

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FY 2026 (HUD PY 2025) Annual Action Plan**
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HUD PY 2025-2029*



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Executive Summary

ES-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

This Consolidated Plan is a strategic plan for the next five years and discusses the goals and objectives the Portsmouth Community Development Department plans to achieve from City Fiscal Years 2026-2030 (HUD FY 2025-2029). Each year the CD Department provides an annual update to the Consolidated Plan, which serves as an action plan for the upcoming fiscal year. In addition to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, this year's submittal contains an Annual Action Plan for HUD FY 2025 (City Fiscal Year 2026: July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026). In Program Year 2025 and beyond as allowable, the City intends to submit for and utilize CARES ACT CDBG-CV funds to undertake eligible activities that prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 pandemic. Specific activities are described in the Action Plan Section.

Attached to this Plan are the following:

- HUD-required Certifications and SF424, SF242B forms;
- Public Comment/Hearing Notice documentation (in Grantee Unique Appendices); and
- Summary of public comments received.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

This year's Annual Action Plan and Five-Year Consolidated Plan include goals and objectives for housing, public facilities, urgent needs, social services programs that assist individuals and families, and program administration. Priority needs include creating and preserving affordable housing units, helping homeowners/renters remain in their homes through temporary interim mortgage or rental assistance, responding to urgent needs in the community, removing architectural barriers for persons with disabilities, supporting public service agencies, maintaining infrastructure, and improving access/suitability to public facilities to better meet the needs of people who earn low and moderate incomes. As noted above, in Program Year 2025 and likely beyond, the City intends to submit for and utilize CARES ACT CDBG-CV funds to undertake activities that prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 pandemic. Specific activities are described in the Action Plan Section.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The specific accomplishments of projects and programs undertaken during the previous five-year planning period are provided in each year's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

There are many worthwhile and eligible programs and projects that are considered for funding each year. To assist the Community Development (CD) Department in determining which projects are funded, a six member Citizens Advisory Committee meets to make funding recommendations to the City Manager. The CD Department oversees all project administration, including oversight of construction administration, invoicing, and Davis Bacon wage rates. The Department also regularly meets with area service providers in order to ensure the needs of partner organizations and their clients are met.

5. Summary of public comments

See attachment.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

None.

7. Summary

The City of Portsmouth receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Under this program, the City of Portsmouth is an entitlement community. In PY 2025 (the first year of the HUD 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan), the City of Portsmouth will receive \$522,653 to be used in carrying out various eligible programs that benefit residents who earn low or moderate incomes or address another CDBG National Objective. CDBG funds must be used to primarily 1) benefit individuals and families who earn very low, low, or moderate incomes; 2) improve neighborhoods in which over 51% of the residents earn very low, low, or moderate incomes; and 3) improve accessibility for people with disabilities. Additionally, the City may use up to 30% of its entitlement funding for responding to HUD-eligible Urgent Needs. Urgent Need qualified activities must meet the following criteria: 1) the existing conditions must pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community; 2) the existing conditions are of recent origin or recently became urgent (generally, within the past 18 months); 3) the grantee is unable to finance the activity on its own; and 4) other sources of funding are not available.

In Program Years 2025 – 2026 and beyond as allowable, the City anticipates spending up to \$275,000 previously received CDBG-CV funds, which will be utilized to undertake eligible projects and activities that prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 pandemic. Specific activities are described in the Action Plan Section.

The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	PORTSMOUTH	Community Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Community Development (CD) Department oversees all project administration, including oversight of CDBG-eligible construction administration, invoicing, and Davis Bacon wage rates. The Department also regularly meets with area service providers in order to ensure the needs of partner organizations and their clients are met.

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PR-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(I) and 91.315(I)

1. Introduction

The Portsmouth Community Development (CD) Department is the sole agency responsible for administering the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CD Department is responsible for developing the Consolidated Plan, providing annual updates, reporting on activities accomplished and documenting funds expended at the end of each program year. The CD Department works in cooperation with public and private agencies who serve persons who earn very low-, low- and moderate incomes. The CD Department, as a Department of the City of Portsmouth, works closely with other municipal departments including the Planning, Public Works, Legal, Finance, Inspection, Health and Welfare departments. The Portsmouth Housing Authority is another City agency with which the CD Department coordinates services because that agency serves many of the same clientele as CDBG programs. Many residents in Portsmouth Housing Authority apartments are served directly or indirectly by programming and projects funded with CDBG. The CD Department's coordination and cooperation with various entities facilitates CDBG programming and assists in identifying community needs.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I)).

Community Development staff is very engaged with the quality and affordability of housing. Specifically, the City participates in regional discussions on workforce housing through the Workforce Housing Coalition and its sponsor, The Housing Partnership, a local non-profit housing organization. In recognition of the housing challenge, in 2008 the Portsmouth City Council established the Blue Ribbon Committee on Housing and charged the Committee with developing a "road map", or guidance document, on local housing options and issues; identifying creative solutions to address those issues; and developing a short list of policy and action items that could be taken by the City and others to increase affordable housing options. The results of this work have been incorporated in this, as well as past, Consolidated Plans.

The CDBG program has also worked to advance fair housing through its support for New Hampshire Legal Services (NHLA) Housing Justice Program. NHLA has been regularly awarded funds through the Public Service Agency Grant Program and will continue to receive funds as they continue to meet that need. The agency's work in this area includes providing assistance to Portsmouth renters with fair housing concerns as well as initiating and conducting workshops on fair housing for the benefit of landlords and direct service non-profit providers interacting with clients.

