non-housing Public Service Activities at a total cost of \$70,0000 and \$100,000 for Administration of the CDBG Entitlement Program, the same level of funding as in PY2021.

*East Biloxi East-West Neighborhood Access Road Phase II (Hopkins Boulevard to Porter Avenue)
PY2022 funding sources: \$245,164 in 2022 entitlement allocation funds; \$175,784 program income; and
\$97,600 carryover/prior year funds.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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	0
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
Total Program Income:	0

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.	100.00%

The City of Biloxi has identified the one-year period 2022 for determining Overall Benefit of CDBG funds to persons of low- to moderate-income.

Attachments to the Final Document Include:

Citizen Participation Documentation

Maps

HUD Required Forms and Certifications

**CITY OF BILOXI CDBG ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM
2022 ACTION PLAN COMMENT FORM**

The City of Biloxi is in the process of developing its 2022 Action Plan in compliance with regulatory requirements and the City's Citizen Participation Plan. Comments concerning the housing and/or non-housing community development needs of Biloxi are invited and will be considered during this process.

Name Carol Burnett Phone 228-669-4827

Organization Represented (if applicable) Moore Community House

Address 325 Nixon St. Biloxi, MS 39530 P.O. Box 204 39533

Comments Families in Biloxi - especially east Biloxi - need affordable child care so parents can work. Parents especially need affordable infant/toddler care which is the most expensive and, therefore, the most difficult to afford. Affordable infant/toddler care supports parental employment and also supports children's early childhood development. Infant/toddler care needs to include nutrition, food, health and developmental assessments, and support for all the domains of child development (including social/emotional). These services best support parents when they are young, and include opportunities for parent involvement.

Written comments may be delivered to the Federal Programs Division, located at 214-A Delauney Street in downtown Biloxi; emailed to rehab@biloxi.ms.us; or mailed to the Federal Programs Division at P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533. Written comments must be received by 4 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2022 to be considered in development of the 2022 Action Plan.



BILOXI HOUSING AUTHORITY

July 29, 2022

Ms. Susan Pickich
Federal Programs Manager
City of Biloxi
P.O. Box 429
Biloxi, Mississippi 39533

VIA EMAIL: spickich@biloxi.ms.us

RE: Response to Comments to the City of Biloxi
2022 CDBG Action Plan

Dear Ms. Pickich:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to public comments received by the City of Biloxi regarding our property known as Seashore Oaks. Our funding is received from the federal government, through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). We do not receive state or local funding. As a result, we are not a program included in your Federal Programs budget. However, we always want and are happy to receive feedback from the general public, especially our residents. This feedback aids us in determining ways we can improve the living experience of residents in our developments. Below are the comments presented to the City of Biloxi, followed by our responses:

Comment 1: "Need both front and rear entrance awning replacements – damaged by Hurricane Zeta. Since then, they are still never replaced."

Response: We are aware of this issue and the inconvenience the lack of awnings has created for our residents. The replacement of the awnings is part of a large construction package for which we have been unable to procure a contractor. Because of the ongoing labor shortage, as well as ongoing supply chain issues, our Hurricane Zeta repair program has been a challenge. This challenge has made it extremely difficult to complete this project any sooner. We anticipate the awnings will be replaced this year.

Comment 2: "Need road resurfacing – too many holes. Paint yellow lanes for parking areas; blue lanes for handicapped parking areas; red curbs for fire/emergency parking."



Response: The infrastructure of our properties is important to us as well as our residents. The repair of these items has been under contract now for in excess of six (6) months. Unfortunately, weather delays and ongoing contractor staffing issues have presented challenges that have delayed the completion of this project. Fortunately, this infrastructure work is currently underway at this time.

Comment 3: "Need to build a nice gazebo area on a now demolished swimming pool area."

Response: The quality of our properties and their respective amenities is as important to us as it is to residents. However, because of funding constraints, we must give priority to repairs related to life and safety issues. Because of the large increase in insurance costs, rapidly rising inflation and no additional funding to meet these challenges, projects like the gazebo are delayed while we focus on projects necessary for the health and safety of our residents.

We appreciate all that you do for us and all of the residents of the City of Biloxi. If you need any information from us, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Helen".

Helen C. Werby
Executive Director

JUNE 14, 2022

Re: 2022 CDBG ENTITLEMENT GRANT
ALLOCATION FROM HUD

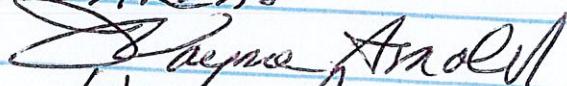
IN REFERENCE TO A HEARING HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 22, 2022.

I AM WRITING IN RESPONSE TO THE HEARING IN
ABSENCE.

SEASHORE OAKS, LOCATED AT 1450 BEACH BLVD,
BILOXI, AND OWNED & OPERATED BY THE BILOXI
HOUSING AUTHORITY, REALLY NEEDS IMPROVEMENTS
AT THE FACILITY AS FOLLOWS:

- ① NEED BOTH FRONT AND REAR ENTRANCE AWNING
REPLACEMENTS - DAMAGED BY HURRICANE ZETA.
SINCE THEN, THEY ARE STILL NEVER REPLACED.
- ② NEED ROAD RE-SURFACING - TOO MANY HOLES.
PAINT YELLOW LANES FOR PARKING AREAS; BLUE
LANES FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING AREAS; RED
CURBS FOR FIRE/EMERGENCY PARKING.
- ③ NEED TO BUILD A NICE GAZELLE AREA ON A NEW
DEMOLISHED SWIMMING POOL AREA.

THANK YOU FOR
CONSIDERATION.


DAYNE ARNOLD
1450 BEACH BLVD.
#213
BILOXI MS 39530

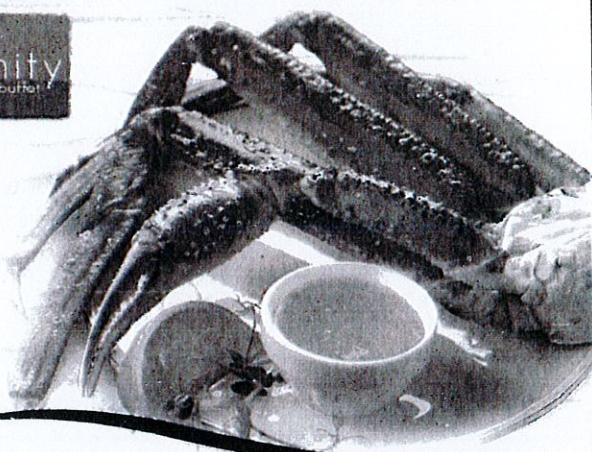
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WHOLE LOBSTERS EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

CRAB BUFFET LUNCH & DINNER

LUNCH: MONDAY-FRIDAY 11AM TO 1:30PM

DINNER: MONDAY-THURSDAY 2PM TO 9PM | FRIDAY 2PM TO 10PM
SATURDAY 11AM TO 10PM | SUNDAY 11AM TO 9PM

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CITY OF BILOXI PUBLIC NOTICE

2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, DRAFT AVAILABILITY & 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD

The City is receiving a 2022 CDBG Entitlement Grant allocation from HUD of \$415,163 and anticipates generating estimated program income of \$175,784 for 2022 activities, based on previous years' resources.

The City of Biloxi will conduct a second public hearing to give Biloxi residents opportunity to:

- Present oral or written input about City housing, community development and supportive housing needs; and
- Participate in development and implementation of the 2022 CDBG Action Plan, a component of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The hearing will be held in the Community Development Auditorium, at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

Residents are urged to attend, particularly low, very low, extremely low income and public housing residents, minorities, and those with mobility, visual, and hearing impediments. If special accommodations are needed for the hearings, please contact the Federal Programs Manager at least 72 hours prior to the hearings at 228-435-6269 or spickich@biloxi.ms.us.

On Thursday, June 23, 2022, the Draft of the 2022 CDBG Action Plan will be posted on the City's website biloxi.ms.us and hard copies will be available for public review at the following locations:

Biloxi City Hall	140 Lameuse Street
Biloxi Community Development	676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
All Biloxi Library Branches	
Biloxi Housing Authority	330 Benachi Avenue

Written comments will be received for a 30-day period, until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2022, and may be delivered to the Biloxi Federal Programs Office located at 214-A DeLauney Street; emailed to spickich@biloxi.ms.us; or mailed to Federal Programs Office P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533.

Information about Biloxi's CDBG Program can be found at <http://www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/>



BILOXI Shuckers PROMOTIONS in June

JUNE 7 T-Shirt Tuesday Giveaway
presented by Pine Belt Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center

**JUNE 10 Saints Hall of Fame Night
& Fireworks Friday**

**JUNE 11 Military Appreciation Night
& Military Cap Giveaway**
presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union

JUNE 21 T-Shirt Tuesday Giveaway
presented by The Peoples Bank

JUNE 24 Fireworks Friday
presented by Sparklight

**JUNE 25 Marvel's Defender of
the Diamond with Black Panther**

JUNE 28 T-Shirt Tuesday Giveaway
presented by Coca-Cola

EVERY DOUBLE PLAY THURSDAY
\$2 Hot Dogs, Sodas & Yuengling
resented by Yuengling, Coca-Cola & Kicker 108

**JULY 3 Independence Day
Fireworks Extravaganza**
presented by Merit Health Biloxi

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City of Biloxi Public Review Draft 2022 CDBG Action Plan
To Biloxi Public Libraries & BHA Offices/Benachi
June 23, 2022

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Main Library	G. Aaron	6/23/22	Jan
West Biloxi Library	G. Aaron	6/23/22	Greg
M. Sherry Library	G. Aaron	6/23	Sherry
Woolmarket Library	G. Aaron	6/23	W. Turner

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CDBG Program

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MINUTES
City of Biloxi CDBG Entitlement Program Public Hearing
2022 CDBG Action Plan
5:30 pm Tuesday, June 22, 2022

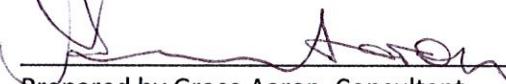
At 5:30 p.m., Susan Pickich, Biloxi Federal Programs Manager, opened the second CDBG Public Hearing regarding development of the 2022 Action Plan, a component of the City of Biloxi's 2020-2024 CDBG Consolidated Plan. The hearing was held in the Biloxi Community Development Department auditorium, located at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. A copy of the sign-in sheet and agenda packet is attached to these minutes.

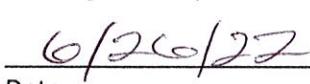
Ms Pickich asked everyone to be sure to sign in before they leave. She then introduced Grace Aaron, consultant, and thanked Ray Carter, representative of the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office, and Carol Burnett, Executive Director of Moore Community House, for attending. Ms Pickich invited questions to be asked and comments offered during the presentation of information

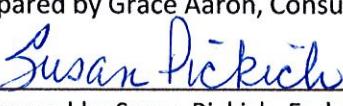
Ms Pickich presented an overview of items on the agenda, identifying PY2022 CDBG resources available to fund projects and activities during the upcoming program year and, directing attention to page 4 of the agenda packet, presented an overview of projects proposed to be funded. Mr. Carter asked Ms Pickich to discuss the program income formula. Ms Pickich explained that HUD and the City worked together to negotiate the formula in the mid1990s, in response to the rapid growth of the casino gaming industry within City limits. She said 5.13% of gross revenue generated by local casino gaming on a monthly basis was returned by the State, after applicable taxes and fees were deducted in compliance with lease terms, to the City as CDBG program income.

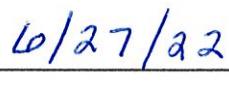
Mr. Carter thanked her and asked if there was anything the Secretary of State's Office could do to assist the City in terms of administering its CDBG program income or with its CDBG Entitlement Program. Ms Pickich said she appreciated his offer of assistance but, to her knowledge, none was needed at the time and indicated it was the first time a State agency representative had offered assistance.

