



Mayor Richard C. Irvin  
Community Development  
Community Services

*2023 Program Year*

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT  
&  
QUALITY OF LIFE GRANT**

**RECOMMENDED  
FY 2023 FUNDING**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MEETING

Tuesday, February 7, 2023



# TODAY'S AGENDA

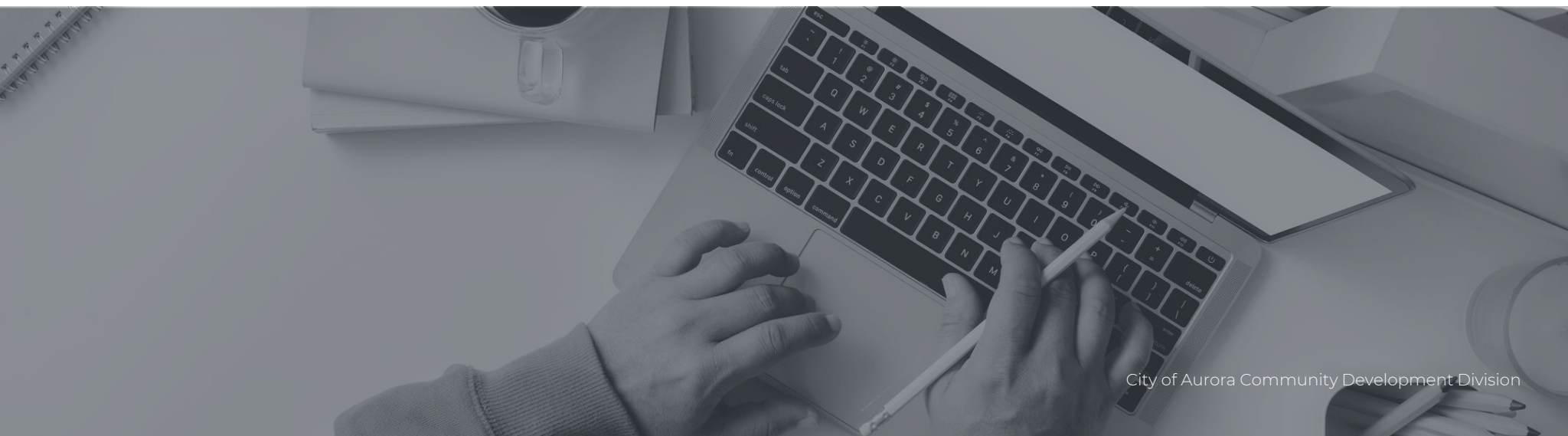
**PRESENTER: CHRIS RAGONA, MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

- Application Process and Review Overview
- Eligible Activities for Each Funding Source
- 2023 Funding Overview
- 2023 Recommendations Breakdown
- 2022 Success Stories
- 2023 Project Outlook
- Questions and Discussion

*CDBG and Quality of Life*

# **FY 2022/23 - APPLICATION OVERVIEW**

Outreach Opportunity	Date
Pre-Application Announcement Email	8-9-2022
Community Resource Team Email Release	8-9-2022
Beacon Newspaper Advertisement	8-14-2022
Pre-Application Announcement Email	8-16-2022
City of Aurora Press Release	8-23-2022
Pre-Application Announcement Email	8-24-2022
Pre-Application Virtual Workshop	8-25-2022
Final Reminder Regarding Application Due Date	9-19-2022
Application Due Date	9-23-2022





# THE RESIDENTS WE SERVE

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

City of Aurora residents, households and local neighborhoods that qualify as low-moderate income (4-person household with income below \$83,350) qualifies as low-income for CDBG)

Neighborhood projects must serve a low-moderate income population percentage of at least 51%

HUD-defined Presumed Benefit groups:

- Abused children
- Elderly persons (62 years old)
- Battered spouses
- Homeless persons
- Severely disabled adults
- Illiterate adults
- Persons living with AIDS