The City also supports and coordinates with area organizations such as Greater Seacoast Community Health to promote access to medical, dental and mental health services for individuals in need. This

health organization partners directly with the Portsmouth Housing Authority as well as other community organizations to bring their services to low and moderate income residents.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness

The City is working with Home for All (formerly known as Greater Seacoast Coalition to End Homelessness) in order to better coordinate services targeted toward families and individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The coordinated access initiative between regional service providers is helping potential clients avoid shelters altogether and move forward directly to transitional or permanent placements that are best aligned with their needs. City staff participate in Home for All forums and meetings to discuss challenges, needs and potential collaborations for the homeless services community to focus on in the near term, including improvements to coordinated care with area hospitals, expansion of data aggregation and analysis, and improving efficiency of advocacy work. CD staff is also involved in forums and workgroups addressing issues of chronic homelessness and coordination of services for those currently or at risk of becoming homeless.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS

The jurisdiction does not receive ESG funding nor does it work with HMIS. However, the CD Department coordinates and consults with the Continuum of Care coalition, Home for All, as described above. CD staff reviews periodic publications and reports associated with the homeless issue including: the New Hampshire DHHS Annual Homeless Reports and Point in Time Surveys, Homeless Teens, and the work for the New Hampshire Coalition to End Homelessness and local United Way of the Greater Seacoast-sponsored workgroups/forums to end homelessness.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

See following table.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	CROSSROADS HOUSE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Urgent Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Will Arvelo, the Executive Director, described the services and clientele at CRH. He noted that recently that are seeing more women, first time homeless, elderly, and persons with disabilities seeking transitional shelter. CRH has over 200 people on the waitlist for beds. Priority near term facility improvements/expansion projects include: 1) reconfiguring the shelter space to add 10 more beds in the main building; and 2) Rebuilding a new family structure to increase up to 20-24 families and improve ADA access. Projected project cost at this time is \$8-10M.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Greater Seacoast Community Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Healthcare, Urgent Needs,

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Joann Neumann, Chief Executive Officer, described Greater Seacoast Community Health's organization, specifically the dental program. They provide critical dental services to low-income individuals on a sliding scale, lowering the barrier to access care and keeping the community healthier. Staffing has been their biggest challenge recently, so they have taken the opportunity to create a new training program in-house to train dental assistants. Currently there are long wait times for new patients to get an appointment due to the staff shortage, preference is given to patients who are already in the behavioral or health center system for continuity. Grant funding for staff will allow them to open more appointments and serve more patients.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Portsmouth Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Urgent needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Mark Lentz, Facilities Director for Portsmouth Housing Authority (PHA), gave updates on a delayed FY 2024 project, the exterior lift at Connors Cottage, which is now back on track. He discussed the FY 27-28 major project at Sherburne School site for new housing and the renovation of the school building into usable space. He also mentioned that an accessible/sensory playground is a need and a siting for such a playground could be explored at one of the PHA sites or possibly at Greenleaf Recreation Center (city-owned).
4	Agency/Group/Organization	HAVEN
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Urgent needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Program Director, Louise Ferrari, spoke before the CAC regarding HAVEN's domestic violence shelter and services for survivors of sexual and domestic violence (DV) and their families. She spoke about the significant increase in domestic violence since COVID and that shelter needs/beds for people surviving domestic violence are continuing to increase. The Lafayette Rd. Little Blessing property and rehabilitation project with the church is facing delays due to legal issues. It is their hope that it will get on track for a new shelter, housing, and HAVEN central operations facility construction.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Rockingham Nutrition and Meals on Wheels
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Executive Director, Tim Diaz, discussed Meals on Wheels mission is to provide nutritious food to those in need through congregate settings and deliveries. The agency serves about 380,000 meals per year for 2,800 clients - hot and cold food. They have added a 6th Portsmouth route to ensure food safety and this additional route, which serves 12-15 clients in downtown Portsmouth. The major challenges facing their clients are the increasing cost of living and economic segregation; some clients reported that their delivery driver is the only person they see all week.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Seacoast Mental Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Mike Wilson, Development Director of Seacoast Mental Health, explained the agency's services and that most of their clients are on Medicaid. The agency will be looking to make facility improvements to address water leakage issues.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	AIDS Response Seacoast
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Executive Director, Tamara Leibowitz, described the case management services that ARS provides for people living with HIV/AIDS. The agency's mission is to keep clients out of hospitals and shelters by providing emergency assistance, medical referrals, transportation, etc. The most pressing challenge are the threats to Medicaid and Medicare proposed by state and federal government. Uncertainties around future federal grants also pose a challenge for funding administration costs. The cost of living (housing, food, utilities, transportation) has increasingly become a challenge to ARS clients. ARS moved to a new office space at City-owned Community Campus; lease is for 5 years. The organization sees opportunities in the coming year to build an alliance with other nonprofit organizations; Lovering center, Seacoast Community Health, etc.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Southern New Hampshire Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Tenant Based Rental Assistance/Other Interim Assistance; urgent needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The CAPHR Site Director, Kathie Comeau, described that their agency encompasses 60 programs including workforce development, health, nutrition, energy, and utility assistance targeted for economically disadvantaged and vulnerable populations. One of their main objectives is to increase funding for their short-term rental assistance program that aims to give people the temporary relief they need to remain housed. She expects the need for crisis assistance to remain high with the increasing cost of living. Over the past year they have seen an increase in single household assistance requests.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	New Hampshire Legal Assistance
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Continued consultation with NHLA will result in fair housing information being disseminated to vulnerable populations who are exiting homelessness and will assist the City to identify additional strategies and opportunities to affirmatively further fair housing in the City. Ms. Lincoln, NHLA staff attorney, added that NHLA does provide fair housing assistance, some in coordination with social service agencies.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Transportation services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Transportation; Urgent Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CD Staff consulted with Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) regarding gaps in service/locations serving low-moderate income persons and on-demand transportation services. Currently, the most needed services are for medical appointments and grocery/basic need shopping.

11	Agency/Group/Organization	Krempels Brain Injury Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Community Relations and Development Officer, Terry Hyland, of Krempels Brain Injury Center consulted with the CDBG staff and Citizens Advisory Committee and described the agency's mission of improving the quality of life for individuals with acquired brain injury. Krempels offers services including very limited physical rehab programs (not reimbursable), training in social communication and cognitive skills, creative expression, and general physical activity. Clients are never turned away due to their inability to pay. A major emerging challenge is funding unpredictability for low income and disabled clients. Other community-wide challenges are access to affordable housing, and reliable, regular, affordable transportation within the city.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

