



# Agenda Item

## Community Development Block Grant Program Committee

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**TO: Community Development Block Grant Program Committee**

**THRU: Russell Bunim, Community Development Director**

**FROM: Jessica Herrera, Housing Manager**

### 1. SUBJECT

Public Hearing to determine funding recommendations for the 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan.

### 2. SUMMARY

Public Hearing for the deliberation of funding recommendations to be incorporated into the 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan

### 3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Determine funding recommendation amounts for programs and projects proposed for consideration in the development of the 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan.
2. Direct staff to incorporate funding recommendations and any public input received at the Public Hearing into the draft 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan to be presented to City Council.

### 4. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a Consolidated Plan (CP) from States and local jurisdictions that receive annual CDBG or HOME funding. The CP is designed to help states and local jurisdictions assess their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions. The consolidated planning process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities. The CP is carried out through Annual Action Plans (AAP), which provide a summary of the actions and activities that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the CP.

The City adopted the 2025-2029 CP on June 24, 2025. As part of the CP, five priority goals were identified, as noted below:

1. Economic Development
2. Homelessness
3. Affordable Housing
4. Public Programs
5. Public Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Projects

### Funding Recommendations for the 2025-2026 CDBG and HOME Funding Year

The City published a Notice of Funding Availability in the City Orange News on November 25, 2025 and solicited applications from November 25, 2025 to January 26, 2026 for consideration of estimated funding for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 CDBG and HOME funds. The City received nine applications for public programs and one application for a public infrastructure project (summarized in Attachment A).

On February 12, 2026, the CDBG Program Committee conducted a Public Hearing to receive presentations from funding applicants. However, the total funding requested under the Public Capital and Infrastructure category was less than the anticipated allocation. As HUD requires that all available funds be programmed during the development of the AAP, staff recommends reallocating the unprogrammed balance, approximately \$37,418, to the Business Assistance Program to support eligible businesses in alignment with the Economic Development goal of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.

### **30-Day Public Review Period**

Funding recommendations made by the CDBG Program Committee at the Public Hearing on March 12, 2026, will be incorporated into the draft 2026-2027 AAP. The draft AAP will be available for public review and comment from April 2, 2026 through May 5, 2026, both at the City's public counters and on the City's website. Following the public review period, the draft AAP will be presented to the City Council for consideration at a Public Hearing on May 12, 2026.