A general discussion followed about the public service agencies proposed to receive PY2022 CDBG funding and the services to be provided to Biloxi residents by the five nonprofit agencies. Ms Pickich thanked Mr. Carter and Mrs. Moore for attending the hearing and invited them to submit written comments during the 30-day comment period, June 23 to July 25, referencing information in the agenda packet identifying where to send comments. She adjourned the hearing at 6:35 p.m.


Prepared by Grace Aaron, Consultant


Date


Approved by Susan Pickich, Federal Programs Manager


Date

CITY OF BILOXI
2022 CDBG ACTION PLAN
PUBLIC HEARING
5:30 PM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022

NAME	ORGANIZATION	PHONE	EMAIL
Susan Spickich	CoB	228-435-6269	spickich@biloxi.ms.us
Grace Aaron	CoB	228-8601-2994	grace@biloxi@gmail.com
Raymond D. Carter	SOS	228-3432-0541	raymond.carter@sos.ms.gov
Carol Burnett	Moore Community House	228-669-4827	cburnett@moorecommunityhouse.org
Kaylene	Joy Believe	228-222-5543	K.Horne.believe@gmail.com



AGENDA
City of Biloxi Public Hearing
2022 CDBG Action Plan
5:30 pm Wednesday, June 22, 2022

I. Introductions and Welcome

II. Purpose of Hearing & CDBG Entitlement Program Overview

III. 2022 Action Plan Planning and Development

Public Hearing #2	5:30 p.m., Wed., June 22
Public Review Draft 2022 Action Plan Available	Thurs., June 23
30-Day Public Comment Period Ends	4 p.m., Mon., July 25
City Council 2022 Action Plan Approval/Adoption	Tues., August 2
Submit to HUD	before Fri., August 12

IV. 2022 Program Year Anticipated CDBG Resources and Proposed Expenditures

HUD has allocated \$415,164 in PY2022 CDBG funds to the City of Biloxi. Based on prior years, the City anticipates it will generate program income of about \$175,784 during PY2022. At this time, the amount of entitlement funds and program income that previously was allocated but not spent is estimated to be approximately \$97,600, which will be carried forward and budgeted to support PY2022 projects. **Any additional CDBG funds carried over for use in PY2022 will be budgeted for the East Biloxi East-West Neighborhood Access Road Project, Phase II.**

V. Citizen Participation

Oral and/or written comments you have concerning the City of Biloxi's housing and/or non-housing community development needs are invited and will be considered during development of the 2022 Action Plan. Written comments must be **received** by 4 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2022. Please see page 4 for information about where to submit written comments.

VI. Conclusion

Information about the City of Biloxi's CDBG Entitlement Program is available on the City of Biloxi website: www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/

**CDBG FACT SHEET
2022 ACTION PLAN
FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNTIY DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI**

Summary

The 2022 Action Plan is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that is designed to develop a coordinated and cooperative effort to identify housing, community development and supportive housing needs of the City of Biloxi. The Action Plan is based on prioritized needs and strategies for meeting those needs identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Both the Action Plan and Consolidated Plan are designed by HUD to consolidate the planning and application requirements of four HUD formula grant programs:

1. The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
2. Home Investment Partnerships (HOME)
3. Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA)
4. Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

The three broad goals of these four HUD programs are:

1. To provide decent housing;
2. To provide a suitable living environment; and
3. To expand economic opportunities.

Community Development Block Grant Program

Biloxi is an entitlement city under the rules of HUD's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and as such, receives an annual allocation of funding, which in Program Year 2022 is \$415,164. Biloxi does not receive an annual allocation of funds under HOPWA, ESG or HOME but must work with other agencies to compete for funding from those programs.

During PY2022, the City anticipates generating program income of about \$175,784 based on previous years. At this time, the amount of entitlement allocated funds and program income previously allocated but unexpended is estimated to be approximately \$97,600, which will be carried forward and budgeted for use in PY2022. Any other funds carried forward for use in PY2022 will be reallocated to the East Biloxi East-West Neighborhood Access Road Project, Phase II.

Availability of Information

Information concerning the Action Plan, the Consolidated Plan, the Assessment of Fair Housing/Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program are available for public review at the Biloxi Federal Programs Manager's Office, located at 214-A Delauney Street in downtown Biloxi, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

National Objectives of Community Development Block Grant Program

1. Projects that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A project or activity will be considered to principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons if it is designed to meet identified needs of low- and moderate-income persons.
2. Projects that prevent or eliminate slums or blight.
3. Projects designed to meet needs having a particular urgency.

PROJECTS MUST MEET AT LEAST ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE NATIONAL OBJECTIVES.

Examples of Basic Eligible Activities for the CDBG Program

1. Acquisition of property for a public purpose.
2. Public facilities infrastructure improvements including water improvements, wastewater improvements, solid waste improvements, streets and storm drainage improvements, etc.
3. Urgent needs and emergency grants to address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.
4. Interim assistance requiring immediate action to alleviate emergency conditions.
5. Relocation payment and assistance for permanently or temporarily displaced individuals, families, businesses and organizations, and reimbursement for loss of rental income incurred in holding housing units to be utilized by relocation of individuals and families displaced by program activities.
6. Special economic development activities.
7. Public services to address high priority unmet community needs.

2022 Anticipated CDBG Resources

Entitlement Allocation	\$415,164
Estimated Program Income	175,784
Estimated carryover (previously budgeted but unexpended entitlement allocations and program income)	97,600
Anticipated TOTAL:	\$688,548

2022 Proposed CDBG Expenditures

Program Administration (20% HUD cap)

Administration – costs to administer and implement the program in compliance with federal regulations and policies; may include % of staff salary; consultant fees for program administration; legal and environmental review services; Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice implementation; and other eligible costs	\$100,000
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Public Services Activities (15% HUD cap)

<u>Boys and Girls Club</u> – afterschool or summer youth program (benefit: estimate 18 income-qualified youth); <u>Coastal Family Health Center</u> – healthcare assessment and services primarily for homeless persons w/mental health or substance abuse issues (benefit: estimate 150/year Limited Clientele); <u>Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence</u> – support for Therapeutic Children's Program (benefit: estimate 15 children/month presumed to be low/mod); <u>Moore Community House, Inc.</u> – support for affordable early education program (benefit: estimate 60 children/month presumed to be low/mod) <u>Program BELIEVE</u> – support for summer youth program (benefit: estimate 40 qualified youth)	\$ 70,000
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Capital Project

Design and implement East Biloxi East-West Neighborhood Access Road Phase II (Hopkins Boulevard to Porter Avenue)	\$518,548*
Anticipated TOTAL:	\$688,548

*Any additional entitlement allocation or program income funds carried forward for use in PY2022 will be reallocated to support the East Biloxi East-West Neighborhood Access Road Project, Phase II.

Citizen Participation

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CITY OF BILOXI CDBG ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM 2022 ACTION PLAN COMMENT FORM

The City of Biloxi is in the process of developing its 2022 Action Plan in compliance with regulatory requirements and the City's Citizen Participation Plan. Comments concerning the housing and/or non-housing community development needs of Biloxi are invited and will be considered during this process.

Name _____ Phone _____

Organization Represented (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Comments _____

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Susan Pickich

From: Helen Werby <HWerby@biloxihousing.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2022 8:52 AM
To: Felicia Snow; Alice Miller; Amber Cunningham; Amber Melah; Angela Zuber; Crystal Ely; Ericka Biggs; Jennifer Taylor; Jessica Strawley; Kenyatta Thompson; Krystal Guerrero; Lashae Norwood; Marguerite Austin; Melissa Dye; Quintella Moore; Robin Thomas; Sharon Ray; Valerie Purnell
Cc: Susan Pickich
Subject: FW: Public Notices Postings
Attachments: image001.jpg; ATT00001.htm; PH#2 and Draft Comment Period Public Notice June 22 22 English (Posted 06 06 22).pdf; ATT00002.htm; PH#2 and Draft Comment Period Public Notice June 22 22 Spanish (Posted 06 06 22).pdf; ATT00003.htm; PH#2 and Draft Comment Period Public Notice June 22 22 Vietnamese (Posted 06 06 22).pdf; ATT00004.htm

Good morning, everyone! Happy Tuesday!

Could you please print the attached notices and place them on the bulletin board at your site?

Thanks so much! Hope you all have a great day!

Helen C. Werby

Helen C. Werby
Executive Director

Biloxi Housing Authority
330 Benachi Avenue
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530
228-374-7771
228-432-8899 Fax
www.biloxihousing.org

From: Susan Pickich <spickich@biloxi.ms.us>
Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 6:25 AM
To: Helen Werby <HWerby@biloxihousing.org>
Subject: FW: Public Notices Postings

Susan Pickich
Federal Programs Manager
City of Biloxi
P.O. Box 429
Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-6269 Phone
Ext:1036
228-435-6179 Fax
spickich@biloxi.ms.us



From: Helen Werby <hwerby@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2022 4:32 PM
To: Susan Pickich <spickich@biloxi.ms.us>
Subject: Re: Public Notices Postings

The e-mail below is from an external source. Please do not open attachments or click links from an unknown or suspicious origin.

Got it-do you kind changing my email to the BHA address? I will see it faster that way.... Hwerby@biloxihousing.org.

I will send this to the managers today! Thanks!

Helen C. Werby
Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 6, 2022, at 12:53 PM, Susan Pickich <spickich@biloxi.ms.us> wrote:

Helen please have the attached Public Notices posted at all your housing sites.

Thanks

**Susan Pickich
Federal Programs Manager
City of Biloxi
P.O. Box 429
Biloxi, MS 39533
228-435-6269 Phone
Ext:1036
228-435-6179 Fax
spickich@biloxi.ms.us**

BILOXI CDBG ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM
2022 CDBG ACTION PLAN NOTICE OF 2nd PUBLIC HEARING
FLYER DISTRIBUTION

6/6/2022

SITE	DELIVERY PERSON	RCEIVING PERSON	DATE
ENGINEERING LOBBY			
CITY HALL			
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
EAST BILOXI LIBRARY	GA	DPD Candy Miller	
WEST BILOXI LIBRARY	GA		
MARGARET SHERRY LIBRARY	GA	SM	
WOOLMARKET LIBRARY	GA	Missy Lucas	

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EAST BILOXI LIBRARY			
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MARGARET SHERRY LIBRARY			
WOOLMARKET LIBRARY			

Here are public notices involving the city's Community Development Block Grant program.

- [PH#2 and Draft Comment Period Public Notice June 22 22 English \(Posted 06 06 22\)](#)
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**NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC HEARING, PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT AVAILABILITY
AND 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD
FOR THE BILOXI 2022 CDBG ACTION PLAN**

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Biloxi Community Development	676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Biloxi Housing Authority	330 Benachi Avenue
All Biloxi Library Branches	

Written comments will be received for at least thirty days until 4:00 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2022 and may be delivered to the Biloxi Federal Programs Division located at 214-A Delauney Street in Downtown Biloxi; emailed to spickich@biloxi.ms.us; or mailed to the Biloxi Federal Programs Division P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533.

