

City of Columbus
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grants Summary
2025 – 2029 Consolidated Plan
and
2025 Annual Action Plan
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Introduction

The City of Columbus, Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management Section is developing the 2025 – 2029 Consolidated Plan to establish strategic goals for 2025 – 2029 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Planning and Development (CPD) grants. Alongside the Consolidated Plan, the City is also drafting the 2025 Annual Action Plan, which will establish projects for implementation in 2025, the first year of the new Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan and associated Annual Action Plans set goals and define priorities for housing and community development investment in Columbus. The Consolidated Plan sets goals for and governs the City’s investment of CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG. The Annual Action Plan outlines annual projects for these grants that will deliver outcomes to further each goal.

The City receives annual allocations from HUD for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which has a 15% public service cap¹ and a 20% administration cap², the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) program which funds affordable housing opportunities, the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program which provides homelessness prevention and shelter assistance.

This summary outlines efforts conducted so far by the Grants Management Section to seek public input for and draft the City’s Consolidated Plan, as well as the process of advertising and accepting applications for 2025 Community Development Block Grant funds by external agencies. Applications for 2025 CDBG funding were due to the City on June 14, 2024. All applications received have been summarized in the following sections and are being considered for inclusion in the City’s draft FY 2025 Annual Action Plan. The projects are expansions of existing programming and new programming to serve low- to moderate-income Columbus residents. Expenditures must be consistent with community needs, priorities and strategies stated in the City’s 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, and compliant with federal regulations in 24 CFR 570.

The Grants Management Section has been conducting community outreach and engagement throughout 2024, summarized as follows:

- Held the first Consolidated Plan public meeting on February 21, 2024
- Attended the Envision Hilltop Advisory Committee meeting on March 15, 2024

¹ Public Service is defined in 24 CFR Part 570.201 (e) as services including but not limited to those concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, energy conservation, welfare, homebuyer downpayment assistance, or recreational needs.

² Administrative cost is defined in 24 CFR Part 570.206 and is related to the planning and execution of community development activities.

- Attended the Mid-Ohio Food Collective Pantry Council meeting on March 20, 2024
- Consulted with Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) on April 4, 2024
- Discussed the Consolidated Plan at the 2025 CDBG Application Release Workshop on April 11, 2024
- Consulted internally with the Department of Development Housing Division and Human Services Office in May 2024
- Discussed the Consolidated Plan at the 2025 CDBG Technical Assistance Workshop on May 2, 2024
- Attended the following Area Commission Meetings:
 - Northeast Area Commission Meeting – May 9, 2024
 - Far East Area Commission Meeting – May 14, 2024
 - Livingston Avenue Area Commission Meeting – May 21, 2024
- Attended the following Rise Up CBUS! events:
 - Feddersen Community Center – April 25, 2024
 - Hilltonia Middle School and Park – May 16, 2024
 - Maybury Park – June 6, 2024
- Attended the Eastland Plan Housing Workshop on June 11, 2024
- Collected over 100 survey responses

Through this outreach, engagement, and consultation, Grants Management has outlined the following draft Priority Needs and draft Strategic Goals for inclusion in the Strategic Plan section of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The Strategic Plan section of the Consolidated Plan identifies priority needs for the City and describes strategies that the City will undertake to address the priority needs. The 2025 Annual Action Plan will describe projects the City will support to address the priority needs and strategic goals identified in the Strategic Plan section of the Consolidated Plan.

Draft 2025-2029 Priority Needs:

- 1) Affordable Housing
- 2) Homeless Services
- 3) Community Facilities & Infrastructure
- 4) Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity
- 5) Public Services
- 6) Social Services for Special Populations
- 7) Overall Coordination

Draft 2025-2029 Strategic Goals:

- 1) Increase housing opportunities through financial assistance, production of units, and rehabilitation of existing homes.
- 2) Provide essential services to prevent homelessness and support families and individuals through outreach, shelter, rapid rehousing, and prevention services.
- 3) Modernize and improve community facilities and infrastructure in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods.

