

II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority administers three federal grant programs on behalf of the County of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The three grant programs are: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program. This Annual Action Plan explains how the County of Lancaster intends to spend the annual entitlement it receives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Fiscal Year 2004. The program funds are allocated based on the five-year Consolidated Plan for Lancaster County. The Consolidated Plan contains a description of the housing and community development needs of Lancaster County; as well as, the resources, strategies and prioritization of anticipated federal funds. This Annual Action Plan is prepared according to the specifications of HUD.

A. CDBG Program

The distribution of the \$6,572,500 in CDBG funds available for use in Fiscal Year 2004 including new entitlement funds, program income and prior years reprogrammed funds) by activity, is shown below:

Housing Activities	44.0%
Single Family Housing	65.6%
Multi-Family Housing	34.4%
Infrastructure Improvements	27.7%
Public Services	9.7%
Economic Development	4.7%
Technical Assistance	35.5%
Financing Activities	64.5%
Administration	10.1%
Contingency Funds	3.8%

CDBG program regulations allow entities like Lancaster County to use up to 15% of each year's new annual CDBG allocation for public services. Lancaster County has allocated 15% of the annual CDBG entitlement fund (not including program income and prior years' funds) funds for public services, but will defer the allocation to specific subrecipients until Spring 2004. By deferring the allocation of public service dollars, the process can be combined with the allocation of Human Service Development Funds (HSDF) received by Lancaster County from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Additionally, the County will

delay the starting date of the contracts to July 1 and end them on June 30. This artificial change in program year is intended to streamline and improve the information received in the applications for funding, improve the information reported by human service agencies, and better coordinate contract periods with State, City and United Way funds.

B. HOME Program

The distribution of the \$1,100,000 in HOME funds available for use in Fiscal Year 2004 by activity, is shown below:

Rental Housing - New Construction	72%
Housing Owned, Developed or Sponsored by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO)	15%
CHDO Operating Support	3%
Program Administration	10%

C. Emergency Shelter Grant Program

Similar to the public service funds under the CDBG Program, the ESG funds through the County will follow a July 1 to June 30 time-frame to coordinate with other funding sources through the City, State and United Way.

The distribution of the \$133,000 in ESG funds available for use in Fiscal Year 2004, by activity, is shown below:

Operating Support	70%
Essential Services	30%

No ESG funds will be used for homeless prevention or to administer the program. The County will rely on its CDBG funds for the administration of the program.