None.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	State of NH Bureau of Homeless and Housing Services	Typical services assisting the homeless in a Continuum of Care (CoC) include case management, housing counseling, job training and placement, healthcare, mental health services, substance misuse and substance use disorder treatment, childcare, transportation, emergency food and clothing, family violence services, education services, moving services, referrals to veterans' services, and legal assistance. In addition to participating in the CoC, the City provides funding to agencies that make up a significant portion of the CoC system. This support is provided through the City's CDBG-funded Public Service Agency Grant (PSAG) program and through the Welfare Department, which is supported by local tax dollars.
2025 City Master Plan	Portsmouth Planning Board	One of the many priorities for action identified in the Portsmouth 2025 Master Plan is supporting and maintaining a thriving community in the city, which includes promoting access to affordable housing.
2014 Bike-Pedestrian Plan with 2018 Updates	Portsmouth Planning Board	The Plan calls for a connected bicycle and pedestrian network and new programs and policies to help encourage people to walk and bike on a daily basis. This Plan builds on the city's considerable attributes and growing support for walking, bicycling, and "Complete Streets" with the goal of promoting accessibility to diverse modes of transportation for the benefit of all residents.
Portsmouth Housing Authority 5-Year Plan	Portsmouth Housing Authority	The goals of the PHA's 5-Year Plan include increasing the quality and supply of housing for families of low and moderate income in Portsmouth, as well as encouraging access to social services, healthcare, family support, youth programs, and senior programs for current PHA residents. The PHA has recently completed a project that provides 64 units of workforce housing in downtown Portsmouth.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
2015 Regional Master Plan	Rockingham Planning Commission	As one of the largest communities in the County, the City has a vested interest in the success of neighboring communities. Portsmouth faces many of the same challenges as other towns in the region, although most other towns are significantly more rural. Portsmouth is a regional hub for expanded social/medical services and economic activities.
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy	Regional Economic Development Center of Southern New Hampshire	The CEDS is a plan submitted by the REDC to the Department of Commerce annually. It emerges from a continuous planning process developed with broad based and diverse community participation that addresses the economic problems and potential of an area. The strategy promotes sustainable economic development and opportunity, fosters effective transportation systems, enhances and protects the environment, and balances resources through sound management and development.
2014 Greater Seacoast Plan to Prevent Homelessness	Corporation for Supportive Housing	A thorough report on the status of the Seacoast region's efforts to prevent and end homelessness and a framework for communities and service providers to increase the success of the current work being undertaken.
2014 Housing Existing Conditions Report	Portsmouth Planning Board	An analysis of the existing housing conditions in the City with a focus on future efforts to preserve existing affordable housing and encourage redevelopment of underutilized properties with housing that is affordable to houses at or below the area median income.
2014 Economic Dev. Existing Conditions Report	Portsmouth Planning Board	An analysis of the economic conditions of the City and surrounding area focusing particularly on the composition of the current labor pool and population as a whole. Also lays out opportunities for expansion and improvement of specific areas and neighborhoods in the City.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
2023 Regional Housing Needs	Rockingham Regional Planning Commission	A report that provides data regarding the regions housing inventory and community demographics. The goal of this report is to help municipalities understand their current and future housing needs, and determine compliance with the Workforce Housing Statute.
2023-24 Housing/Regulatory Study	Housing Navigator, Planning Department	Housing Navigator report to City Council that examined regulatory barriers to the preserving and producing - including affordable housing - in the City of Portsmouth.
2024 Housing Market Study	PHA Housing Development, Ltd.	This study evaluates housing demand, potential opportunities, and barriers to market entry for the City of Portsmouth. It assesses existing housing conditions, current and projected demographic and household characteristics and preferences.
2024 Coastal Resiliency Initiative	Portsmouth Planning Board	This initiative supports coastal communities as they adapt to changes in climate. It administers grant funding for habitat resilience projects in addition to fostering community engagement and land stewardship.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))

Community Development staff consult and coordinate with other City department staff as well as the Portsmouth Housing Authority (PHA) to coordinate the consistency and implementation of the Consolidated Plan. City staff also coordinate with the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (NHCDFA). NHCDFA administers the statewide CDBG program and is a member of the three agency team that develops and implements the state's Consolidated Plan. In addition to this coordination, staff also work with the Rockingham Planning Commission, the State Bureau of Homelessness and Housing Services, the NH Housing Finance Authority, and the State Lead Poisoning Prevention Program in the course of designing and implementing programs. The CD Department also consults with liaisons to the Portsmouth Cultural Commission and the organization it established to carry out its work, Art-Speak, due to the critical role the arts play in the local economy. The City also has liaisons between it and several local organizations including the Portsmouth Historical Society, Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Business Association, Rockingham County Economic Development Authority, and the Tenant's Association at Pease to name a few.

Narrative (optional):

In addition to the consultations and coordination discussed in this section, the CD Department Staff discussed community needs and emerging and potential urgent needs due to the COVID-19 or other health pandemic with Senior City Management and other departments including Health, DPW, Fire, Recreation, Economic development. These discussions will be ongoing in order to identify and address activities that prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID-19/other declared emergencies.

The City is continuing to make efforts to secure adequate internet and broadband services/connections for low- to moderate-income households and individuals, and it will monitor state/federal rule changes and funding opportunities. In PY 26, the City will continue to look for opportunities to increase internet access and provide reliable, adequate internet services to targeted communities.

It is worth elaborating on the City's recent commitments to housing and coastal protection planning in the coming year. In PY 22, the City hired a Housing Navigator to examine regulatory barriers to the preservation and production of housing—including affordable housing—in the City of Portsmouth. This position is a two-year grant-funded position through the New Hampshire Finance Authority (NHFA) and the InvestNH Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grants program. In PY23, the Housing Navigator coordinated a discussion and information-finding program, facilitated by Portsmouth Listens, which was summarized in a presentation and report delivered to the Portsmouth City Council on 2/22/24.

CD staff anticipates that the continued work and outcomes of the Housing Navigator, regional planning boards, and City Planning Staff will inform this and future Annual Action Plans.

PR-15 Citizen Participation – 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The Portsmouth Community Develop (CD) Department works with a six-member volunteer Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) throughout the last year to update the Citizens Participation Plan and develop the priorities and goals to be focused on in the Consolidated Plan. The Community Development Department consults with the public and service providers during CAC meetings. When an organization is being considered for funding or will be affected by potential policy developments, they are contacted regularly throughout the decision making process.

For the purpose of advertising public hearings in accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan, the CD Department sent emails to CDBG participant organizations – including existing public service agency grant participants and other non-profit service providers working with elderly populations, people with disabilities, at-risk youth, and others. Notices of all public hearings were published in the local paper and posted on the City's website, Portsmouth City Hall, and the Public Library.