- 4) Address housing discrimination by increasing enforcement of housing laws and public access to fair housing resources and education.
- 5) Provide public services to improve viability and health of households.
- 6) Provide public services to special populations, including domestic violence survivors, persons living with HIV/AIDS, disabled persons, and elderly persons.
- 7) Effectively administer HUD programs.

Along with a Strategic Plan, the Consolidated Plan also contains a Needs Assessment and Market Analysis that address levels of relative need in the areas of affordable housing, homelessness, special needs, and community development. Grants Management is currently in the process of drafting the Needs Assessment and Market Analysis sections. Grants Management will hold a public comment period when a draft Consolidated Plan is prepared for submission to HUD.

Citizen Participation Process for the FY 2025 Annual Action Plan

During each year of the City's HUD Annual Action Plan development process, the City follows its Citizen Participation Plan which is approved within the City's HUD 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The section below outlines the efforts made to date by the City to engage with the public throughout the development of the City's FY 2025 Annual Action Plan. The City's CDBG allocation is sub-awarded to external organizations through a competitive grant application process managed by the Department of Finance and Management. The HOME and HOPWA allocations are sub-awarded to organizations and projects through separate application and request for proposal processes managed by the City's Department of Development.

CDBG Application Workshops

The Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management Section hosted a public informational workshop on April 11th, 2024 at 3:00 PM for local non-profits and organizations involved in community development projects to learn more about CDBG as a funding opportunity, to provide an overview of CDBG regulations, and walkthrough the City's 2025 CDBG application. This workshop was held at the Whetstone Library, and 70 individuals attended.

A second public workshop was held on May 2nd at 3:00 PM to assist prospective applicants in understanding the CDBG program and refining their project ideas. This workshop was held in the Columbus Public Health auditorium, and 14 people attended. The meetings were advertised through email.

The Grants Management Section also offered one-on-one technical assistance through a request form on OpenForms to prospective applicants in the time between the opening and closing of the 2025 CDBG application. Grants Management received and responded to 13 requests for technical assistance through OpenForms, in addition to other requests and questions received through email.

First Public Comment Period

The City of Columbus started a thirty (30) day public comment period on June 24, 2024 when a notice was published in the Columbus Dispatch and a summary of applications received was made available on

the City's Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management Section webpage. The City will accept comments through July 26, 2024.

First Public Meeting – Review of all CDBG Applications Received

The Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management Section will host a public meeting on June 26, 2024 at 5:30 PM. Each project proposal received by Grants Management for HUD funding will be shared and available for discussion. The meeting will be held at 1111 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, in the Continental Room located in the Jerry Hammond Center. The meeting was advertised through email and a legal advertisement in the Columbus Dispatch newspaper, which was published on June 24, 2024.

Second Public Comment Period

The City of Columbus will start a second thirty (30) day public comment period following the selection of projects for inclusion in the draft 2025 Annual Action Plan. A notice will be published in the Columbus Dispatch and a draft 2025 HUD Annual Action Plan will be made available on the City's Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management Section webpage.

Second Public Meeting – Columbus City Council Finance Committee Hearing

The Finance Committee of Columbus City Council and the Department of Finance and Management will host a public hearing in October. Projects that have been selected for inclusion in the draft 2025 Annual Action Plan will be discussed, as will a draft budget. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at 90 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The meeting will be advertised through social media, email, and a legal advertisement in the Columbus Dispatch newspaper.

Submitting Public Comments to Grants Management

Public comments on proposed projects, funding priorities, and draft Annual Action Plans are welcome during posted public comment periods and throughout the year by emailing the Grants Management Section at grantsmgmt@columbus.gov. When comment is being sought specifically on a portion of the Annual Action Plan or Consolidated Plan planning process, information will be posted on the Grants Management webpage at: www.columbus.gov/Grants-Management.

Estimated FY 2025 HUD Allocations

In June 2024, Grants Management estimated the below amounts to be the total grant awards for each HUD grant allocation for 2025. The total budget available for each program for the 2025 program year may be larger than the annual allocation when accounting for program income, returned funds, or unexpended funds from past years.

| FY 2025 Program | Estimated Entitlement Award |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Community Development Block Grant | \$7,500,000 |
| HOME Investment Partnerships Program | \$4,250,000 |
| Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS | \$2,500,000 |
| Emergency Solutions Grant | \$650,000 |

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

The draft FY 2025 HOPWA budget for eligible activities is \$2,500,000. The total budget is made up of the anticipated FY 2025 allocation from HUD awarded to the City.