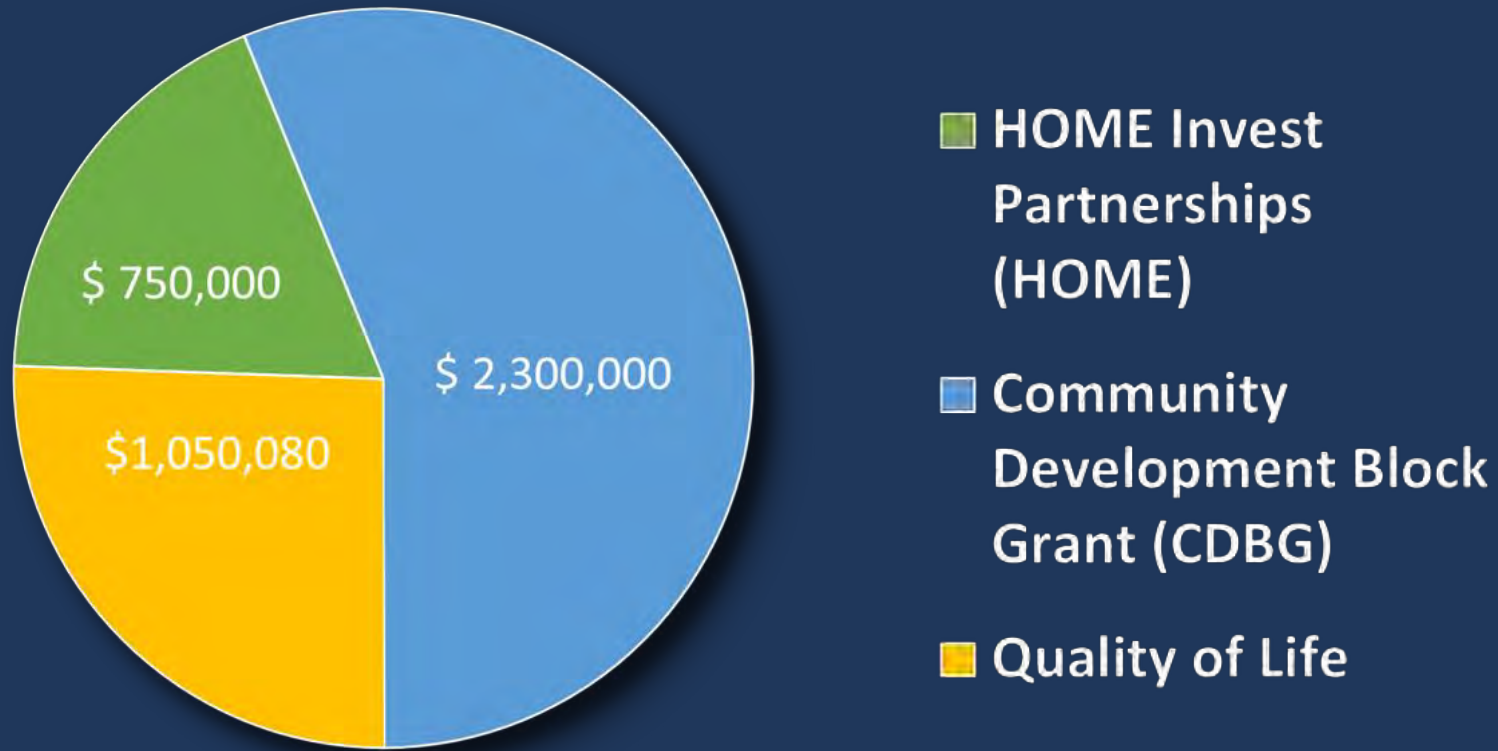


# THE RESIDENTS WE SERVE

## QUALITY OF LIFE GRANT PROGRAM

- Child Care/ Youth
- Education (both youth and adult programs)
- Job Training
- Homelessness Assistance
- Senior Assistance
- Mental Health
- Downtown Improvement (community enhancement, tourism, programming etc.)
- Museums
- Other activities considered on a case-by-case basis

# 2023 PROPOSED CITY OF AURORA FUNDING AVAILABILITY



Community Development Block Grant	\$2,300,000
HOME Investment Partnership	\$ 750,000
Quality of Life	\$1,050,080
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,100,080</b>

# 2023 QUALITY OF LIFE GRANT (QOL) REQUESTS

Type of Activity	Total Project Request	QOL Funds Awarded	Total Projects Applied	Funded Projects
Basic Needs	\$ 130,000	\$ 95,000	5	5
Community	\$ 226,575	\$ 102,000	8	7
Education & Youth	\$ 833,311	\$ 505,800	23	17
Mental Health	\$ 65,644	\$ 40,000	4	4
Museums	\$ 145,000	\$ 115,000	2	2
Seniors	\$ 90,000	\$ 74,000	4	4
Shape	\$ 160,000	\$ 119,000	2	2
Agency Expansion	\$ 100,000	\$ 0	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,750,530</b>	<b>\$ 1,050,800</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>41</b>