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<http://www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/>*



**THÔNG BÁO VỀ PHIÊN ĐIỀU TRẦN CÔNG KHAI LẦN THỨ HAI, DỰ THẢO ĐÁNH GIÁ CÔNG KHAI
TÍNH KHẢ DỤNG CỦA DỰ THẢO
VÀ THỜI GIAN BÌNH LUẬN 30 NGÀY
KẾ HOẠCH HÀNH ĐỘNG CDBG BILOXI 2022**

Thành phố sẽ nhận được Khoản trợ cấp quyền lợi CDBG năm 2022 là 415.164 đô la và dự kiến sẽ tạo ra thu nhập chương trình là 175.784 đô la cho các hoạt động năm 2022, dựa trên các nguồn lực của năm trước. Thành phố Biloxi sẽ tiến hành một phiên điều trần công khai thứ hai vào lúc 5:30 chiều.m. vào **thứ Tư, ngày 22 tháng 6 năm 2022**, tại Thính phòng Phát triển Cộng đồng, tọa lạc tại 676 Tiến sĩ Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, để cho cư dân Biloxi có cơ hội:

- Trình bày đầu vào bằng miệng hoặc bằng văn bản về nhà ở thành phố, phát triển cộng đồng và nhu cầu nhà ở hỗ trợ; và
- Tham gia xây dựng và thực hiện Kế hoạch hành động CDBG năm 2022, một thành phần của Kế hoạch hợp nhất 5 năm.

Cư dân được khuyến khích tham dự, đặc biệt là cư dân có thu nhập thấp, rất thấp, thu nhập cực kỳ thấp và nhà ở công cộng, dân tộc thiểu số và những người có trở ngại về di chuyển, thị giác và thính giác. Nếu cần chỗ ở đặc biệt cho phiên điều trần, vui lòng liên hệ với Giám đốc Chương trình Liên bang của Thành phố ít nhất 72 giờ trước phiên điều trần theo số 228-435-6269 hoặc spickich@biloxi.ms.us.

Vào thứ Năm, ngày 23 tháng 6 năm 2022, dự thảo Kế hoạch hành động Biloxi 2022 sẽ có sẵn để xem xét công khai trên trang web của Thành phố www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/ và tại các địa điểm sau:

Tòa thị chính Biloxi	140 Đường Lameuse
Phát triển cộng đồng Biloxi	676 Tiến sĩ Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Biloxi Housing Authority	330 Benachi Avenue
Tất cả các chi nhánh thư viện Biloxi	

Ý kiến bằng văn bản sẽ được nhận trong ít nhất ba mươi ngày cho đến 4:00 chiều.m., Thứ Hai, ngày 25 tháng 7 năm 2022 và có thể được gửi đến Bộ phận Chương trình Liên bang Biloxi đặt tại 214-A Delauney Street ở Downtown Biloxi; gửi qua email cho spickich@biloxi.ms.us; hoặc gửi đến Bộ phận Chương trình Liên bang Biloxi P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533.

Thông tin về Chương trình CDBG của Biloxi cũng có thể được tìm thấy tại <http://www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/>



**AVISO DE SEGUNDA AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA, REVISIÓN PÚBLICA DEL BORRADOR DE
DISPONIBILIDAD Y PERÍODO DE COMENTARIOS DE 30 DÍAS
PARA EL PLAN DE ACCIÓN DEL CDBG BILOXI 2022**

La Ciudad recibirá una Subvención de Derechos de CDBG 2022 de \$415,164 y anticipa generar ingresos del programa de \$175,784 para actividades de 2022, según los recursos del año anterior. La Ciudad de Biloxi llevará a cabo una segunda audiencia pública a las 5:30 p.m. el **miércoles 22 de junio de 2022**, en el Auditorio de Desarrollo Comunitario, ubicado en 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, para dar a los residentes de Biloxi la oportunidad de:

- Presentar aportes orales o escritos sobre la vivienda de la Ciudad, el desarrollo comunitario y las necesidades de vivienda de apoyo; y
- Participar en el desarrollo e implementación del Plan de Acción CDBG 2022, un componente del Plan Consolidado Quinquenal.

Se insta a los residentes a asistir, particularmente a los residentes de bajos, muy bajos, extremadamente bajos ingresos y viviendas públicas, a las minorías y a las personas con impedimentos de movilidad, visuales y auditivos. Si se necesitan adaptaciones especiales para la audiencia, comuníquese con el Gerente de Programas Federales de la Ciudad al menos 72 horas antes de la audiencia al 228-435-6269 o spickich@biloxi.ms.us.

El jueves 23 de junio de 2022, el borrador del Plan de Acción Biloxi 2022 estará disponible para revisión pública en el sitio web de la Ciudad www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/ y en los siguientes lugares:

Ayuntamiento de Biloxi	140 Calle Lameuse
Biloxi Desarrollo Comunitario	676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Autoridad de Vivienda de Biloxi	330 Benachi Avenue
Todas las sucursales de la Biblioteca Biloxi	

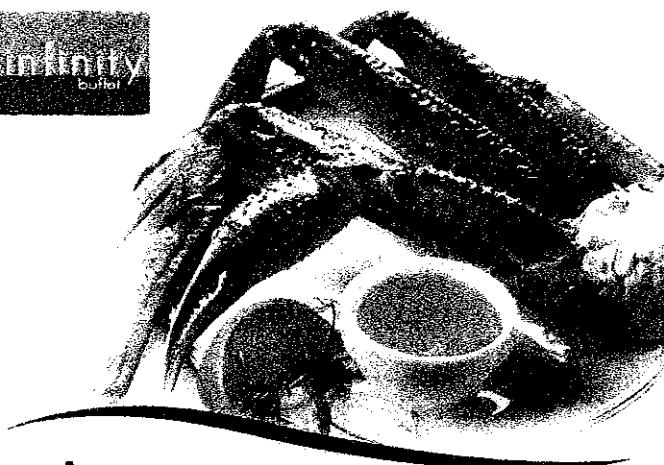
Los comentarios por escrito se recibirán durante al menos treinta días hasta las 4:00 p.m., el lunes 25 de julio de 2022 y pueden entregarse a la División de Programas Federales de Biloxi ubicada en 214-A Delauney Street en el centro de Biloxi; enviado por correo electrónico a spickich@biloxi.ms.us; o enviado por correo a la División de Programas Federales de Biloxi P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533.

La información sobre el Programa CDBG de Biloxi también se puede encontrar en <http://www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/>

CRAB BUFFET LUNCH & DINNER

LUNCH: MONDAY-FRIDAY 11AM TO 1:30PM

DINNER: MONDAY-THURSDAY 2PM TO 9PM | FRIDAY 2PM TO 10PM
SATURDAY 11AM TO 10PM | SUNDAY 11AM TO 9PM



CITY OF BILOXI PUBLIC NOTICE

2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, DRAFT AVAILABILITY & 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD

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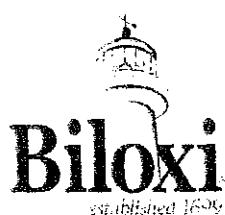
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BILOXI Shuckers PROMOTIONS in June

JUNE 7 T-Shirt Tuesday Giveaway
presented by Pine Belt Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center

JUNE 10 Saints Hall of Fame Night
& Fireworks Friday

JUNE 11 Military Appreciation Night
& Military Cap Giveaway
presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union

JUNE 14 T-Shirt Tuesday Giveaway
presented by The Peoples Bank

JUNE 24 Fireworks Friday
presented by Sparklight

JUNE 26 Marvel's Defender of
the Diamond with Black Panther

JUNE 27 T-Shirt Tuesday Giveaway
presented by Coca-Cola

EVERY DOUBLE PLAY THURSDAY
\$2 Hot Dogs, Sodas & Yuengling
resented by Yuengling, Coca-Cola & Kicker 108

JULY 3 Independence Day
Fireworks Extravaganza
presented by Merit Health Biloxi

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

HOME	AWAY	1 PNS	2 PNS	3 PNS	4 PNS
5 PNS	6	7 TNS 6:35PM	8 TNS 6:35PM	9 TNS 6:35PM	10 TNS 6:35PM
11 TNS 6:35PM	13	14 CHA	15 CHA	16 CHA	17 CHA
18 CHA	19 CHA	20	21 PNS 6:35PM	22 PNS 6:35PM	23 PNS 6:35PM
24 PNS 6:35PM	25 PNS 6:35PM	26 MIS 6:35PM	27 MIS 6:35PM	28 MIS 6:35PM	29 MIS 6:35PM

RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW

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MINUTES
City of Biloxi CDBG Entitlement Program Public Hearing
2022 CDBG Action Plan
5:30 pm Tuesday, May 24, 2022

At 5:30 p.m., Susan Pickich, Biloxi Federal Programs Manager, opened the first CDBG Public Hearing regarding development of the 2022 Action Plan, a component of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The hearing was held in the City of Biloxi Community Development Department auditorium, located at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in downtown Biloxi. A copy of the sign-in sheet and agenda packet is attached to these minutes.

Ms Pickich welcomed those present and asked everyone to be sure to sign in and pick up an agenda packet; she then introduced Councilman Tisdale and Grace Aaron, consultant.

Ms Pickich reviewed the items on the agenda, presenting an overview of the CDBG Entitlement Program and CDBG resources available to fund Program Year 2022 projects. She directed attention to page 4 of the agenda packet, presenting proposed projects for PY2022. Mr. Moore asked if the City had any grant funds available to assist with developing a grocery store co-op in East Biloxi. Ms Pickich explained the City had budgeted PY2019 CDBG funds for an East Biloxi small business forgivable loan program but since no applications were received - in spite of considerable public outreach - the funds were reallocated to another CDBG project. Ms Pickich recommended that Mr. Moore meet with Mayor Gilich or Gerald Blessey to ask about the Biloxi Main Street area grant program.

Mr. Moore said he'd met with the Mayor about the proposed project, explaining that Phase 1 will involve construction of an approximately 7,000 s.f. building on the northeast corner of Division and Caillavet that will include some lease space for vendors. Membership in the co-op is \$100 and, when asked about the project area to be served, he identified White Avenue as the western border, bound by Back Bay to the north and east and the Mississippi Sound to the south. Mr. Moore said a market study had been conducted for a study area that extended to Debuys Road.

Ms Pickich again recommended that Mr. Moore meet with someone with the Biloxi Main Street Program about available grant assistance as well as with Beverly Martin, the Harrison County supervisor representing the project area. Mr. Jackson asked about availability of American Rescue Act funds for the co-op project, which Ms Pickich said her office was not involved with. Ms Pickich indicated Supervisor Martin may have information about that, also. Mr. Jackson invited all present to a June 2 Community Action Meeting for the Resilient East Biloxi Redevelopment Project that will include discussion of the co-op project.

Ms Pickich thanked Mr. Moore and Mr. Jackson and asked if there were any questions or comments about information in the agenda packet. There being none, she turned the floor over to Ms Aaron, who reviewed additional opportunities residents and other interested parties have to participate in developing the 2022 Action Plan. She explained that on June 23, the draft 2022 Action Plan will be posted for public review on the City's website and hard copies will be available for public review at City Hall, the Community Development Department, the Biloxi Housing Authority Administrative Offices, and

all branches of the Biloxi Library. She encouraged those present to review the draft document and provide written comments to the City prior to the July 25 deadline.

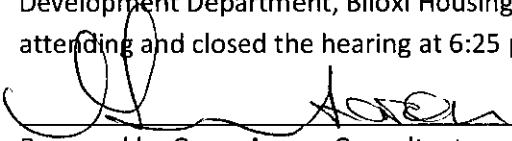
Reminding those present of the 15% cap on public services, Ms Pickich indicated that the City anticipated budgeting up to \$70,000 for those activities. She said that by the June 22 public hearing, review of the applications would be complete and that she anticipated the Mayor's recommendations for funding would be announced. Mr. Moore asked if the co-op project would eligible to apply for the public services funds and Ms Pickich explained that they are limited to nonprofits that provide a high priority community service or program during that specific program year that directly benefits eligible residents of Biloxi, such as affordable daycare services provided by Moore Community House.

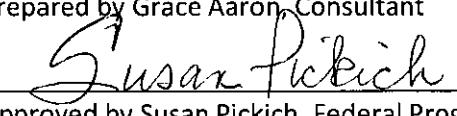
The representative from the Biloxi Boys and Girls Club stated they would be applying to the City for CDBG public service funds and Ms Pickich reminded her that the deadline is June 1. She asked the BBGC representative to speak with her following the hearing if she had questions about the application or review process.