Proposed projects for HOPWA funding are listed below. Budgets for individual projects have yet to be determined.

Department of Development – Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance for those who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

Department of Development – Permanent Housing Placement (PHP)

- Permanent Housing Placement to assist eligible households to secure stable housing.

Department of Development – Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility (STRMU) Assistance

- Helping individuals and families remain in their own dwellings and increase their access to supportive services to prevent homelessness.

Department of Development – HOPWA Supportive Services

- Provide supportive services such as case management, housing counseling, and resource identification.

Department of Development – HOPWA Administration

- Staffing and other costs for HOPWA grant administration.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

The draft FY 2025 ESG budget for eligible activities is \$650,000. The total budget is made up of the anticipated FY 2025 allocation from HUD awarded to the City.

Department of Development – Emergency Solutions Grant Programs

- ESG Budget: \$650,000
- Emergency shelters provide access to beds for men and women in Columbus and Franklin County. Beyond providing a secure and clean place to sleep, shelter programs provide access to basic services such as showers, meals, healthcare and material assistance, along with supportive services, referrals to additional supportive services as needed, and crisis assistance. Shelter programs have resource centers that provide internet access, telephones, employment leads, job-training resources, and other community resources. ESG-funded Direct Housing programs provide services and financial assistance to families exiting emergency shelter programs into their own homes, with the goal of long-term stabilization.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

The draft FY 2025 HOME budget for eligible activities is \$4,250,000. The total budget is made up of the anticipated FY 2025 allocation from HUD awarded to the City. Prior to drafting the 2025 Annual Action Plan, the City will produce estimates for unexpended past years' funds and anticipated program income generated from HOME funded programs.

Proposed projects for HOME funding are listed below. Budgets for individual projects have yet to be determined.

Department of Development – Rental Housing Development

- Providing gap financing for new construction and substantial renovation rental projects.

Department of Development – Downpayment Assistance

- Up to \$7,500 for downpayment and closing costs for low-to-moderate income homebuyers.

Department of Development – Homeowner Housing Development

- Development and affordability assistance for new homeowner housing units.

Department of Development – Rebuilding Lives Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance for those who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

Department of Development – Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-Aside

- Required set-aside of 15% of HOME allocation for awards to City-certified CHDOs.

Department of Development – Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Operating Support

- Operating support provided to CHDOs by the Community Development Collaborative.

Department of Development – Administration

- Housing Division staffing in the Department of Development for administration of HOME funded programs, and Environmental Review Record costs associated with HOME funded programs.

Community Development Collaborative (CDC) - Operating Support (Administration)

- CDC funding for administration of CHDO Operating Support.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The draft FY 2025 CDBG budget for eligible activities is \$7,500,000. This total budget is made up of the anticipated FY 2025 allocation from HUD awarded to the City. Prior to drafting the 2025 Annual Action Plan, the City will produce estimates for unexpended past years' funds and anticipated program income generated from CDBG funded programs.

Applications for CDBG funding received for a total of 62 projects. These projects are being considered by the City for inclusion in the draft 2025 Annual Action Plan. All proposals are summarized alphabetically below.

All THAT - Teens Hopeful About Tomorrow – All THAT Center of Excellence Phase 4

- Total Project Cost: \$4,098,302
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$2,163,000
- All THAT is requesting CDBG funds to support Phase 4 of their redevelopment project to repurpose the former Shady Lane Presbyterian Church at 4117 E. Livingston Avenue into a safe space for underserved teens and better provide educational/recreational youth programs and assist teens in developing skills needed for economic stability. Phase 4 of the renovation includes replacement of the front double doors and egress doors at the sanctuary, upgraded elevator system, upgraded kitchen, parking lot pavement, front yard sign, upgrade to the exterior of the building, insulated windows, interior painting, flooring and soundproofing the fellowship hall.

Always With Us Charities – The ACE Program

- Total Project Cost: \$147,020
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$147,020
- Always With Us Charities seeks CDBG funds to expand its programming and serve more students by providing quality after-school programming that includes academic tutoring, standardized test preparation and athletic education at 2 additional elementary schools in Columbus City Schools District.