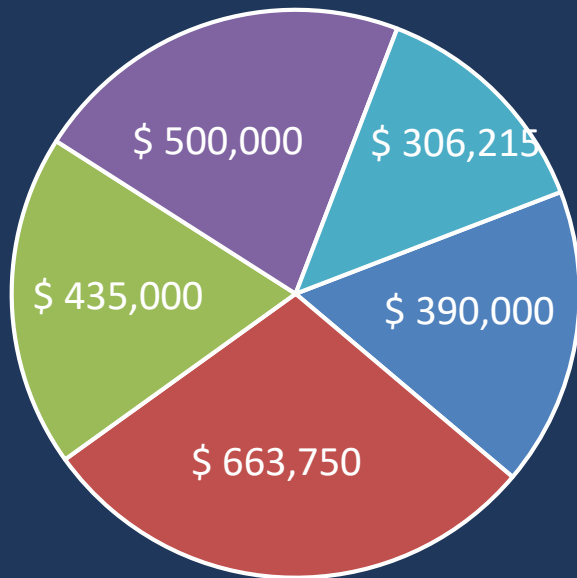
# 2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) REQUESTS

Type of Activity	Total Project Request	CDBG Funds Awarded	Total Projects Applied	Funded Projects
Administration & Contingency	N/A	\$390,000	N/A	N/A
Community Amenities	\$1,093,750	\$663,750	4	2
Housing Projects	\$931,499	\$435,000	5	3
Neighborhood Revitalization	N/A	\$500,000	N/A	N/A
Public Service	\$573,530	\$306,215	12	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,598,779</b>	<b>\$2,294,965</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>



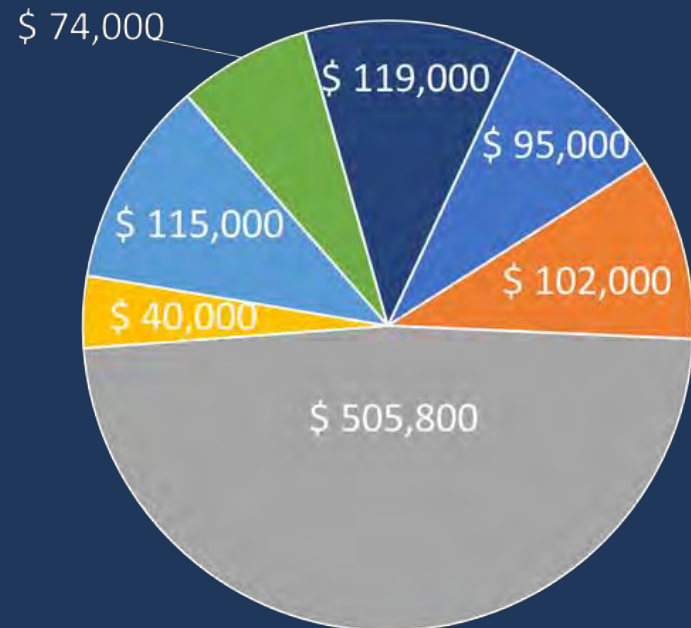
# 2023 DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

## Community Development Block Grant



- Administration and Contingency
- Housing Projects
- Public Service
- Community Amenities
- Neighborhood Revitalization

## Quality of Life Grant



- Basic Needs
- Education & Youth
- Museums
- Shape
- Community
- Mental Health
- Seniors



*Community Development Block Grant  
and  
Quality of Life*

# **Success Stories**

# The Neighbor Project *Safety First Program*

*Community Development Block Grant - \$665,000 since 2020*

Funds can be used for code violations, health and safety, lead, and emergency situations



CDBG Funding – Up to \$10,000 (\$5,000 forgivable loan, \$5,000 deferred loan)