Citizen participation helps to inform the CAC and the City of various community needs' scope and breadth, which is considered in goal setting. Goals are intended to address needs in certain areas of the cities or at facilities that serve CDBG-eligible populations, or infrastructure and accessibility needs. The community participation process and consultation will be ongoing during the Five-Year planning process, and particularly as it relates to COVID-19 and determining goals to prepare, prevent and respond to the pandemic. Specific language in Subrecipient Agreements with agencies receiving Public Service Agency Grant Program funds requires them to market their services to CDBG eligible neighborhoods as well as those living in housing developments owned or managed by the Portsmouth Housing Authority.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Held at Greenleaf Recreation Center, across from PHA Wamesit Place public housing 2/05/25. Five (5) community members attended public meeting; also attending - 1 member of PHA Staff; CAC member; and City CD staff	Community Needs: Sidewalks; Bus shelter; COAST Bus access; Speed Limit Signs; Off-leash Dog Park; ADA Improvements to Playground; Lighting Improvements; Housing Exterior Storage	None	

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2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Held at City Hall 2/11/25. All CAC Members present, CD Staff present, Representatives from several organizations present; Cross Roads House, PHA, Operation Blessing, Meals on Wheels, HAVEN, CAPHR, Seacoast Mental Health, NH Legal Assistance.	Affordable Housing; ADA Access Improvement Projects; Shelter bed demand increases; Shelter Facility Upgrades; Homelessness Prevention; Bus Shelters; Public Playground Improvements; Financial Literacy Trainings.	None.	

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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Public Service Agencies	CAC public meeting (3/06/25) held at City Hall for public service agency presentations. Representatives of area organizations came to speak, including: AIDS Response Seacoast and Krempels Center	The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss agencies' application for the FY26 Public Service Agency Grant Program and their perspectives on the issues most in need of addressing in the 5-Year plan. See summary of comments in previous section of this Plan.	None.	

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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Public Service Agencies	CAC public meeting held at City Hall (3/11/25) for public service agency presentations. Representatives of several area organizations came to speak including: Cross Roads House, Greater Seacoast Community Health, Meals on Wheels of Rockingham County, CAPHR, Operation Blessing	The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss agencies' application for the FY26 Public Service Agency Grant Program and their perspectives on the issues most in need of addressing in the 5-Year plan. See summary of comments in previous section of this Plan.	None.	

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5	Public Meeting	Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Seniors	Held at PHA Margeson Apartments 3/17/25. Twenty (20) residents of elderly public housing attended; various representatives of Portsmouth Housing Authority; also attending - City CD Staff	Community Needs: Transportation; Crosswalk Safety; Slip Hazards in Parking Lot; ADA Accessibility Improvements; Shuttle to Specific Destinations; Outdoor Lighting; Medical and Dental services	None	
6	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Held at Ruth Lewin Griffin Place 3/19/25. Two (2) members of the public, and City CD staff	COAST Bus stops and added routes; Sidewalk Maintenance; Accessibility to Medical Services; Bike Racks and Shelters; Financial Workshops/Training; Public Restrooms and Drinking Fountains.	None.	

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7	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Legal Notice (1/24/25) regarding CAC public hearing in February 2025 to determine community needs.	See comments above, as a result of CAC public hearing and meetings to determine community needs.	None.	
8	Flyers and text messages	Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Flyers place at various public housing authority buildings, newsletter and text messages to residents of public and assisted housing to inform about community needs meetings and help turnout.	n/a	None.	

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9	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Legal Notice (5/27/25) in local print newspaper regarding 30-day comment period on the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan, and the public comment period for revisions to the Citizen's Participation Plan.	No public comments were received.	None.	
10	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	CAC public hearing (6/10/25) on the Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan, Draft PY25 Annual Action Plan, and Activities/Progress on the current PY24 Annual Action Plan.	No public comments were received.		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

This section is intended to summarize the funding sources which may be available to the CDBG program to make progress on priority needs and Consolidated Plan goals. CDBG dollars will be used to fund projects and activities benefiting low to low-moderate income individuals, and to address urgent needs. CARES Act CDBG-CV funds will be used for activities meeting a National Objective and that prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19 health crisis.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	522,653.00	200,000.00	539,089.00	1,261,742.00	2,112,555.00	CDBG dollars will be used to fund projects and activities benefiting low to low-moderate income individuals, and to address urgent needs. \$200,000 in program income is anticipated from loan repayments. An estimated \$539,089 from prior year resources (unallocated and obligated funds) will also be utilized for PY25 projects/activities.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
General Fund	public - local	Public Improvements Public Services	250,000.00	0.00	0.00	250,000.00	900,500.00	General Fund dollars are leveraged to match CDBG funds for social services support and other public facilities projects that are identified on an annual basis. Typically, projects funded in part with CDBG for public facilities will see a cost share with local general fund dollars, primarily through the City's capital budget.
LIHTC	private	Housing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	The funding source is intended to serve as a placeholder for potential partnerships in the five-year period that may result in the preservation of existing affordable units or the expansion of the inventory of affordable units in the City

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services Other	90,082.00	0.00	0.00	90,082.00	200,000.00	To the extent available and allowable, CARES Act CDBG-CV funds may be used for activities meeting a National Objective and that prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19 health crisis.

Table 55 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Matching is not required for CDBG. However, CDBG funds often leverage local general fund dollars for public facility/infrastructure and for ADA Accessibility projects. Typically, public facilities projects funded in part with CDBG dollars assume a cost share with local general fund dollars, primarily through the City's capital budget. Occasionally, some public facility projects funded with CDBG leverage private resources, creating a public-private partnership. CDBG dollars also leverage private resources, as well as municipal funds from the general fund (Welfare budget), to help fund public service programs.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

N/A

Discussion

During this five-year period, including PY 2025, the City may utilize CARES Act CDBG-CV funds to undertake activities that prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 pandemic. CDBG dollars will be used to fund projects and activities benefiting low to low-moderate income individuals, and to address urgent needs (no more than 30%).