Bridgeway Academy – Bridgeway Academy Roof Renovation

- Total Project Cost: \$167,837
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$149,779
- Bridgeway Academy requests 2025 CDBG funding to replace the deteriorating roof at their 1350 Alum Creek Drive facility.

Broad Street Presbyterian Church – COMPASS Program

- Total Project Cost: \$458,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$250,000
- Broad Street Presbyterian Church is seeking CDBG funds to support their COMPASS program, which provides emergency rental and utility assistance to Central Ohio residents in need.

Cancer Support Community Central Ohio – Health Equity Programming for Cancer Patients and Caregivers

- Total Project Cost: \$392,982
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$256,575
- Cancer Support Community Central Ohio requests 2025 CDBG funding to support their research and tailored programming, outreach and education, and care coordination and financial assistance program that serves low-income individuals diagnosed with cancer.

Capital City Equestrian – Capital City Equestrian and Agricultural Center

- Total Project Cost: \$2,890,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$2,890,000
- Capital City Equestrian is requesting CDBG funding to purchase land for an urban equestrian and agricultural center that will serve as an early learning center, afterschool program, community garden, and incubator for educational and therapeutic services provided by partnering organizations.

Catholic Social Services – Our Lady of Guadalupe Center Programming

- Total Project Cost: \$178,825
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$83,196
- Catholic Social Services requests 2025 CDBG funding to support programming at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, including English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, personal development groups, and the Little Blessings program, which addresses the well-being of families with infants and toddlers.

Central Community House – Building Improvement Plan

- Total Project Cost: \$1,167,669
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$1,167,669
- Central Community House is requesting CDBG funds to make safety, efficiency, and operational improvements to their building at 1150 E Main Street, including the roof, windows, curbs, parking lot, cabinetry, flooring, HVAC, lighting, and plumbing.

Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio – Rx to Breathe: Reducing Pulmonary Distress from Excessive Heat and Restoring Airway Function

- Total Project Cost: \$629,208
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$200,000
- Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio requests 2025 CDBG funding to provide no-cost medications and inhalers to residents with heat-induced asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, as well as education and awareness delivered through community outreach and patient visits.

Columbus Early Learning Centers – Cost-saving Safety Enhancements at Columbus Early Learning Centers’ Near-Eastside Locations

- Total Project Cost: \$350,000
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$300,000
- Columbus Early Learning Centers requests 2025 CDBG funding to install turf at the agency’s Champion and Main Street Centers. Replacement of existing mulch with artificial turf increases durability and sustainability of outdoor play spaces.

Columbus Fashion Alliance – Fashion Innovation Center

- Total Project Cost: \$3,600,000
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$600,000
- Columbus Fashion Alliance requests 2025 CDBG funding to acquire 161 N. Grant Street to create the Fashion Innovation Center, featuring classroom, production, innovation, and design spaces.

Columbus Housing Partnership, Inc. (d.b.a. Homeport) – Improving Energy Efficiency in a Low-Income Housing Community

- Total Project Cost: \$201,922
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$201,922
- Homeport requests 2025 CDBG funding to replace 33 aging HVAC units at their affordable housing development, Framingham Village.

Columbus Urban League – Career Connect Hub

- Total Project Cost: \$1,500,000
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$500,000
- Columbus Urban League requests 2025 CDBG funding to build the Career Connect Hub at their 788 Mount Vernon Ave location. The Hub will renovate 8,000 square feet into a career development center to expand existing workforce development programming.

Columbus Urban League – Housing Advisory Services

- Total Project Cost: \$265,000
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$150,000
- Columbus Urban League requests 2025 CDBG funding to deliver homebuyer education programming and support for new homeowners to ensure their long-term stability. The program empowers homeowners to maintain their homes and manage finances to promote a sustainable living environment.

Communities in Schools of Ohio – School Site Coordinator Program

- Total Project Cost: \$75,000
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$75,000
- Communities in Schools of Ohio requests 2025 CDBG funding to support the refurbishment or creation of resource rooms in high-need schools through the School Site Coordinator Program, which provides food items, appropriate clothing, personal hygiene items, and school supplies to students.