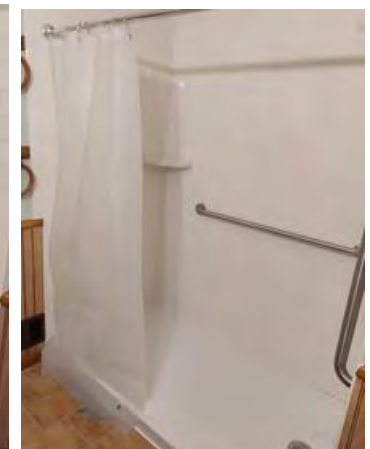
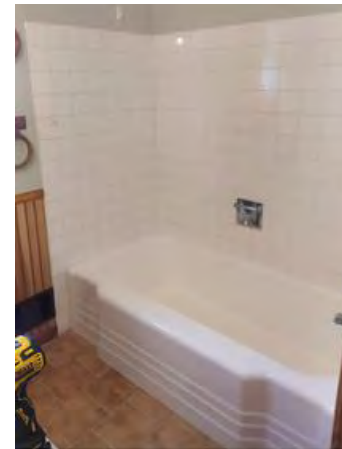


# Rebuilding Together Aurora *Safe at Home Program*

*Community Development Block Grant - \$175,000 since 2020*



Funds can be used for ADA improvements such as grab bars, ramps, and accessible bathrooms.





CDBG Funding – Up to a \$5,000 grant






## CHOOSE AURORA Homebuyer Assistance Forgivable Loan Program


Apply to Choose Aurora after you pre-qualify for a mortgage loan and your offer to purchase a home within the City limits of Aurora is accepted. Make your application a minimum of 4-6 weeks before your anticipated closing date.


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**ELIGIBLE HOMES**  
Existing homes, single units (condo, townhome, single family, etc.), within the City limits
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**MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE**  
Up to \$3,000 for eligible homes within the City limits; up to \$5,000 for eligible homes within the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area ([NRSA](#))
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**MAXIMUM PURCHASE PRICE**  
Must be 95% or less than the area median purchase price by county (Kane & Will \$240,000; DuPage \$291,000; Kendall \$218,000 for 2021)
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**OWNER OCCUPANCY**  
Must be primary residence for three year term; may not rent or subdivide
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**FORGIVABLE LOAN**  
Zero interest, no payment; lien is released after homebuyer abides by terms of agreement (3 years)
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**FIRST TIME HOME BUYER**  
Must not have owned a home for at least 3 years or lost home due to divorce or disaster
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**INCOME ELIGIBILITY**  
Household income must be 80% or less than HUD's area median income (AMI) (80% of the 2022 AMI for a household of 4 is \$83,350)
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**MORTGAGE LENDER**  
Homebuyer must secure a 30 year, fixed rate mortgage from a lender of their choice
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**MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION**  
Homebuyers must pay a minimum of \$1,000 toward the purchase of the home
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**HOME BUYER EDUCATION**  
Not required for this program, but strongly recommended