Councilman Tisdale provided information about development of the City's fiscal year 2022-2023 budget and timeframe, recommending that those who planned to ask for City support should contact the City prior to July. The BBGC representative said their proposed new facility also will be developed in phases as funds become available, with a Phase 3 gymnasium anticipated to be constructed in 2024.

Ms Washington asked if any City funds were budgeted to renovate private property on Main Street north of the CSX Railroad tracks. Ms Pickich stated that she could only address questions regarding use of the City's CDBG funds and that unless renovation of a privately-owned building resulted in the direct creation of jobs or housed a public activity that was open to the public during regular business hours, it would not be eligible for CDBG assistance. Ms Aaron suggested that the Mississippi Department of Archives and History may have funds available to help preserve buildings with local historic significance and also suggested Ms Washington to check with the Mississippi Heritage Trust.

There being no additional questions or comments, Ms Pickich reminded everyone that a second CDBG public hearing is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on June 22, in the same location, and that the public review draft of the 2022 Action Plan will be posted on the City's website as well as at City Hall, the Community Development Department, Biloxi Housing Authority and Biloxi Libraries. She thanked everyone for attending and closed the hearing at 6:25 p.m.


Prepared by Grace Aaron, Consultant


Approved by Susan Pickich, Federal Programs Manager

6/3/22
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CITY OF BILOXI
2022 CDBG ACTION PLAN
PUBLIC HEARING
5:30 PM TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022

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AGENDA
City of Biloxi Public Hearing
2022 CDBG Action Plan
5:30 pm Tuesday, May 24, 2022

I. Introductions and Welcome

II. Purpose of Hearing & CDBG Entitlement Program Overview

III. 2022 Action Plan Planning and Development

Deadline for Public Service Applications	Wed., June 1
Public Hearing #2	5:30 p.m., Wed., June 22
Public Review Draft 2022 Action Plan Available	Thurs., June 23
30-Day Public Comment Period Ends	4 p.m., Mon., July 25
City Council 2022 Action Plan Approval/Adoption	Tues., August 2
Submit to HUD	before Fri., August 12

IV. 2022 Program Year Anticipated CDBG Resources and Proposed Expenditures

HUD has allocated \$415,164 in PY2022 CDBG funds to the City of Biloxi. Based on prior years, the City anticipates it will generate program income of about \$175,784 during PY2022. At this time, the amount of entitlement funds and program income that previously was allocated but unexpended is estimated to be approximately \$57,512, which will be carried forward and budgeted for use in PY2022. **Any additional CDBG funds carried over for use in PY2022 will be budgeted for the East Biloxi East-West Neighborhood Access Road Project, Phase II.**

V. Citizen Participation

Oral and/or written comments you have concerning the City of Biloxi's housing and/or non-housing community development needs are invited and will be considered during development of the 2022 Action Plan. Written comments may be submitted until 4 p.m., Mon., July 25, 2022. Please see page 4 for information about where to submit written comments.

VI. Conclusion

Information about the City of Biloxi's CDBG Entitlement Program is available on the City of Biloxi website: www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/

CDBG FACT SHEET
2022 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN
FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

Summary

The 2022 One-Year Action Plan is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that is designed to develop a coordinated and cooperative effort to identify housing, community development and supportive housing needs of the City of Biloxi. The Action Plan is based on prioritized needs and strategies for meeting those needs identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Both the Action Plan and Consolidated Plan are designed by HUD to consolidate the planning and application requirements of four HUD formula grant programs:

1. The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
2. Home Investment Partnerships (HOME)
3. Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA)
4. Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

The three broad goals of these four HUD programs are as follows:

1. To provide decent housing;
2. To provide a suitable living environment; and
3. To expand economic opportunities.

Community Development Block Grant Program

Biloxi is an entitlement city under the rules of HUD's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and as such, receives an annual allocation of funding, which in Program Year 2022 is \$415,164. Biloxi does not receive an annual allocation of funds under the HOPWA, ESG or HOME programs but must work with other agencies to compete for funding from the programs.

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Availability of Information

Information concerning the Action Plan, the Consolidated Plan, the Assessment of Fair Housing/Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program are available for public review at the Biloxi Federal Programs Manager's Office, located at 214-A Delauney Street in downtown Biloxi, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

National Objectives of Community Development Block Grant Program

1. Projects that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A project or activity will be considered to principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons if it is designed to meet identified needs of low- and moderate-income persons.
2. Projects that prevent or eliminate slums or blight.
3. Projects designed to meet needs having a particular urgency.

PROJECTS MUST MEET AT LEAST ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE NATIONAL OBJECTIVES.

Examples of Basic Eligible Activities for the CDBG Program

1. Acquisition of property for a public purpose.
2. Public facilities infrastructure improvements including water improvements, wastewater improvements, solid waste improvements, streets and storm drainage improvements, etc.
3. Urgent needs and emergency grants to address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.
4. Interim assistance requiring immediate action to alleviate emergency conditions.
5. Relocation payment and assistance for permanently or temporarily displaced individuals, families, businesses and organizations, and reimbursement for loss of rental income incurred in holding housing units to be utilized by relocation of individuals and families displaced by program activities.
6. Special economic development activities.
7. Public services to address high priority unmet community needs.

2022 Anticipated CDBG Resources	
Entitlement Allocation	\$415,164
Estimated Program Income	175,784
Estimated carryover (previously budgeted but unexpended entitlement allocations and program income)	57,512
Anticipated TOTAL:	\$648,460

2022 Anticipated CDBG Expenditures	
Program Administration (20% HUD cap)	
Administration – costs to implement the program in compliance with federal regulations and policies that may include a % of salary and consultant fees for program administration; legal and environmental review services; Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice implementation; and other eligible costs	\$100,000
Public Services Activities (15% HUD cap)	
Agencies to be determined through application process	\$ 70,000
Capital Projects	
Design and implement East Biloxi East-West Neighborhood Access Road Phase II (Hopkins Boulevard to Porter Avenue)	\$478,460*
Anticipated TOTAL:	\$648,460

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**CITY OF BILOXI CDBG ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM
2022 ACTION PLAN COMMENT FORM**

The City of Biloxi is in the process of developing its 2022 Action Plan in compliance with regulatory requirements and the City's Citizen Participation Plan. Comments concerning the housing and/or non-housing community development needs of Biloxi are invited and will be considered during this process.

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Organization Represented (if applicable) _____

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presented by Margaritaville Resort Biloxi

MAY 14 Shuck Yeah Saturday
Amazing Tyler & Poster Giveaway
presented by Mele Printing

MAY 24 T-Shirt Tuesday Giveaway
presented by US Air Force
331st Recruiting Squadron

MAY 27 Fireworks Friday
presented by Island View Casino

MAY 14 Shuck Yeah Saturday
Memorial Day Weekend & Surprise Giveaway
presented by Beau Rivage Resort & Casino

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RELATIVE TO THE CITY OF BILOXI'S
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April is Fair Housing Month, an opportunity to celebrate the 54th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act that became law in 1968. Through its fair housing educational outreach efforts, the City of Biloxi affirmatively furthers fair housing for its residents.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of housing because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and sexual harassment), familial status, and disability.

Those who believe they have experienced discrimination may file a complaint by contacting the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at (800) 669-9777. Housing discrimination complaints also may be filed by going to hud.gov/fairhousing.



**THÔNG BÁO CÔNG KHAI
THÔNG BÁO VỀ TÍNH KHẢ DỤNG CỦA THÔNG TIN
SO VỚI THÀNH PHỐ BILOXI
KẾ HOẠCH HÀNH ĐỘNG MỘT NĂM 2022**

Thông báo được đưa ra rằng thông tin liên quan đến việc lập kế hoạch, phát triển và thực hiện Thành phần Kế hoạch hành động một năm 2022 của Biloxi của Kế hoạch hợp nhất 2020-2024 cho Chương trình quyền lợi khối phát triển cộng đồng (CDBG), có sẵn để xem xét theo yêu cầu của Bộ Phát triển Nhà ở và Đô thị Hoa Kỳ.

Thông tin và tài liệu có sẵn để xem xét bao gồm nhưng không giới hạn ở những điều sau đây:

- Nội quy và quy định chương trình chung CDBG;
- Kế hoạch tham gia của công dân; và
- Một kế hoạch hỗ trợ chống di dời và tái định cư dân cư cho thành phố Biloxi.

Thông tin được liệt kê ở trên và các hồ sơ khác liên quan đến Kế hoạch hợp nhất 2020-2024 và Kế hoạch hành động năm 2022 có sẵn tại Phòng Kỹ thuật của Thành phố Biloxi nằm ở 214-A Delauney Street ở Downtown Biloxi trong khoảng thời gian từ 8:00 sáng.m đến 4:00 chiều.m, Thứ Hai-Thứ Sáu. Thông tin liên quan đến kế hoạch của Kế hoạch hành động năm 2022 có sẵn cho công chúng trong khoảng thời gian ít nhất năm (5) năm.

Thông tin về Chương trình CDBG của Biloxi cũng có thể được tìm thấy tại <http://www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/>

Tháng Tư là Tháng Nhà ở Công bằng, một cơ hội để kỷ niệm 54 năm Đạo luật Nhà ở Công bằng đã trở thành luật vào năm 1968. Thông qua các nỗ lực tiếp cận giáo dục nhà ở công bằng, Thành phố Biloxi khẳng định tiếp tục nhà ở công bằng cho cư dân của mình.

Đạo luật Nhà ở Công bằng cấm phân biệt đối xử trong việc bán hoặc cho thuê nhà ở vì chủng tộc, màu da, nguồn gốc quốc gia, tôn giáo, giới tính (bao gồm giới tính, bản dạng giới, khuynh hướng tình dục và quấy rối tình dục), tình trạng gia đình và khuyết tật.

Những người tin rằng họ đã trải qua sự phân biệt đối xử có thể nộp đơn khiếu nại bằng cách liên hệ với Văn phòng Nhà ở Công bằng và Cơ hội Bình đẳng của Bộ Nhà ở và Phát triển Đô thị Hoa Kỳ theo số (800) 669-9777. Khiếu nại phân biệt đối xử về nhà ở cũng có thể được nộp bằng cách đến nhà ở hud.gov/fair.



**AVISO PÚBLICO
AVISO DE DISPONIBILIDAD DE INFORMACIÓN
RELATIVO A LA CIUDAD DE BILOXI'S
PLAN DE ACCIÓN UNENUAL 2022**

Por la presente se notifica que la información relativa a la planificación, el desarrollo y la implementación del Componente del Plan de Acción de Un Año 2022 de Biloxi del Plan Consolidado 2020-2024 para el Programa de Derechos de Subvención en Bloque de Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG), está disponible para su revisión según lo requiera el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos.

La información y los documentos disponibles para su revisión incluyen, entre otros, los siguientes:

- Reglas y Regulaciones Generales del Programa CDBG;
- Plan de Participación Ciudadana; y
- Un Plan de Asistencia Residencial contra el Desplazamiento y la Reubicación para la Ciudad de Biloxi.

La información enumerada anteriormente y otros registros relativos al Plan Consolidado 2020-2024 y el Plan de Acción 2022 están disponibles en el Departamento de Ingeniería de la Ciudad de Biloxi ubicado en 214-A Delauney Street en el centro de Biloxi entre las horas de 8:00 a.m. y 4:00 p.m., de lunes a viernes. La información relativa a la planificación del Plan de Acción 2022 está disponible para el público durante un período de al menos cinco (5) años.

La información sobre el Programa CDBG de Biloxi también se puede encontrar en <http://www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/>

Abril es el Mes de la Vivienda Justa, una oportunidad para celebrar el 54^{aniversario} de la Ley de Vivienda Justa que se convirtió en ley en 1968. A través de sus esfuerzos de alcance educativo de vivienda justa, la Ciudad de Biloxi promueve afirmativamente la vivienda justa para sus residentes.