Community Development for All People – Campus Improvements

- Total Project Cost: \$343,470.31
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$343,470.31
- Community Development for All People requests 2025 CDBG funding for improvements to their buildings on Parsons Avenue that house programs, services, and offices. Improvements include but are not limited to: HVAC system repair, exterior security system installation, parking lot improvements, roof replacement, and lighting upgrades.

Community for New Direction – Mothers Treatment Program: Caring, Nurturing, Developing

- Total Project Cost: \$100,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$100,000
- Community for New Direction (CND) seeks CDBG funding support for its C.N.D. Mothers Treatment Program: Caring, Nurturing, Developing. This initiative works with pregnant women and new mothers and their families to provide them with treatment support that includes peer support, case management, nursing, medication management counseling and group sessions.

Co-op Columbus – Near East Side Food Access Co-op Planning Initiative

- Total Project Cost: \$230,510
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$150,150
- Co-op Columbus requests CDBG funding to support the Near East Side Food Access Co-op Planning Initiative, which aims to establish a cooperative grocery store to address the need for accessible, affordable, and nutritious food in the Bronzeville and Greater Near East Side (NES) communities. This planning effort is to transform the Co-op's vision into an actionable plan and support access to resources needed to advance towards implementation.

Creating Central Ohio Futures – Building Pathways to a Forward Future

- Total Project Cost: \$846,913
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$846,913
- Creating Central Ohio Futures (CCOHF) requests CDBG funding to provide families with a hands-on program and a catered curriculum focused on job readiness, developing goals, creating action plans, and providing resources to manage income, develop financial acumen, and build wealth.

Directions for Youth & Families – Ohio Avenue Youth Center HVAC Replacement

- Total Project Cost: \$400,000
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$400,000
- Directions for Youth & Families requests 2025 CDBG funding for construction costs associated with replacing an aging HVAC system at their Ohio Avenue Youth Center, where they provide free after-school and summer programming for families on the Near East Side of Columbus.

Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI) – Women's Entrepreneurial Advantage Program

- Total Project Cost: \$40,223
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$20,000
- ECDI requests 2025 CDBG funding to fund the Women's Entrepreneurial Advantage Program, which provides education and training to help start-up and established women-owned businesses. The program will also deliver personal finance and credit education.

Empowerment Advisory Group – Empowerment Corp

- Total Project Cost: \$165,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$50,000
- The Empowerment Advisory Group (EAG) requests CDBG funding to support their E-Corp Initiative in under-resourced communities in Columbus. Empower Corporations (E-Corps) are for-profit companies where 100% of the company is owned by the employees. This new model of workforce development and entrepreneurship program will identify suitable industries that are well-suited for employee ownership models and work with corporate sponsors to finance the startup costs and sustain the business in the early stages of development.

Family Adolescent & Child Community Engagement Service (FACCES) – FACCES Healthy Futures

- Total Project Cost: \$1,500,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$646,286
- Family Adolescent & Child Community Engagement Service (FACCES) seeks CDBG funding to construct self-care wellness pods that will expand public services currently provided by FACCES on the south side of Columbus for low- to moderate-income youth and their families to reduce juvenile crime, suicides, and risky behaviors.

Franklinton Development Association – Financial Life-Skills Program

- Total Project Cost: \$130,477
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$63,800
- Franklinton Development Association requests 2025 CDBG funding to support the Financial Life-Skills Program, which provides education to residents to help them better navigate finance and housing, including classes on budgeting, banks and credit, loan and debt management, job-training and entrepreneurship, taxes and risk.

Franklinton Development Association – Little Bottoms/Franklinton Community Hub

- Total Project Cost: \$1,542,740
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$550,000
- Franklinton Development Association requests 2025 CDBG funding to acquire the building at 89 W. Park Ave, which is currently leased by Little Bottoms Free Store. The building would be developed into a nonprofit hub, with Little Bottoms Free Store serving as the anchor nonprofit for the space.