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing	2025	2029	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless	City-Wide	Housing	CDBG: \$237,744.00	Rental units rehabilitated: 100 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit
2	Public Facility/Infrastructure Improvements	2025	2029	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City-Wide	Public Facility/Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$711,195.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3000 Persons Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 200 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Public Services	2025	2029	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City-Wide	Public Services	CDBG: \$101,000.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 15 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 175 Persons Assisted
4	Transportation	2025	2029	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City-Wide	Transportation	CDBG: \$50,000.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 220 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Urgent Needs	2025	2029	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Urgent Needs	City-Wide	Urgent Need	CDBG: \$.00 CDBG-CV: \$.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 15000 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 250 Households Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10000 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 20 Households Assisted Businesses assisted: 3 Businesses Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Administration	2025	2029	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Urgent Needs	City-Wide	Administration	CDBG: \$161,803.00	Other: 1 Other

Table 56 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Housing
	Goal Description	<p>To support the creation and preservation of safe, affordable, and accessible housing for people who earn very low-, low- and moderate-incomes.</p> <p>FY 26 (PY 25) Activity: Housing Rehabilitation Program</p> <p>CDBG dollars will be used to fund projects and activities, including loans or grants for housing rehabilitation benefiting low to low-moderate income individuals, and to address urgent needs (no more than 30%). Includes the administration of Housing Rehabilitation loan/grant programs. CARES Act CDBG-CV funds may be used for activities meeting a National Objective and that prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 health crisis.</p>

2	Goal Name	Public Facility/Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	<p>To improve public facilities/infrastructure in areas where a majority of residents earn very low-, low-, and moderate-incomes, or at a public facilities where the primary users earn low- moderate incomes, with the objectives of improving safety and aesthetics; and to improve accessibility/remove barriers for people with disabilities.</p> <p>FY 26 (PY 25) Activities:</p> <p>ADA Accessibility Improvements</p> <p>Public Facility/Infrastructure Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connors Cottage Senior Housing removal of architectural barriers/ADA and accessibility upgrades • Four Tree Island phase two of removal of architectural barriers/ADA and accessibility upgrades <p>CDBG dollars will be used to fund projects and activities benefiting low to low-moderate income individuals, and to address urgent needs (no more than 30%). CARES Act CDBG-CV funds may be used for activities meeting a National Objective and that prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 health crisis.</p>

3	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	<p>To support activities that provide public services for people who earn very low-, low-, and moderate-incomes.</p> <p>FY 26 (PY 25) Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Seacoast Community Health, Dental Services for School-Aged Children • SNHS Rockingham Community Action Homelessness Prevention Services/Rental Assistance • Fair Housing Trainings • Operation Blessing Emergency Warming Center • Cross Roads House, Inc., Shelter Operations • AIDS Response of the Seacoast, Client Services Program <p>Additional or other CDBG-eligible public service activities may be identified and undertaken as a result of COVID-19 related needs. Previously awarded CDBG dollars may be used to fund projects and activities benefiting low to low-moderate income individuals, and to address urgent needs (no more than 30%). CARES Act CDBG-CV funds may be used for activities meeting a National Objective and that prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 health crisis.</p>
4	Goal Name	Transportation
	Goal Description	<p>To support public facilities that provide transportation for persons who earn very low-, low-, and moderate-incomes, including seniors and persons with disabilities.</p> <p>FY 26 (PY 25) Activity: Bus shelters in eligible areas</p> <p>CDBG dollars may be used to fund projects and activities benefiting low to low-moderate income individuals, and to address urgent needs (no more than 30%).</p>

5	Goal Name	Urgent Needs
	Goal Description	<p>To support non-profit and for profit businesses and city government programs providing public services and undertaking public facility improvements to address urgent needs when no other funding sources are available and, as applicable when the city is unable to finance the activity(ies) on its own. Economic development activities may be funded under the urgent needs goal.</p> <p>FY 26 (PY 25) Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent Needs Public Services Support • Urgent Needs Public Facility/Infrastructure Improvements <p>CDBG dollars may be used to fund projects, meeting a National Objective, that address urgent needs (no more than 30%). CARES Act CDBG-CV funds may also be used for activities meeting a National Objective and that prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 health crisis.</p>
6	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	<p>To efficiently and effectively develop, implement and evaluate programs that primarily benefit people who earn very low-, low-, and moderate-incomes. To ensure full compliance with federal regulatory requirements in the carrying out Block Grant-funded activities.</p> <p>FY 26 (PY 25) Activity: CDBG Program Administration</p> <p>CDBG dollars will be used to fund projects and activities benefiting low to low-moderate income individuals, and to address urgent needs (no more than 30%). CARES Act CDBG-CV funds may be used for grant administration activities meeting a National Objective and that prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 health crisis.</p>

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

In FY 26 (PY 25), the CDBG program plans to make progress on a number of high priorities including public facilities upgrades to address accessibility needs and needs of the senior population; assistance to non-profit partners with public facilities improvements, as well as continuing interim tenant-based rental assistance and multifamily housing rehabilitation as the opportunities present.

Additionally, in Program Year 2025, the City may utilize CARES Act CDBG-CV funds to undertake eligible activities that prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Grantee anticipates that any future activities that meet the Urgent Need National Objective will be evolving over time, including those that prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID-19. In order to be flexible to ever-changing health/crisis needs, specific budget amounts will be directed to targeted public facilities and public services activities over time.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Program Administration
2	Public Facility/Accessibility Improvements
3	Housing Rehabilitation
4	Public Services Agency Grant Program
5	Transportation
6	Urgent Needs

Table 57 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

This year the CDBG Consolidated Plan does not allocate resources based on geographic areas, but rather on priorities identified during the Consolidated Plan /Annual Action Plan consultation process. At least 70% of CDBG funding for projects/activities are intended to benefit residents earning low and moderate incomes to access/afford social services as well as ensure public building access for people with disabilities throughout the City.

Obstacles to addressing underserved needs include lack of matching or City general funds - through circumstances beyond the City's control, lack of capacity on the part of agencies- largely due to increased demands as a result of COVID-19/other health, emergency disaster declarations, high home

prices, and local permitting/land use measures that do not aggressively facilitate the development of affordable housing in the City.

The Citizens Advisory Committee to the City's CDBG Program will maintain regular community and agency consultations throughout PY 25 to assess the underserved needs in Portsmouth and provide recommendations for CDBG and CDBG-CV eligible activities. Community surveys may be utilized as well as community meetings at public housing and targeted neighborhoods.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

See table below.

