

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: Mayor Dahlquist
City Council Members

FROM: Christine Howe - Grants Manager, Planning & Development Services

DATE: For Meeting of October 15, 2026

SUBJECT: CDBG Consolidated Plan 2027-2031 and Program Year 2027

In accordance with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), the City holds a public Needs Hearing to allow members of the community and local organizations to comment on what they see as housing and community needs. The Needs Hearing also informs the City's CDBG Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan.

The City's CDBG Consolidated Plan will extend from program years 2027 through 2031. The Consolidated Plan outlines the CDBG program goals that will guide the directives for the five years covered by the Plan. The Consolidated Plan development process includes conducting public outreach with CDBG stakeholders, including those who will benefit from the program as well as partnering agencies that will administer CDBG-funded programs. The City has conducted direct engagement of stakeholders, issued a public survey, and is conducting this Needs Hearing to gather data and information to inform the Consolidated Plan and identify the gaps that should be addressed through the CDBG program.

In addition, as part of the 5-year Consolidated Plan, the City adopts an Annual Action Plan (AAP) which serves as the one-year strategic plan to complete the Consolidated Plan objectives. As part of the AAP development process, the City solicits applications for funding from local non-profit agencies and holds this public needs hearing. The City held a Technical Assistance meeting for interested public service agencies on September 16, 2026. Twenty agency representatives were in attendance. The City anticipates receiving applications in excess of the available HUD funding, which is anticipated to be approximately \$350,000. Therefore, this Needs Hearing also helps identify funding priorities not explicitly detailed in the Consolidated Plan.

In accordance with the City's CDBG Citizen Participation Plan, the purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for organizations and citizens to comment and provide input on any housing and community development needs they may have identified to achieve the goals of providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. This will inform the 5-year Consolidated Plan and Program Year 2027 Annual Action Plan and other spending priorities for eligible CDBG activities.

No action is necessary at this time. Applications for PY27 funding will be reviewed by the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee, and their recommendations will be forwarded to you for consideration at your January 21, 2027 meeting.