Global Health Education and Development – Connection Center

- Total Project Cost: \$320,629
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$278,733
- Global Health Education and Development requests CDBG funds to establish a new Connection Center, which will serve as a drop-in center that, when funded, will provide trusted, trauma-informed care and culturally sensitive crisis assessment, connection to mental and behavioral health treatment, and essential services. The center will also offer socialization opportunities, access to computers and phones, complimentary refreshments, peer support, and daily group support sessions.

Gregory Leroi Tolliver Foundation – The Gregory Leroi Tolliver Literacy and Resource Center

- Total Project Cost: \$3,300,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$1,800,000
- The Gregory Leroi Tolliver Foundation is requesting CDBG funds to construct a building to serve as a senior resource space that will allow seniors to learn more about technology, provide counseling, literacy training, resume writing and job seeking opportunities.

Habitat for Humanity MidOhio – Roof Repair Program

- Total Project Cost: \$672,971
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$563,200
- Habitat for Humanity MidOhio requests 2025 CDBG funding to support the roof repair program to assist eligible low-to-moderate income homeowners in need of quality roof replacement and repair services.

Healthy Worthington Resource Center & Food Pantry, Inc. – Food Pantry Expansion

- Total Project Cost: \$394,903.46
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$75,469.02
- Healthy Worthington Resource Center & Food Pantry requests 2025 CDBG funding to purchase a walk-in refrigerator, walk-in freezer, four reach-in refrigerators, and four freezers in order to increase food storage capacity and expand variety of perishable and non-perishable items.

Helping Hands Health and Wellness Center – Free Care Program

- Total Project Cost: \$300,140
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$50,000
- Helping Hands Health and Wellness Center requests 2025 CDBG funding for the Free Care Program in order to support the medically uninsured and underinsured by providing access to free family medicine, pharmacy services, and social services care.

IMPACT Community Action – Home Repair

- Total Project Cost: \$531,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$531,000
- IMPACT Community Action requests CDBG funding to expand its home repair services beyond weatherization and energy efficiency to include critical home repairs such as lead paint hazards, roofing, HVAC, utility lines, and other improvements to address substandard, unsafe, and unsanitary conditions in older homes.

Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio – Fair Housing Center of Southeast and Central Ohio

- Total Project Cost: \$450,000
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$250,000
- Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio requests 2025 CDBG funding to expand their fair housing services program, which works to protect low-to-moderate income Columbus residents from housing discrimination and other barriers to equal opportunity for housing.

Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio – Housing Conditions Program

- Total Project Cost: \$165,000
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$125,000
- Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio requests 2025 CDBG funding to provide assistance to residents in rental properties facing unsafe or substandard housing conditions.

LifeCare Alliance – Meals-on-Wheels Program

- Total Project Cost: \$4,230,682
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$300,000
- LifeCare Alliance requests 2025 CDBG funding to expand the Meals-on-Wheels program, which provides nourishing food and a daily visit to homebound older adults and individuals living with a medical challenge and/or disability.

LifeCare Alliance – Cancer Services Program

- Total Project Cost: \$840,043
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$300,000
- LifeCare Alliance requests 2025 CDBG funding to support the Cancer Services program, which provides essential cancer services to low-income, un- and underinsured clients, including screening/diagnostic mammograms; breast ultrasounds and biopsies; head-to-toe cancer screenings; transportation to and from medical appointments; wigs and breast prostheses; nutritional supplements; and assistance with medical supplies and equipment.

LifeSmart Education – Career Advancement through Construction Trades

- Total Project Cost: \$82,641
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$82,641
- LifeSmart Education is requesting CDBG funding to support a new 12-week program that builds on their established youth education focused on life skills such as financial management, etiquette, workplace safety, leadership, problem solving and communication skills, complementing it with hands-on construction trades education in areas such as carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and basic home repairs.

Local Matters – Expanding food access and education in Columbus

- Total Project Cost: \$1,190,245
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$250,000
- Local Matters requests 2025 CDBG funding to expand Veggie Van, Columbus Food Rescue, and Ro's Kitchen programs. These programs provide food education and increase access to healthy food for low-income Columbus neighborhoods.

Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio Faith Mission – HVAC and Lighting Upgrades

- Total Project Cost: \$91,300
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$91,300
- Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio Faith Mission requests 2025 CDBG funding to provide HVAC system and lighting upgrades at their facility.