1	Project Name	Program Administration
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$161,803.00
	Description	General program administration of the CDBG Program.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	CDBG Program Administration
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	CDBG Program Administration, including housing rehabilitation administration
2	Project Name	Public Facility/Accessibility Improvements
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Public Facility/Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility/Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$711,195.00
	Description	The City will continue accessibility and public facilities/infrastructure upgrades to locations throughout the City. Major activities include Connors Cottage Senior Housing and Four Tree Island facility improvements and ADA/Accessibility improvements. Other infrastructure/public facility improvement and ADA accessibility projects, including transportation, are anticipated in PY 2025.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3,000 persons earning low to moderate household income, including persons with disabilities will benefit from the proposed activities. 200 homeless persons, including individuals, families and survivors of domestic violence will benefit from these activities.

	Location Description	Connors Cottage Senior Housing (ADA accessibility); Four Tree Island public facilities; other facilities such as the emergency shelters or housing/program facilities for at-risk youth that primarily serve low-moderate income persons; CDBG-eligible block groups
	Planned Activities	Connors Cottage Senior Housing-removal of architectural barriers to accessibility, removal of architectural barriers at Four Tree Island public facilities, other citywide accessibility improvements, public facility/infrastructure improvements in eligible areas or primarily serving eligible clients
3	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$237,744.00
	Description	Provides loans or other grant funds for rehabilitation of multifamily units that house low-moderate income families or individuals. Housing rehab funds may be provided as grants for nonprofits providing housing to income-eligible individuals/families.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 100 low- moderate- income households (rental) will benefit from the proposed activities. Approximately 4 low- moderate-income homeowner households will benefit from these activities.
	Location Description	Residents in PHA properties may benefit from Portsmouth CDBG rental unit rehabilitation. Multifamily rehabilitation opportunities shall be assessed for eligibility during the program year.
	Planned Activities	Rental unit rehabilitation; multifamily housing rehabilitation through the Housing Rehab Loan Program.
4	Project Name	Public Services Agency Grant Program
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$101,000.00 General Fund: \$250,000.00

	Description	Grants to local nonprofit organizations providing public services to Portsmouth residents who earn low to moderate income.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 715 individuals, including persons who are homeless, earning low- moderate household income will benefit from the proposed activities, or precariously housed.
	Location Description	Through various non-profit social service agencies in the City.
	Planned Activities	Senior/elderly nutrition program; child care, medical, dental, and mental health services, at-risk youth programming/support, homeless shelter services, DV and sexual assault services, services for persons with HIV/AIDS, fair housing training for persons preparing to exit homeless shelters, and short-term tenant based rental assistance.
5	Project Name	Transportation
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Transportation
	Needs Addressed	Transportation
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000.00
	Description	To support agencies/facility improvements that provide transportation for persons who earn very low-, low-, and moderate-incomes.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 220 low income, elderly and/or persons with disabilities will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	At citywide on-demand transportation areas and public transportation facilities or at agencies providing transportation services for persons earning low income, elderly, and persons with disabilities.
6	Planned Activities	Bus shelters in targeted locations; connectivity to services from housing developments.
	Project Name	Urgent Needs
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Urgent Needs

Needs Addressed	Urgent Need
Funding	CDBG-CV: \$90,082.00
Description	To support non-profit and for profit businesses and city government programs providing public services and making public facility/accessibility improvements to address urgent needs when no other funding sources are available and the grantee is unable to finance the activity(ies) on its own. Economic development activities may be funded under the urgent needs goal. As noted in the introduction, the Grantee anticipates that any activities that meet the urgent needs national objective will be evolving over time, including CDBG-eligible activities that prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID-19. In order to be flexible to ever-changing health/crisis urgent needs, specific budget amounts may be directed to public facilities and public services activities over time.
Target Date	6/30/2026
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 22,000 unduplicated persons may benefit from the proposed urgent need activities. The beneficiaries may not be low-moderate income.
Location Description	Citywide urgent need activities.
Planned Activities	Support to non-profit and for profit businesses and city government programs, provide public services and make public facility/accessibility improvements to address urgent needs when no other funding sources are available and the grantee is unable to finance the activity(ies) on its own. Economic development activities may be funded under the urgent needs goal. As noted in the introduction, the Grantee anticipates that any activities that meet “urgent need” national objective will be evolving over time to meet the needs, including activities that prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID-19. In order to be flexible to ever-changing health/crisis needs, specific budget amounts will be directed to public facilities and public services activities over time.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The citizen participation process, community needs, and available funding drive the geographical allocation of investments in the community. In other words, there is no pre-specified specific geographic targeting of resources. In this Five-Year Consolidated Plan, investment of community development resources are planned for throughout the jurisdiction.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City-Wide	100

Table 58 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

This Five-Year Plan does not identify any geographic concentration of resources. Specifically, the Housing Rehabilitation Program is undertaken without regard to geography, but instead, based on income of the property owners. Public service agencies that receive CDBG grant funds are scattered through the City and public facilities projects occur in locations that directly benefit those who earn low or moderate incomes or those who are presumed to earn low or moderate incomes. The City of Portsmouth has two Census block groups where a majority of residents earn low or moderate incomes. Projects in these areas are undertaken based on project eligibility and funding availability. For at least the most recent two Consolidated Plans the City has identified significant public infrastructure needs, in CDBG eligible neighborhoods. Urgent Need projects and activities may be undertaken City-wide according to priorities described earlier in this section.