La Ley de Vivienda Justa prohíbe la discriminación en la venta o alquiler de viviendas debido a la raza, el color, el origen nacional, la religión, el sexo (incluido el género, la identidad de género, la orientación sexual y el acoso sexual), el estado familiar y la discapacidad.

Aquellos que creen que han experimentado discriminación pueden presentar una queja comunicándose con la Oficina de Vivienda Justa e Igualdad de Oportunidades del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos al (800) 669-9777. Las quejas de discriminación en la vivienda también se pueden presentar yendo a hud.gov/fair vivienda.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
2022 CDBG Action Plan
9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 9, 2022
Consultation Meeting Minutes

Kristin Greger, Biloxi Community Rating System (CRS) Coordinator, attended the 9:30 a.m. consultation meeting for agencies with primary responsibility for Emergency Management/Hazard Mitigation, Management of Flood Prone Areas, Public Land or Water Resources. Susan Pickich, Biloxi Federal Programs Manager, and Grace Aaron, Consultant, also were present.

Ms Pickich thanked Ms Greger for attending and explained the purpose of the meeting, referring to the agenda packet that included a CDBG Fact Sheet. They discussed the City's current CRS rating, which is a voluntary incentive program to encourage local floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum federal requirements. Ms Greger confirmed that the City's currently rated a Class 6, basically because of recent changes in the national program's requirements. She agreed with Ms Aaron that the CRS program has directly benefited Biloxi residents through reductions in flood insurance premium rates and also in terms of reducing flood risks for residents.

Ms Greger explained that changes made in 2021 to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) are only now coming to the attention of many Biloxi residents because policies renewing on or after April 1, 2022 are subject to a new risk rating methodology that factors in a property's distance to a flooding source – regarding of the property's elevation – which likely will result in flood insurance premium increases for most Biloxi property owners. NFIP's new pricing methodology, nicknamed "Risk Rating 2.0," is based on a unique flood risk profile for each individual property to "ensure any rate increases or decreases are uniform and equitable" across the nation.

When asked about MEMA's revised organizational structure in terms the City of Biloxi's responsibilities for hazard mitigation planning, Ms Greger said that there currently is a countywide, approved plan in place but that the next update may be prepared at the MEMA district level with input provided by local municipalities and counties.

There being no other comments or questions, Ms Pickich thanked Ms Greger for her input and invited her to continue participating in development of the 2022 Action Plan, then ended the meeting.

Prepared By



Approved By



Date

6/13/22

Date

6/14/22

City of Biloxi
2022 CDBG Action Plan Consultations
Management of Flood Prone Areas, Public Land, Water, Air and Emergency/Hazard Mitigation
9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 9, 2022



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Development of the 2022 CDBG Action Plan

9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 9, 2022

I. Introductions and Welcome - Susan Pickich, Federal Programs Division Manager
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III. Consultation with Those Primarily Responsible for Emergency Management/Hazard Mitigation, Management of Flood Prone Areas, Public Land or Water Resources

Your input today regarding emergency management or management of flood prone areas, public land or water resources is appreciated and information you provide will be incorporated into the City's 2022 CDBG Action Plan. Please see the next page for other opportunities to provide oral and written input.

IV. Conclusion

Information about the City of Biloxi's CDBG Entitlement Program is available on the City of Biloxi website: www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/

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- **Federal Flood Insurance** – new pricing methodology “Risk Rating 2.0” based on a unique flood risk profile for each individual property to “ensure any rate increases or decreases are uniform and equitable.”
- **Community Rating System** – voluntary incentive program to encourage local floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum federal requirements. Confirm/correct City of Biloxi is a Class 5
Insurance discounts now apply to all residents, not just those in the special flood hazard area. However, the discount doesn't apply until the full risk rate is achieved.

Existing policyholders may transfer their flood insurance discounts to a new owner with the sale of the property.

Biloxi & Keesler AFB- online storm and flood information with links to more resources (especially for new residents)

Evacuation Routes & Shelters

- **Climate change – increased frequency & severity of storms/hurricanes**

2022: 7th year in a row for an “above normal” hurricane season with 19 named storms and nine hurricanes (four major) predicted

Increased heat – heat warnings, day shelters

new Climate and Health Outlook from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Climate Change and Health Equity and CDC report on Heat Response Plans - steps emergency managers and health officials can take to develop and implement measures to protect residents

Certain populations with limited resources may have restricted access to information on heat illness prevention, cool indoor environments, and government programs that provide critical support. (resources on heat illness prevention from the National Integrated Heat Health Information System (NIHHIS) and CDC websites)

- **Hazard Mitigation** – City of Biloxi Nicholaus Geiser, Fire Chief & Emergency Manager

FEMA Definition of Hazard Mitigation: “Any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from hazards.” Natural & manmade (terrorism, chemical spill)

MEMA District 9 Region includes the counties of George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, and Stone. MEMA District 9 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan DRAFT – February 2017 – is final document available?

Is the City covered by an approved mitigation plan, so it is eligible to apply for mitigation grant funds? FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program, Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) and Repetitive Flood Claim (RFC) Programs

green space to balance reduced tree canopy

- **Public Land and Water Resources Management** – Harrison County Utility Authority

MDEQ – Air Division - controls, prevents and abates air pollution to achieve compliance with air emission regulations pursuant to the MS Air and Water Pollution Control Act, applicable regulations promulgated by the U.S. EPA and the federal Clean Air Act.

Water Division – Beach Monitoring Program – manages quality & quantity of State's water bodies - coordinates use of ground and surface water resources of the state to satisfy desired water needs. Ensures use, storage, allocation, and management of water resources is accomplished to the fullest extent possible; and, that water pumped and impounded in MS complies with applicable permit regulations.

Land –enforces regs/programs for reduction, reuse, recycling, management and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes to protects MS's water and air resources

Office of Restoration – implements/manages projects from 3 main BP Oil Spill funding sources— Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA), RESTORE Act & the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

Secretary of State - Public Lands Division – Tidelands management

MDMR – recreational & commercial fishing, marine patrol, Coastal preserves mgt, invasive species monitoring, wetlands permitting, restoration & resiliency

wetlands - enhance community resiliency, biodiversity, etc

Gulf of Mexico Alliance Coastal Resilience Team focuses on regional ability to respond to natural and manmade hazards (**no info on GOMA resilience team page**)

- Barrier Islands, national/state parks

Engineering Department
Federal Programs Division
Susan Pickich, Federal Programs Mgr.
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May 26, 2022



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Dear Community Leader:

The City of Biloxi is beginning the process of developing its 2022 Action Plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program. As you represent an agency responsible for managing a public resource, such as water or public land, or mitigating damage from flooding and other hazards, your input is especially important to development of this plan. Please join us for a CDBG Consultation Meeting scheduled at **9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 9, 2022** in the **Community Development Conference Room** in the Biloxi Community Development Department located at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

Biloxi's 2022 Action Plan is being prepared in compliance with HUD regulations for the CDBG Entitlement Program, which has three basic goals for use of the funds. They must primarily benefit low-to moderate-income persons by providing decent housing; providing suitable living environments; and expanding economic opportunities.

The plan development process offers stakeholders, such as your organization, opportunity to work with public and private agencies, nonprofit organizations, residents and others to identify strategies and programs to address the City's housing and community development needs.

The One-Year Action Plan will include projects and a budget for Program Year (PY) 2022 CDBG Entitlement resources that includes a HUD allocation of \$415,164 and estimated program income of \$175,784, based on previous years' resources. The City does not receive an allocation for HUD's HOME, ESG or HOPWA Programs but must compete for that funding.

If you are not available to participate in the June 9th CDBG Consultation Meeting, the enclosure identifies other opportunities for you or your representative to provide input about Biloxi's housing and community development needs, priorities and strategies for addressing them.

Please do not hesitate to email Susan Pickich, Federal Programs Manager, or me if you have any questions or would like to schedule an individual consultation meeting on a different date. Additional information about the City's CDBG Entitlement Program is available online at www.biloxi.ms.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Grace Aaron".

Grace Aaron, Biloxi CDBG Consultant
graceinbiloxi@gmail.com

cc: Susan Pickich
enclosure

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4 p.m.

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6 p.m., City Hall

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June 9 consultation meeting

Primarily responsible for management of flood prone areas, public lands, water, air, emergency & hazard mitigation planning Biloxi/Harrison County

James Davis, Coastal Preserves
MS Dept of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Avenue
Biloxi, MS 39530

City of Biloxi:
Ed Shambra, Planner
Rick Stickler, Floodplain Manager
Kristin Greger, CRM Coordinator

Harrison County Utility Authority
10271 Express Drive
Gulfport, MS 39503

Michael Watson
Office of MS Secretary of State
1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 120
Biloxi, MS 39530

Land Trust for the MS Coastal Plain
P.O. Box 245
Biloxi, MS 39533

Harrison Co. Emergency Mgt
Agency
Matt Stratton, EMA Director
1801 23rd Avenue
Gulfport, MS 39501

Jennifer Wittmann, Coastal
Resources Mgt
MDMR
1141 Bayview Ave
Biloxi, MS 39530

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P.O. Box 2261
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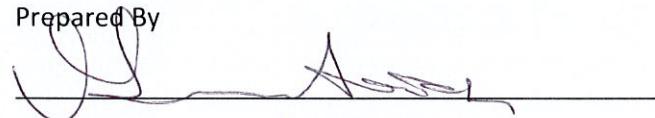
Kay Miller, Chair of the Mayor's Disability Awareness Committee, and Director of the Biloxi Main Street Program, attended the 9:30 a.m. consultation meeting for agencies representing protected classes under the Fair Housing Act and those who work to help enforce the Act. Susan Pickich, Biloxi Federal Programs Manager, and Grace Aaron, Consultant, also were present.

Ms Pickich thanked Ms Miller for attending and explained the purpose of the meeting, referring to the agenda packet that included a CDBG Fact Sheet. They discussed Table I.2 of the City of Biloxi- Biloxi Housing Authority Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice that identifies Fair Housing Issues, Contributing Factors and Recommended Actions.

Ms Miller asked if any CDBG funds were available for façade grants in the East Biloxi area. Ms Pickich explained that 2019 CDBG resources had been budgeted for a second façade grant program but – in spite of considerable one-on-one community outreach – no one submitted an application. Ms Aaron said that on at least two occasions, the City had scheduled meetings to assist interested businesses in applying for the grants.

They then discussed the East Biloxi East-West Access Road Project, Phase 2, which will benefit the majority low- to moderate-income neighborhood between the Howard Avenue and Division Street commercial corridors. Ms Miller agreed that maintaining neighborhood access to emergency services was important and that it sounded like a much-needed project in light of proposed railroad crossing closures.

There being no other comments or questions, Ms Pickich once again thanked Ms Miller for her input and invited her to continue participating in development of the 2022 Action Plan, then ended the meeting.

Prepared By


Date
6/2/22

Approved By


Date
6/3/22

City of Biloxi
2022 CDBG Action Plan Consultations
Fair Housing Act Agency Representatives for Protected Classes & Those Working to Enforce It
9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 2, 2022



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City of Biloxi and Biloxi Housing Authority

Statewide Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, summarized by the Mississippi Home

Corporation

July 2021

In 2019, the Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) in collaboration with the state's other 57 entitlement entities – including the City of Biloxi and Biloxi Housing Authority - completed the nation's first ever statewide comprehensive Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice assessment (AI) to better identify impediments to fair housing choices statewide.

MHC's determined approach was to more effectively and efficiently incorporate into planning processes the duty to affirmatively further the purposes and policies of the Fair Housing Act, which not only prohibits discrimination but, in conjunction with other statutes, directs HUD's program participants to take significant actions to overcome historic patterns of segregation, achieve truly balanced and integrated living patterns, promote fair housing choice, and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination.