Maryhaven – Park Path, Basketball Court, and Client Parking Repavement

- Total Project Cost: \$97,700
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$97,700
- Maryhaven requests 2025 CDBG funding to improve outdoor spaces at their Alum Creek Drive facility, including repaving the basketball court, renovating the adjacent walking path, and improving the client parking lot.

Maryhaven – Security System Renovation

- Total Project Cost: \$150,019.38
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$150,019.38
- Maryhaven requests 2025 CDBG funding to install a new security system including cameras and a centralized monitoring system.

Mid-Ohio Food Collective – Eastland Prosperity Center

- Total Project Cost: \$14,500,259
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$2,000,000
- Mid-Ohio Food Collective requests 2025 CDBG funding to create the Eastland Prosperity Center, a human service hub in a vacant 67,000 square foot grocery store. It will provide wrap-around services including primary care, food and benefits assistance, and others in partnership with local non-profits, as well as a commercial kitchen to enhance healthy food offerings.

Moses Realty – The Opportunity Zone

- Total Project Cost: \$2,100,000
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$1,500,000
- Moses Realty requests 2025 CDBG funding to renovate the building at 1000 Atcheson Street to replace the roof, improve HVAC and lighting, upgrade recreation spaces, and repair the parking lot.

MY Project USA – Issa Jeylani Memorial Recreation Center

- Total Project Cost: \$5,218,654.80
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$499,499
- MY Project USA requests 2025 CDBG funding to construct the Issa Jeylani Memorial Recreation Center, a 48,444 square foot facility that will house indoor soccer fields, a basketball court, a cafeteria, and classrooms, as well as outdoor athletic fields.

MY Project USA – Hilltop Tigers Soccer Club

- Total Project Cost: \$645,207
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$251,354
- MY Project USA requests 2025 CDBG funding to expand the Hilltop Tigers Soccer Club to a total of 200 players. The participating youth engage in soccer practice and competition, as well as engaging in social-emotional learning and academic enrichment.

NNEMAP Food Pantry – Building Expansion and Renovation

- Total Project Cost: \$1,468,519
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$935,019
- NNEMAP Food Pantry requests 2025 CDBG funding to expand their food pantry facility to include a marketplace shopping environment, community engagement activity space, an improved registration area, and an enclosed garage for the food delivery van.

Ohio Domestic Violence Network – Hotel and Relocation Assistance Program

- Total Project Cost: \$341,948
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$249,335
- Ohio Domestic Violence Network requests 2025 CDBG funding to support the Hotel and Relocation Assistance Program, which enables domestic violence survivors to obtain safe and decent housing.

Parsons Avenue Redevelopment Corporation – The Eleanor

- Total Project Cost: \$4,073,383
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$1,250,000
- Parsons Avenue Redevelopment Corporation requests 2025 CDBG funding to support construction costs, including doors and windows, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and wood framing, at the Eleanor – a planned 12-unit affordable housing development on Parsons.

Physicians CareConnection – PCC Center for Optimal Health

- Total Project Cost: \$508,032
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$250,000
- Physicians CareConnection is requesting CDBG funds to expand the medical and social services that they provide to vulnerable individuals—including asset-limited income-constrained employees, the uninsured and underinsured, and people living in poverty. In 2024, PCC invested in constructing three medical examination rooms in their existing building. To fully utilize the space, they seek funding for furniture, supplies, and staff.

Rebuilding Together Central Ohio – Homeowner Sustainability Program (HOSP)

- Total Project Cost: \$200,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$100,000
- Rebuilding Together Central Ohio seeks CDBG funding to support their Homeowner Sustainability Program (HOSP) Tool Lending Library, which offers middle/low income homeowners access to a collection of over 4,800 hand and power tools for DIY projects, aiding individuals and nonprofit organizations in the upkeep of their homes and gardens.

Refuge, Inc. – The Refuge Hub Upgrades

- Total Project Cost: \$770,623.90
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$770,623.90
- Refuge, Inc. requests 2025 CDBG funding to update bathrooms, building exterior and gutters, roof, flooring, lighting, PTAC units, and other quality of life upgrades.