Discussion

None further.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

While wages in the Seacoast area are on par with state averages overall, average housing purchase and rental costs are the most expensive in New Hampshire by considerable margins. Unfortunately, it seems that the gap in affordability is growing again. The Seacoast is a desirable location to live and to work, in no small part due to the abundance of services and supports that the area offers. Although many people come to the seacoast in order to access jobs and services, it is often difficult for them to remain due to the high cost of housing.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	175
Non-Homeless	25
Special-Needs	0
Total	200

Table 59 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	15
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	104
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	119

Table 60 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

A diverse workforce is vital to a thriving regional economy and if the Seacoast region continues to become more expensive to live in, the lack of affordable housing will increase commuting distance, making it more difficult for employers to recruit workers and more costly to retain them.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Portsmouth Housing Authority (PHA) works to serve the housing needs of individuals and families who have very low, low, and moderate incomes. The Housing Authority manages several residential complexes serving the elderly, families with children, and families with disabilities. In addition, the Authority manages a tenant-based Section 8 program and waiting list. The Housing Authority has also worked with local public safety providers to ensure effective screening policies, strict lease enforcement and the maintenance of healthy and safe neighborhoods. The Housing Authority also provides employment and education incentives to tenants, as well as youth risk prevention services. The City of Portsmouth and the Portsmouth Housing Authority have worked closely to address the need for public housing, including on retention, renovation, and development of housing units as well as improvements to livability and access to services by residents.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The PHA has made great strides in the past several years in areas including security, accessibility, and partnerships with the community. Challenges to address in the future include the increasing number of non-elderly disabled persons being served and expanding housing opportunities. Recently the PHA has been required to house greater numbers of non-seniors with physical and/or mental disabilities in traditionally senior housing buildings; this creates a difficult situation to manage but one in which the PHA is confident it can continue to serve both populations through new administrative strategies and community partnerships. With 459 applicants on the PHA's waiting list for a Section 8 voucher and an additional 656 on the list for public housing, coupled with a sustained lack of affordable housing for the Seacoast's workforce, the PHA is looking for new opportunities to increase housing units through acquisition or new construction. The Authority's Court Street housing provides 64 one- and two-bedroom units of work force housing for individuals who earn 80% or below, area median income. Three quarters of these units are made affordable for individuals earning at 60% or below area median income.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The PHA is committed to encouraging resident participation in all of its neighborhoods in order to improve social outcomes, reduce crime, foster greater civic engagement, and assure more caring and compassionate communities. Besides working to add more programs and services for tenants, the PHA encourages residents to seek leadership roles and actively engage with the future of the community by joining Resident Advisory Boards. The PHA Resident Service team regularly invites residents to participate in conversations happening in local Government and often provides transportation to public hearings as well as hosting on-site public meetings when possible.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

N/A

Discussion

The Portsmouth Housing Authority is seen as an invaluable partner in addressing housing needs in Portsmouth. Through its own Five-Year Plan, the PHA is engaged on the issue of creating additional units, preserving existing units, and ensuring high quality services and linking with other resources in the community.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The Seacoast area has a robust Continuum of Care and Portsmouth continues to work with regional organizations such as Home for All to improve coordination between service providers and develop and implement strategies to expand and refine services. Funding from the City's general fund through City Welfare funds complement CDBG funds for public services to assist the homeless and other special needs activities.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including:

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The City will promote the availability of Public Service Agency Grants to shelters, healthcare and public welfare agencies in order to strengthen and support the already robust continuum of care.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City will continue providing support through the funding of facility improvement and social services projects for transitional housing and emergency shelter needs. Additionally, the City will consult with state and regional entities to ensure that their proposed projects are consistent with the City's CDBG homelessness goals as well as encourage close cooperation with the Home for All coalition.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City will continue providing Public Service Grants for agencies providing supportive services and will support the increase of transitional and permanent-supportive housing as well as research additional supports to chronically homeless persons.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving

assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The City will help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless through working with organizations such as the Rockingham County Community Action Program, the Portsmouth Special Needs Fund, NH legal Assistance, and Operation Blessing to provide financial and legal support for individuals and families at-risk of becoming homeless. The City through CDBG grant funding and/or general funds will also work with organizations such as Southeastern New Hampshire Services, Greater Seacoast Community Health, Seacoast Mental Health Center, One Sky Community Services, Krempels Center, and Area Home Care to support those with disabilities or substance abuse issues.

Discussion

As noted in several sections of this Plan, in PY 25 the City may submit for and utilize CARES ACT CDBG-CV funds to undertake eligible activities that prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 pandemic. All projects and activities will meet a National Objective, with no more than 30% allowed to Urgent Need.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

As the downtown area of the City continues to expand, opportunities to address the lack of affordable housing are beginning to come to light through increased potential for development of previously underutilized and underdeveloped sites.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Workforce housing in most circumstances is only going to be able to be affordable for developers and residents when undertaken on a large scale or as part of a larger development project. The City is also working to encourage workforce housing developments in the last sections of the City's undeveloped developable land (such as Sherburne School premises). Development of workforce housing may largely be incentivized by allowing zoning easements on setbacks, height, and yard frontage in exchange for developers designating a certain as-yet-to-be-determined percentage of units as affordable workforce housing with the goal of increasing densities and promoting more reasonable rates.

Discussion:

Discussions in the Market Analysis and Housing sections of this Plan have previously addressed the economic/market and land availability barriers to affordable housing in the City.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

At least 70% of all CDBG and CDBG-CV funds will be spent on programs and projects benefiting residents earning low-and moderate- incomes as well as ensuring access for people with disabilities throughout the City. Up to 30% of all CDBG and CDBG-CV funds may be spent on urgent needs in order to prepare, prevent and respond to COVID-19 or other emergencies as allowable.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The Citizens Advisory Committee to the City's CDBG Program has planned to increase its meetings and consultations throughout PY 25 to assess the underserved needs in Portsmouth and provide recommendations for additional CDBG and CDBG-CV funding to address those needs. Community surveys are planned as well as localized community meetings at public housing and targeted neighborhoods.

In preparing the City's Housing Existing Conditions Report for the 2025 Master Plan Update, the planning consultants met with and interviewed various persons who are involved or interested in local housing issues. Several respondents commented that city government presents a challenging climate for permitting new development. Permitting hurdles are especially discouraging for investment in workforce housing, as higher end and luxury residential projects can more easily absorb the premium costs associated with building in Portsmouth. The Community Development Department has also identified a lack of data and access to education resources on fair housing laws and protections as having a negative impact on the City's ability to encourage detection, reporting, and prevention of housing discrimination by advocates, tenants, and landlords.

As noted previously in this Plan, there may be additional opportunities for redeveloping underutilized parcels to address local housing needs and other planning goals including meeting underserved needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

As the downtown area of the City continues to expand, opportunities to address the lack of affordable housing are beginning to come to light through increased potential for development of previously underutilized and underdeveloped sites. As a well preserved historic city, Portsmouth has a vested interest in continuing to maintain the culture and heritage of the community; this is especially true with regard to the downtown area. While Portsmouth has historically allowed housing types that provide for a diverse range of housing options, the opportunities for producing significant numbers of housing units is currently constrained by the lack of availability of developable land.