A prioritization of the contributing factors identified for each fair housing issue and a justification for the prioritization was established in each jurisdiction. In prioritizing such factors, program participants gave highest priority to those factors that limit or deny fair housing choices and access to opportunity, or negatively impact fair housing or civil rights compliance.

Each of the partners in conjunction with MHC held a Fair Housing Public Input meeting. This created an opportunity for the public to provide commentary about fair housing issues impacting their communities. MHC facilitated 36 of the state's 64 Fair Housing Public Input meetings statewide with an estimated 1,000 people in attendance. Participants at statewide public meetings were able to paint a better picture describing locations where disparities in access to opportunity were experienced.

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Table I.2
Fair Housing Issues, Contributing Factors, and Recommended Actions

Fair Housing Issues/ Impediments	Contributing Factors	Recommended Actions to be Taken	Responsible Agency
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Publicly Supported Housing	Insufficient affordable housing in a range of unit sizes Insufficient accessible affordable housing Lack of Resources	<p>Research and seek out additional funding opportunities for publicly supported housing options on an ongoing basis</p>	Biloxi Housing Authority City of Biloxi
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Federal Programs Division
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May 19, 2022

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Grace Aaron".

Grace Aaron, Biloxi CDBG Consultant
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cc: Susan Pickich
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**Rep.s of protected class members &
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June 2 consultation meeting

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Tina Ross Seamans, Executive Director of the Biloxi Bay Area Chamber of Commerce (BBACC), attended the 9:30 a.m. consultation meeting regarding Broadband Service Providers and Those Working to Narrow the Digital Divide. Susan Pickich, Biloxi Federal Programs Manager, and Grace Aaron, Consultant, also were present.

Ms Pickich explained the purpose of the meeting and thanked Mrs. Seamans for attending. They discussed the agenda items and gave examples of how the City of Biloxi previously used CDBG Entitlement Program resources. As an example of a successful CDBG project, they discussed East Biloxi East-West Access Road Project, Phases 1 and 2. Mrs. Seamans stated that the Phase 1 section of the new road was a “definite improvement in the neighborhood” where she grew up. She agreed that preserving and improving neighborhoods, especially in lower income areas, is important for the community as well as for residents in the project area.

Mrs. Seamans said the Chamber relies on reliable and affordable broadband Internet services in Biloxi for numerous Chamber activities, from providing regular membership services throughout each year to scheduling ribbon cuttings and promoting new businesses. She explained how the Chamber’s numerous monthly information “blasts” that are emailed to general members, committees and special projects volunteers are much more cost effective and efficient than using the U.S. Postal Service. Being able to exchange a similar amount of information each month with hundreds of members would be impossible with her small staff if they didn’t have reliable broadband Internet access.

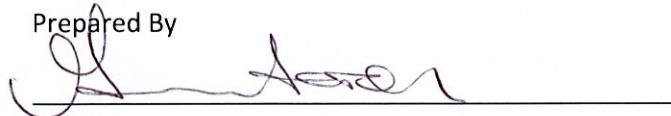
They then discussed how the Chamber supports efforts of the Biloxi Public School District and some other nonprofit members who work to narrow the digital divide in Biloxi. Mrs. Seamans said the pandemic emphasized how important it is for all residents to have access to the Internet since word-of-mouth communication was limited by state and local restrictions limiting the size of meetings and events in addition to social distancing mandates. She said that keeping track of children’s school assignments; changes in businesses’ operating hours; using restaurant and grocery store drive through/pick up services; and participating in healthcare virtual appointments relied on the Internet.

Ms Pickich invited Mrs. Seamans to continue sharing her input during development of the 2022 CDBG Action Plan, referring to the public participation schedule on the second page of the agenda packet and the comment sheet provided. There being no additional questions or comments, the meeting was concluded.

NOTE: Gregory Capranica, General Manager of Sparklight (broadband service provider) emailed that he would be out-of-state during the May consultation meeting. The May 2 letter of invitation mailed to Mr.

Capranica included a schedule identifying other citizen participation opportunities available to him to encourage his participation in developing Biloxi's 2022 Action Plan.

Prepared By



Date

5/20/22

Approved By



Date

5/28/22

City of Biloxi 2022 CDBG Action Plan

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- III. Broadband Service Providers and Those Working to Narrow the Digital Divide in Biloxi**
Your input today regarding broadband services in Biloxi and/or local efforts to narrow the digital divide in Biloxi and Gulf Coast region will be considered by the City in developing the 2022 CDBG Action Plan. Please see page 2 for other opportunities to provide oral and written input.
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AT&T download speeds up to 12 mbps 87% available in zip code 39530 - dsl

Earthlink download speeds up to 50 mbps 74% available - fiber

Sparklight download speeds up to 1000 mbps 99% available – cable

Viasat download speeds up to 100 mbps 99% available – satellite

HughesNet download speeds up to 25 mbps 99% available – Geo satellite

What is the “best” internet provider in Biloxi? (Source: <https://www.highspeedinternet.com>)

AT&T - Great value

EarthLink - Multiple service types available

Sparklight - 100% in home Wi-Fi coverage

Viasat - Widely available

HughesNet - Perfect for rural areas

Net neutrality is the principle that Internet service providers treat all data on the Internet the same and not discriminate or charge differently by user, content, website, platform, application, type of attached equipment, or method of communication.

Internet Network Management

Do network management tools or techniques target specific usages or applications or focus in a content-neutral manner on bandwidth usage in real time, with the goal of providing reasonable and equitable access to the network for all similarly situated customers?

Narrowing the Digital Divide in Biloxi

The Internet was developed for the “free exchange of ideas, information and knowledge.” It has simplified our lives by its ability to connect users to like-minded people, communities, shopping, healthcare services and information that is used to inform, enhance and entertain us.

The **digital divide** refers to the gap between those with regular, effective access to digital and information technology and those without this access. It encompasses both physical access to technology hardware and, more broadly, skills and resources which allow for its use. Research about access to and use of technology points to a digital gap or “divide” along the lines of location (rural vs urban), income, age and education. This is important because lack of access to affordable, regular, high-speed internet connections may negatively impacts lives.

Location

Nearly one-quarter of rural Americans say access to high-speed internet is a major problem where they live. (source: 2018 Pew Research Center survey “What Unites and Divides Urban, Suburban and Rural Communities”) A lack of available Internet access can have negative impacts on people’s health according to research that found rates for seven leading causes of death were higher in rural than urban communities. (source: *Health Affairs*, “Healthy People 2020: Rural Areas Lag in Achieving Targets for Major Causes of Death,” December 2019)

Income

Income is also a factor contributing to the “digital divide.” A 2019 Pew Research Center study identified that 44% of lower-income adults (those with annual household incomes less than \$30,000) didn’t have home broadband services. Nearly half (46%) of low-income Americans lacked a computer and 29% didn’t own a smartphone.

Like location, not being able to afford a computer or Internet connection service can negatively impact one’s health. For example, those who could not afford a computer or Internet connection services were not able to benefit from wider availability of “video visits” with physicians during the pandemic when in-office healthcare services were not always available. Without a computer or Internet access, lower-income people also may not have access to other telehealth services like remote monitoring at home using web-based or mobile devices that capture and deliver patient data in real time to clinicians at other locations.

Age and Education

The “digital divide” is not always created by lack of income or lack of availability of Internet access or problems in infrastructure in a certain geographic area, it also includes a divide that may be created by age and/or education. Without an interest in or exposure to computer technology, some people choose not to adapt to modern ways of accessing information and services or are overwhelmed by the speed of technological advances that require an openness to change.

Critical thinking and information analysis generally aren’t innate skills but are necessary to understand the ways that technology is used and how information is being communicated to the general public by the media and social media.

With Internet and media “filter bubbles,” it is becoming harder to distinguish between “real” news and “fake” news because of the content filters that exist when searching in Google, for example. Based on past searches, Internet information systems filter results based on a person’s interests or themes in online activity, catering to those interests and thus narrowing the online experience.

This can shape how people think because the Internet can limit information to skew it to reflect our opinions or values, based on our past on-line activity. We think we’re receiving unbiased information from unbiased sources but, in reality, we aren’t. Without applying critical thinking skills to burst the “filter bubbles,” most people don’t reflect on their digital presence and accept a narrowed perception of information sharing that re-enforces rather than breaks down biases, contributing to the gap

With the world adapting to the pandemic in many new ways, it also means that newer and better skills are expected from people doing any job in any walk of life. Regardless of where one lives, income, age or education, to be competitive everyone must keep up with the times and constantly keep learning and honing existing technology skills.

Some learn to upskill on an on-going basis; some switch jobs to lower-tech occupations; some learn to function in the modern world with minimum adaptation only when it’s absolutely necessary, but in all these cases there is choice involved. To minimize the gap between ever-changing technology, both private and public platforms will need to keep investing and developing digital ecosystems that create affordable and effective education and training programs at a larger scale that enables all who choose to participate in the digitally-driven modern world to do so, regardless of income or location.

Biloxi Residential Internet Coverage

As one of the biggest cities in Mississippi, Biloxi has a lot to offer its residents. This is a coastal city that has an extremely large military population. The internet offers residents ways to conduct business, study, stay entertained, and stay in contact with loved ones. **Overall, 100% of the city has one or more internet connection options.**

There is only one cable provider in Biloxi. Cable One Sparklight offers residential and business service in all of Biloxi, not to mention much of the city's outlying areas.

DSL has a lot in common with cable, particularly in terms of speed and price. If you're interested in a DSL plan, consider **AT&T**. The AT&T network in Biloxi reaches 92% of the city with various residential and business service options and extends into many local suburbs.

There is a third broadband business service provider option in this region, **OOMA Broadband**.

Biloxi Business Internet Coverage

Sparklight Broadband Internet Provider
786 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Biloxi, MS 39530

AT&T Broadband Internet Provider
2600 Beach Boulevard
Biloxi, MS 39530

OOMA Broadband Internet Provider
460 Briarwood Dr. Suite 400
Jackson, MS 39206

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- Roughly **29%** of Biloxi has access to fiber internet (2020?)
- **The Innovation Center** in Biloxi boosts the region's small business sector and helps local entrepreneurs thrive.
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- The average internet speed in Biloxi is **428 Mbps** ³
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- The median home price in Biloxi is **\$233,878** ⁵

Narrowing the Digital Divide

broadband service providers

Plus:

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City of Biloxi CDBG Entitlement Program Local Government Consultation

Name of Your Local Government: **Jackson County**

Contact Person **Nicole Grunel, Jackson Co Administrator's Office/Public Information Officer**

Mailing Address **P.O. Box 998 Pascagoula, MS 39568**

Telephone **228-769-3088**

1. Recognizing that **Jackson County** has common boundaries with the City of Biloxi, are there infrastructure problems that are common to both jurisdictions? _____

Water System:

Please contact the Jackson County Utility Authority and West Jackson County Utility District Sanitary

Please contact the Jackson County Utility Authority and West Jackson County Utility District Roads, Highways, Bridges

Roadway capacity is a problem in certain areas. A number of bridges are posted for weight limitations and roadside ditches in certain areas are insufficient.

2. Are there common economic development problems or needs that should be addressed?

X YES _____ If so, what are they?

404 Permitting with no defined timelines from the resource agencies is a significant challenge to recruiting and locating new investment in areas that have wetlands.

3. Are there common housing problems, needs or programs that should be discussed or addressed? X YES_ If so, what are they?

Extreme flood elevation requirements and high insurance rates.

4. Are there shared community issues that should be discussed, such as a regional approach to addressing and preventing homelessness, public transportation services improvements, etc.?