Renew Homes Ohio – Home Maintenance Program

- Total Project Cost: \$425,940
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$425,940
- Renew Homes Ohio (RHO) seeks CDBG funds to improve the lives of low to moderate income homeowners living in Columbus by providing free minor home maintenance repairs. RHO prioritizes homeowners with city code violations, and other homeowners trying to avoid code violations or have ongoing enforcement actions about their home.

ReVest Realty, LLC – The Reclaim Project: Commercial

- Total Project Cost: \$1,090,058
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$297,831.91
- ReVest Realty, LLC seeks CDBG funds to complete the rehabilitation of an existing historic commercial building located at 1945 W. Broad Street.

Sanctuary Night – Sanctuary Night Overnight Hours

- Total Project Cost: \$183,533.45
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$135,000
- Sanctuary Night requests 2025 CDBG funding to add overnight staffing five days a week, providing drop-in and respite services during hours where other resources are not available and safety concerns are increased.

Sanctuary Night – Sanctuary Scale-Up

- Total Project Cost: \$2,021,000
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$1,000,000
- Sanctuary Night requests 2025 CDBG funding to renovate 368 West Park Ave to add staff offices, group spaces, accommodations for overnight rest, and expanded drop-in facilities.

Service! Relief for Hospitality Workers – Service Innovation Kitchen

- Total Project Cost: \$1,676,925
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$1,151,925
- Service! Relief for Hospitality Workers seeks CDBG funding to rehabilitate a building in downtown Columbus to be their Innovation Kitchen: a training center for hospitality workers and

incubator for food entrepreneurs from historically marginalized groups such as women (particularly single mothers), BIPOC individuals, immigrants, and LGBTQIA+ individuals.

St. Vincent Family Services – SVFS Building Improvement Plan

- Total Project Cost: \$998,641
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$998,641
- St. Vincent Family Services (SVFS) is applying for CDBG funds to replace roofing and replace/retrofit existing radiant heating system. Roof replacement will impact several wings of the building, benefiting several different programs, while the upgraded heating system will directly benefit the children ages 5-12 living in their Residential program wing who have been removed from their homes by Children's Services for cases of abuse or neglect and reside within the agency full-time.

Star House – Drop-in Center Capital Improvements

- Total Project Cost: \$170,107
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$170,107
- Star Housing requests 2025 CDBG funding to address critical infrastructure deficiencies at their drop-in center at 1220 Corrugated Way, including parking lot improvements, HVAC system upgrades, and the installation of a voice evacuation fire alarm system.

Student Success Stores – Student Success Stores

- Total Project Cost: \$236,224
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$65,000
- Student Success Stores requests 2025 CDBG funding to support Student Success Stores serving students living in poverty by providing no-cost hygiene products, food items, school-code clothing, and school supplies.

The Breathing Association – Tobacco Treatment Center of Ohio HVAC System Replacement

- Total Project Cost: \$170,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$100,000
- The Breathing Association is seeking \$100,000 in CDBG funds to upgrade and replace the HVAC system throughout the entire building of the Tobacco Treatment Center of Ohio. This project is an expansion of existing operations aimed at improving the facility's infrastructure to ensure a comfortable and safe environment for patients and staff.

The UNIK Foundation – Safe Haven: Access to Recovery Housing for New Americans

- Total Project Cost: \$691,254
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$648,463
- The UNIK Foundation requests 2025 CDBG funding to acquire a property at 30 S. Central Avenue in order to house their residential mental health and substance use treatment program.

We Amplify Voices – COMMUNITY CREATurEs: On the Road

- Total Project Cost: \$175,993
- CDBG Funds Requested: \$128,023
- We Amplify Voices requests 2025 CDBG funding to expand arts therapy programming in partnership with local organizations serving seniors in assisted living and homeless individuals.

WeeCare, Inc. (d.b.a. Upwards) – BOOST (Business Operation & Optimization Support Tools)

- Total Project Cost: \$970,274
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$800,000
- Upwards requests 2025 CDBG funding for the BOOST Program (Business Operation & Optimization Support Tools) in order to provide specialized technical assistance and business support to low-income microenterprise owners operating licensed in-home childcare facilities in Columbus.