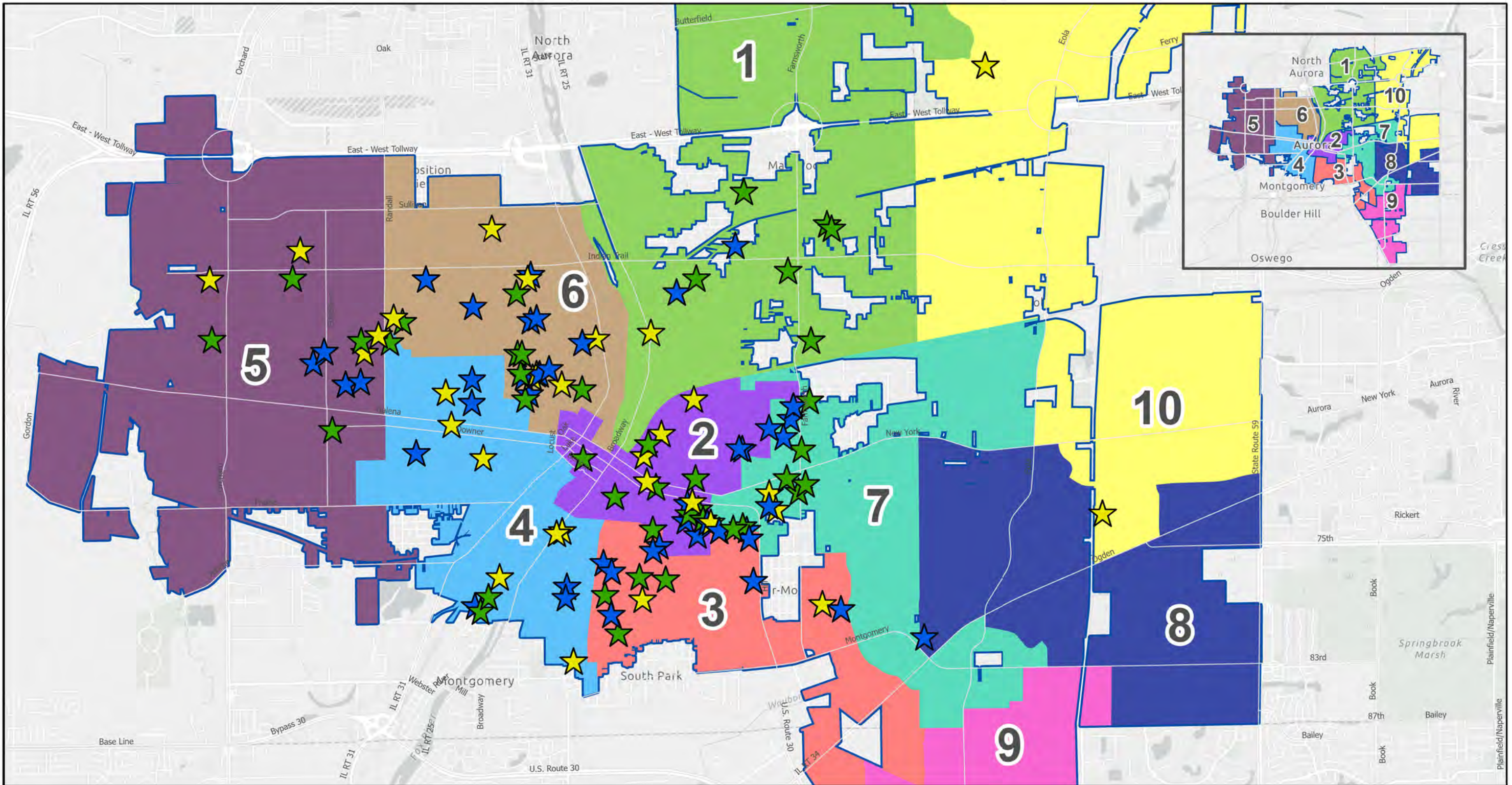
## City of Aurora *Down Payment Assistance Program*

*Community Development Block Grant  
\$100,000 since 2020*



Community Development Block Grant  
\$100,000 since 2020.





- ★ Choose Aurora DPA Program
- ★ Safe at Home Program
- ★ Safety First Program

## Locations Served By COA Community Development Division Programs



Prepared By: The City of Aurora GIS Div.





## **MUTUAL GROUND *Historic Portico Rehab***

**2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - \$357,000**

# FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT *WALTERS PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE I)*

2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - \$200,000







## **GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS *Project Opportunity Program***

**2022 Quality of Life Program - \$15,000**

Funds provided for events, project kits, and uniforms serving approximately 180 Aurora residents in 2022



# 2022 Project Update

## LINCOLN AND TODD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) - \$3,500,000



# 2023 Project Outlook

## FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT

### *WALTERS PARK IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 2)*

PROPOSED 2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - \$163,750





# 2023 Project Outlook

## Jennings Terrace Parking Lot Replacement

PROPOSED 2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT \$100,000





# NEXT STEPS

## REMAINING CDBG/HOME APPROVAL PROCESS

### **Friday, January 13, 2023**

Proposed One Year Action Plan published & 30-Day Public Comment Period begins

### **Tuesday, January 24, 2023**

Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting

### **Friday, January 27, 2023**

Public Hearing

### **Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

Committee of the Whole Meeting

### **Monday, February 13, 2023**

Public Comment Period Ends

### **Tuesday, February 14, 2023**

City Council Approval

**February 2023** (*pending allocation announcement*) Submit Action Plan to HUD

## CITY STAFF NEXT STEPS

### **February 2023**

Upon approval, contracts and agreements for all 2023 CDBG and QOL awardees

### **March 2023**

Conduct site visits and monitoring for 50+ organizations

### **December 2023**

Project Closeouts



**THANK YOU!**

**QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION?**

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