(cont. from #2) High cost of property/flood insurance coupled with flood elevation requirements hinder the MS Coast from retaining the workforce and the multiplier in our communities.

Thank you for your input!

Please return the completed questionnaire by May 20, 2022 to:

Grace Aaron, Consultant

135 Fayard Street

Biloxi, MS 39530

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May 2, 2022

Community & Public Service Agencies

Dear Community Partner:

As a representative of an organization whose input is important to the City of Biloxi, I am writing to invite and encourage your participation in development of the Biloxi 2022 CDBG Action Plan, a component of the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, as required for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Information relative to the 2022 Action Plan is available for public review in the Biloxi Federal Programs Office at 214-A Delauney Street in Biloxi, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. This information includes, but is not limited to:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program regulations;
- Citizen Participation Plan for the Consolidated Plan; and
- A Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for the City of Biloxi.

Please note that two **public hearings** regarding development and implementation of the 2022 Action Plan and are scheduled at **5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24 and Wednesday, June 22, 2022**, in the auditorium of the Biloxi Department of Community Development, located at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

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All Biloxi Library Branches	
Biloxi Housing Authority	330 Benachi Avenue

Written comments will be received until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2022, and may be delivered to the Biloxi Federal Programs Office located at 214-A Delauney Street; emailed to spickich@biloxi.ms.us; or mailed to Federal Programs Office P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533.

The Biloxi 2022 Action Plan will include a listing of activities, the amount of the City's annual CDBG entitlement allocation and an estimate of program income. On behalf of the City of Biloxi, I encourage you to attend the public hearings and/or provide your written input regarding the 2022 Action Plan.

Sincerely,

Susan Pickich
Federal Programs Manager

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Biloxi, MS 39531

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Mayor's Disabilities
Awareness Committee

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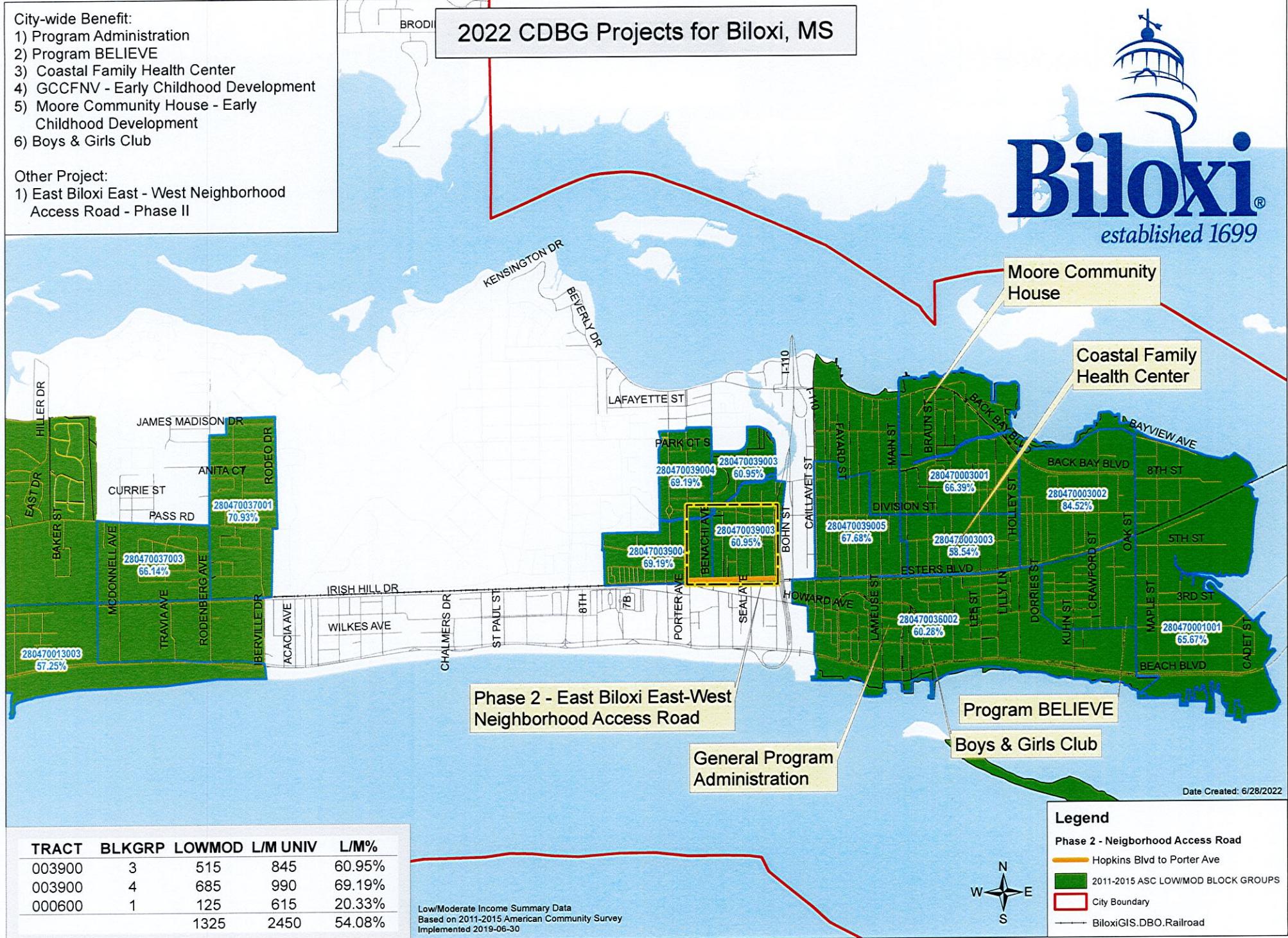
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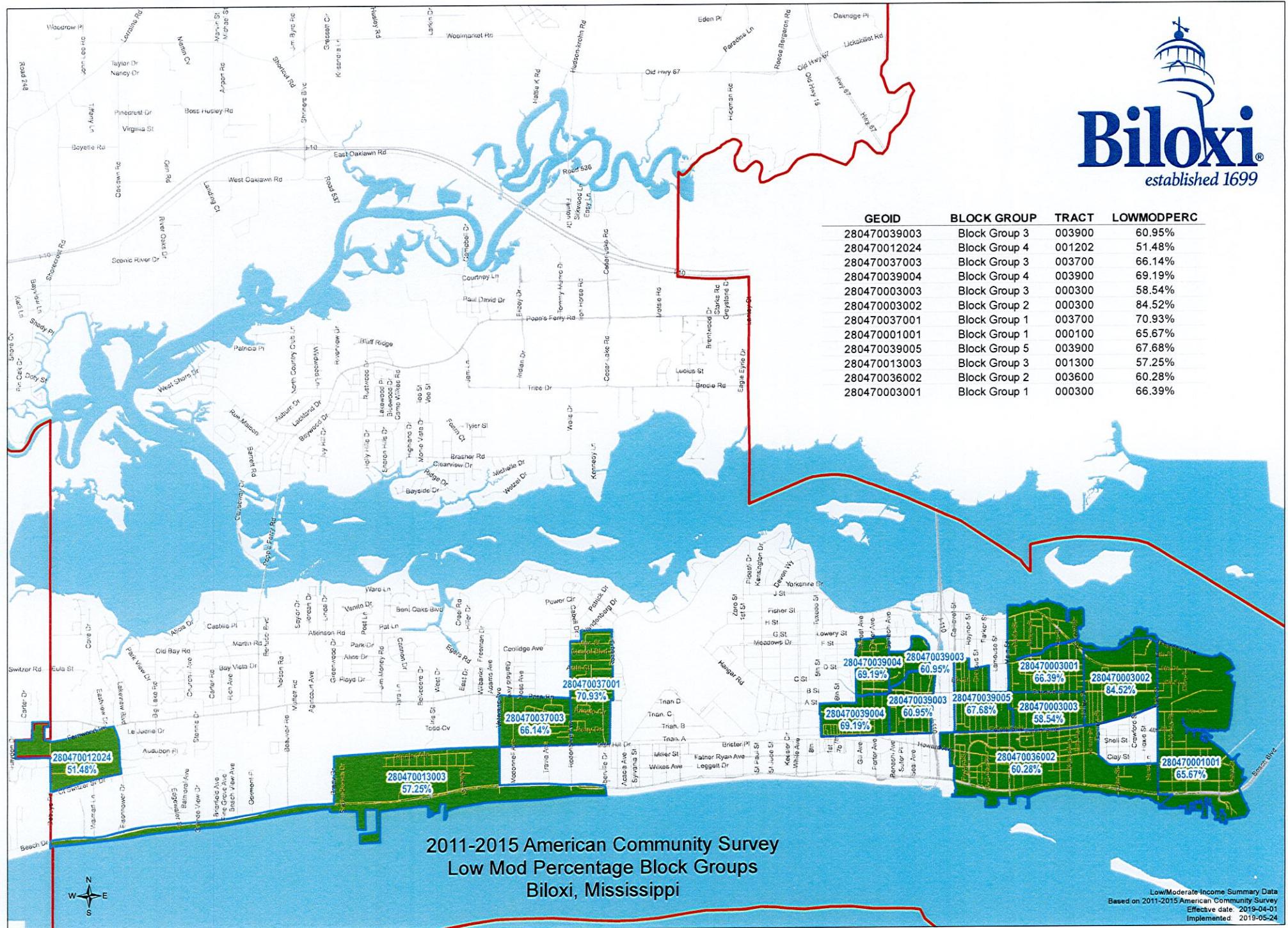
City-wide Benefit:	
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2)	Program BELIEVE
3)	Coastal Family Health Center
4)	GCCFNV - Early Childhood Development
5)	Moore Community House - Early Childhood Development
6)	Boys & Girls Club
Other Project:	
1)	East Biloxi East - West Neighborhood Access Road - Phase II

2022 CDBG Projects for Biloxi, MS

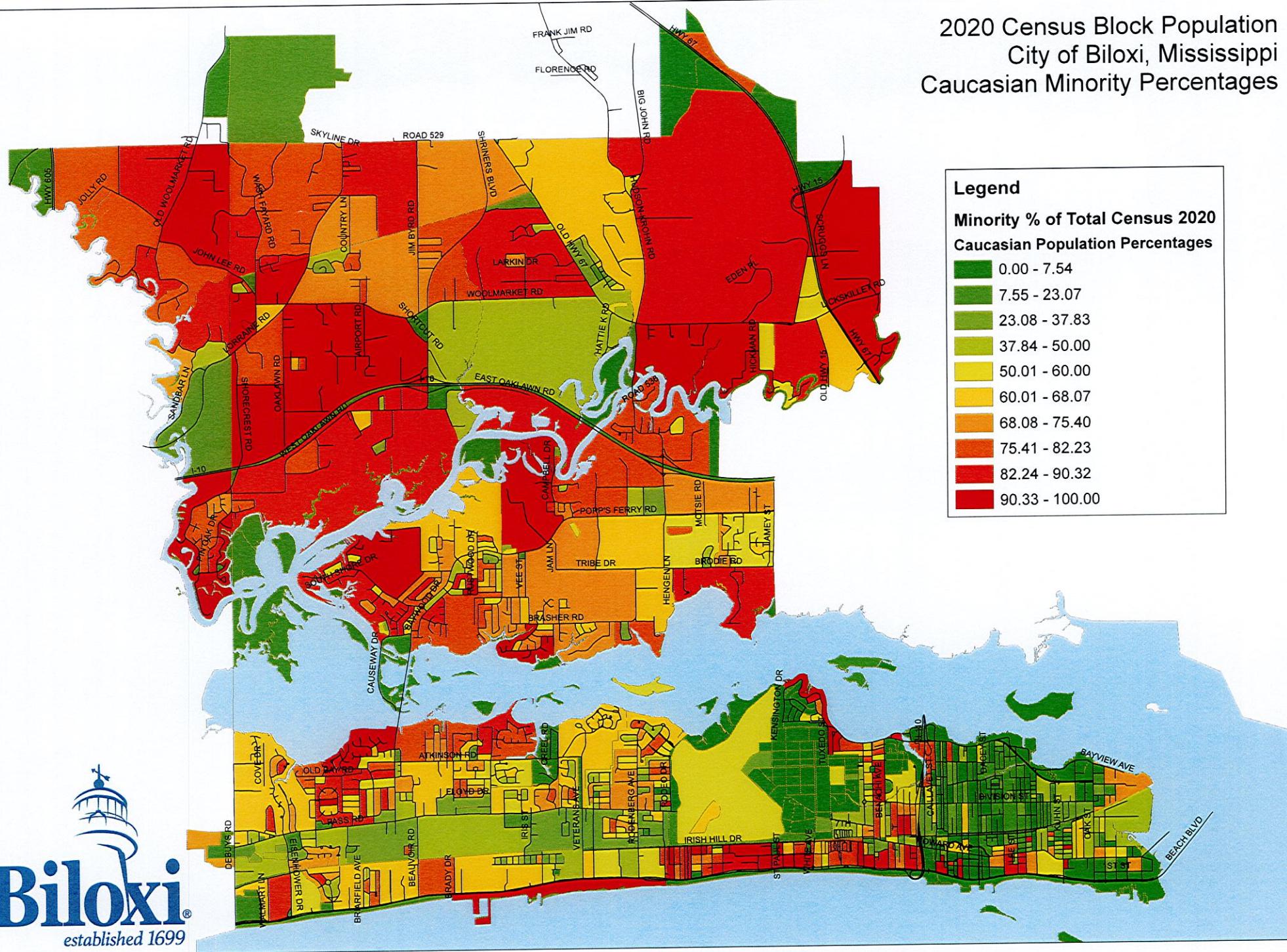




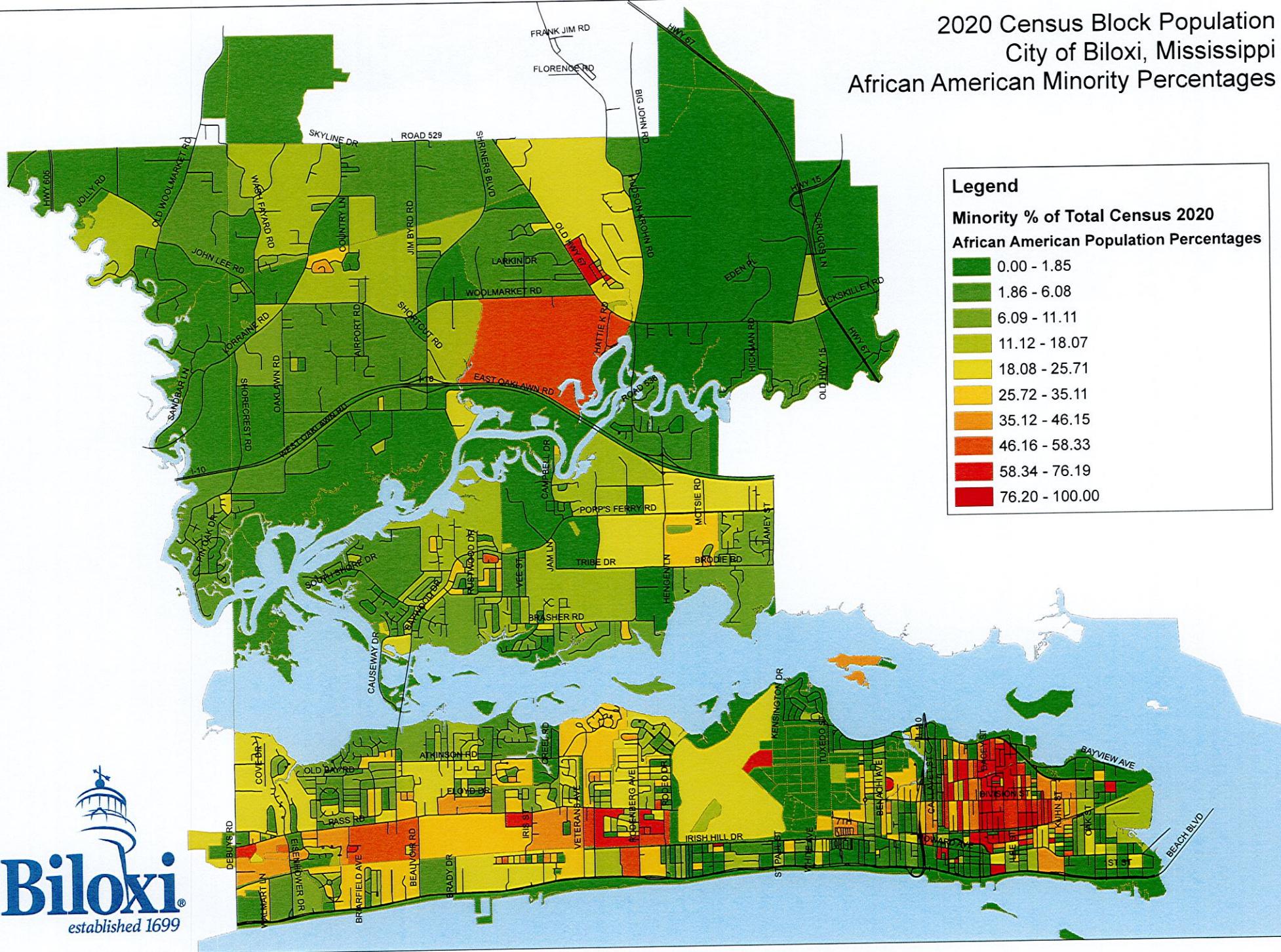
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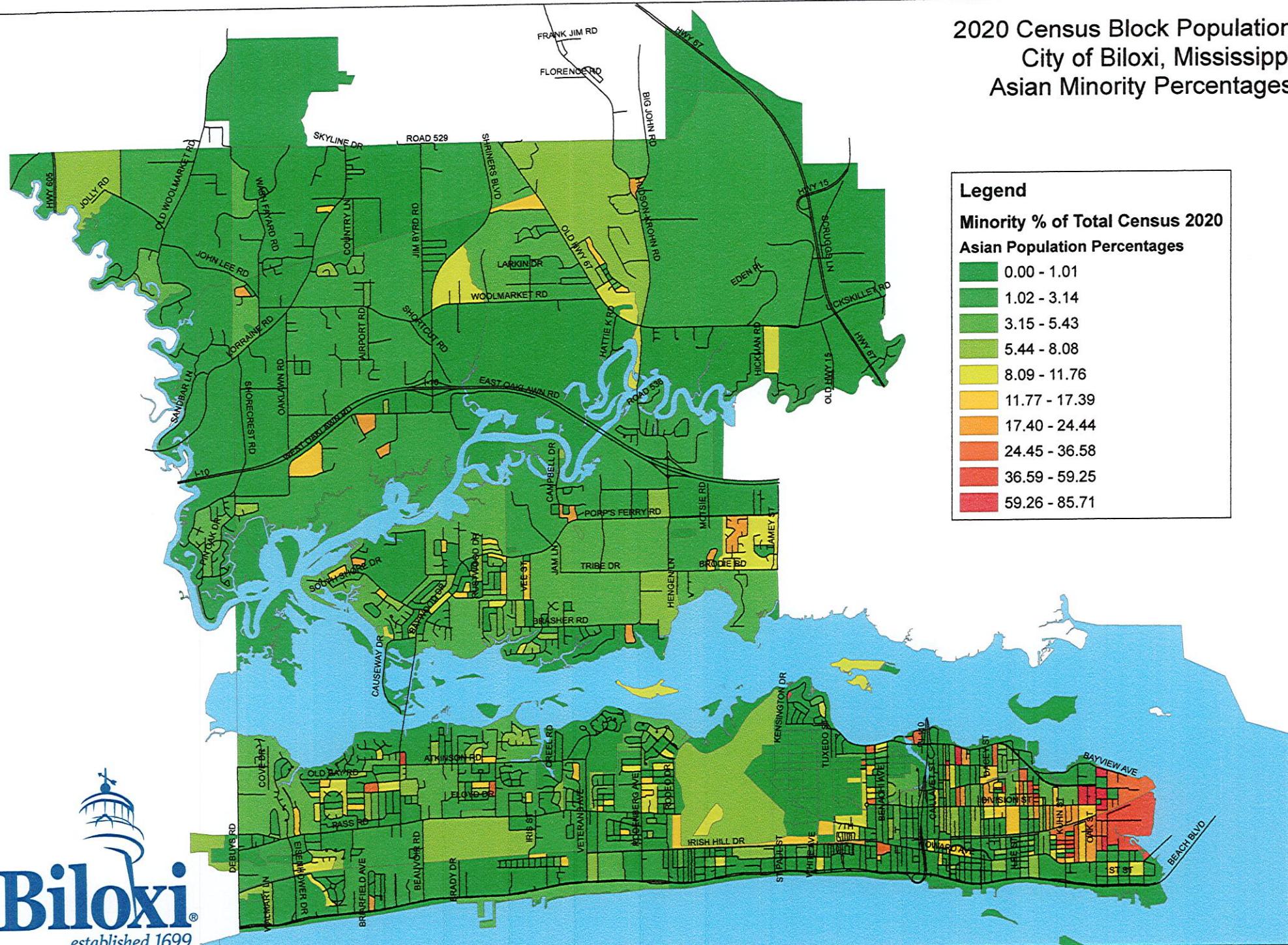
2020 Census Block Population
City of Biloxi, Mississippi
Caucasian Minority Percentages



2020 Census Block Population
City of Biloxi, Mississippi
African American Minority Percentages



2020 Census Block Population
City of Biloxi, Mississippi
Asian Minority Percentages



Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="checkbox"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="checkbox"/>
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/> B-22-MC-28-0001	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/> B-22-MC-28-0001	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text"/> CITY OF BILOXI		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text"/> 64-6000153	* c. UEI: <input type="text"/> G2AVZFS51NK4	
d. Address:		
* Street1: <input type="text"/> 140 LAMEUSE STREET	Street2: <input type="text"/>	
* City: <input type="text"/> BILOXI	County/Parish: <input type="text"/>	
* State: <input type="text"/> MS: Mississippi	Province: <input type="text"/>	
* Country: <input type="text"/> USA: UNITED STATES	* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text"/> 39530-4212	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text"/> ENGINEERING DEPT	Division Name: <input type="text"/> FEDERAL PROGRAMS	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text"/> Ms.	* First Name: <input type="text"/> SUSAN	
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		
* Last Name: <input type="text"/> PICKICH		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: <input type="text"/> FERERAL PROGRAMS MANAGER		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/> MUNICIPALITY		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text"/> 228-435-6269	Fax Number: <input type="text"/> 228-435-6179	
* Email: <input type="text"/> spickich@biloxi.ms.us		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT/ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

B-22-MC-28-0001

* Title:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

The 2022 Action Plan Activities: Program Administration, East Biloxi East-West Neighborhood Access Road PH II AND 5 PUBLIC SEVICE ACTIVITES.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="415,164.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="175,784.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="590,948.00"/>

* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:

* First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:



* Date Signed:



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PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681, 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Biloxi	8-6-2020

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

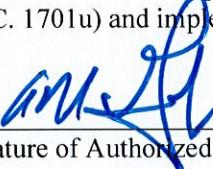
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

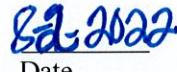
Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.



Signature of Authorized Official



Date

Mayor
Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2022 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

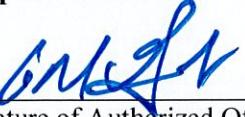
Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



Signature of Authorized Official



Date

Mayor 

Title

OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.



Signature of Authorized Official



Date

Mayor

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.