Workforce housing in most circumstances is only going to be able to be affordable for developers and residents when undertaken on a large scale or as part of a larger development project. The City is also working to encourage workforce housing developments in the last sections of the City's undeveloped developable land (mainly in the Gateway District). Development of workforce housing may largely be

incentivized by allowing zoning easements on setbacks, height, and yard frontage in exchange for developers designating a certain as yet to be determined percentage of units as affordable workforce housing with the goal of increasing densities and promoting more reasonable rates.

The Portsmouth Housing Authority (PHA) has embraced opportunities to increase workforce and affordable housing stock as one of its primary objectives, and the City is undertaking promotion of increased development of affordable housing opportunities as one of its priorities. In summer 2022, Portsmouth Housing Authority (PHA) completed its workforce housing project on Court Street in the downtown area. According to PHA, this project will convert land already owned by the PHA and what is now primarily a surface parking lot and redevelop it into 64 one- and two-bedroom units. All of these units are financially accessible to members of the workforce making at or below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI), and of those, three-quarters of the units will be affordable to residents making under 60% AMI. In 2025, the PHA won a City bid for development of an affordable/workforce housing project at the City-owned Sherburne School premises. CDBG will be exploring ways to support this effort.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Portsmouth is not classified as one of the state's "higher risk" communities, largely due to its aging population; and therefore, LBP is not the focus of primary prevention strategies. While LBP hazards in households with children are not as significant of an issue in Portsmouth as in other communities in NH, the City actively monitors at-risk populations and still has access to the states substantial resources to identify and address situations if and when an incident does occur.

The City integrates the above actions into housing policies and procedures by ensuring all LBP hazards are identified and referred to the state to coordinate efforts state-wide. The City only uses contractors that have been certified for LBP removal in the Housing Rehabilitation Program and has expanded the LBP protocols in municipal operations.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Portsmouth is committed to supporting and promoting opportunities for families in poverty to achieve stability and success. By focusing on the three areas of housing, financial, and healthcare security, the City will work to provide a framework and support network for families to assist them in lifting themselves out of poverty. The City works closely with the Portsmouth Housing Authority to ensure residents have access to and can utilize supportive programs.

The City will continue to work with the PHA to better provide access to financial literacy and education resources among residents of the PHA in order to promote saving and asset building to help families achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. The City promotes access to preventative medical care service for individuals and families earning low or moderate income through community organizations such as Greater Seacoast Community Health and encourages residents (who are not eligible for Medicaid/Medicare) to enroll for insurance under the Affordable Care Act to minimize the amount of uncompensated care provided.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Portsmouth and the Community Development Department monitor and participate in regional discussions about issues impacting residents earning low to moderate incomes and special populations. The City is actively involved in supporting efforts to address substance misuse and homelessness prevention efforts through regional dialogues and resulting interventions and programs. The City will continue to be engaged to have an impact in these areas.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City of Portsmouth and its residents benefit from a good network of social services and public and privately assisted housing. For its size, Portsmouth benefits from a wide range of social service providers to assist those in need in Portsmouth. This is due in part to Portsmouth's role as an economic, cultural, and social hub of the region. Many larger non-profits are located in Portsmouth but have service areas beyond the City's borders. In addition, the leading agency in Portsmouth for housing issues, the Portsmouth Housing Authority, is heavily involved in the constellation of non-profit service providers and participates extensively in regional efforts to address substance misuse and homelessness issues. Most all of the City's publicly and privately assisted housing developments are served by regional transportation, though improvements from public housing to access of transportation stops (e.g., sidewalks)/sustainability of facilities/bus shelters have been noted as areas for improvement.

Discussion:

None further except to note again that in addition to the actions described above, the City may submit for and utilize CARES ACT CDBG-CV funds to undertake eligible activities that prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 pandemic. No more than 30% of CDBG and no more than 30% CDBG-CV funds shall be used to fund projects/activities under the Urgent Need National Objective.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

The plan period covers HUD PY 25/City FY26. It is anticipated that 95% of funds will be used to support people earning low-moderate income with activities and projects meeting a National Objective.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income.	

Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.

95.00%

If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). N/A

Specific year(s) covered that include this Annual Action Plan: PY 2025 (City FY 2026)

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

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**Five Year Consolidated Plan Public Hearing on Community and Housing Needs
Citizens Advisory Committee
2-6-25, City Hall Conference Room A**

Jodi Carnes, Portsmouth Welfare Director (via written comment)

Housing

One bedroom apts for 50 +.

I have so many people that are 50 + and still working but can't maintain their homes their kids are gone and don't qualify for senior living.

We have so many that have lived here their whole life and can't afford the apts. And have been waiting over 2 years for senior space at PHA.

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Jodi L. Carnes
Welfare Director

Community Needs Meeting at Greenleaf Rec Center 2/05/25

General ideas and concerns:

- Bus station/shell for the kids
 - They've been waiting under the awning at Greenleaf then sprinting to the bus when it arrives, causing slips and falls
- A new fence is blocking common walking routes, installation of new lighted pathway connecting to families first would be helpful
- Sidewalks on Greenleaf drive
- Off-leash dog park at bottom of hill
- Playground improvements to be more handicap friendly
 - Wider pathways to playground
 - Rubber mats in between structures so wheelchairs can get through
- Exterior sensory boards and splash pad at rec center
- Note that skatepark is still frequently utilized but a portion of the park could be given up for other uses

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- Lighting improvements
- More speed limit signs
- Concern of traffic patterns at nearby intersection where at least two kids have been hit by cars

Wamesit Housing Ideas and Concerns:

- Addition of screen doors
- Cement slabs at back doors
- Exterior storage/shed
- Cut outs for air conditioning or split units

Margeson Community Needs Hearing

Monday, March 17th 2025 – 10:30am-11:30am

Attendee ideas/concerns/questions:

- Lafayette School property/parking lot is sometimes overrun by the public who come to use the playground next door. Can parking signage be more clear that it is for tenants only? Public seems to confuse the signs to mean Portsmouth resident parking. Connor Cottage has a similar issue.
- Crosswalk lights to cross from Middle St to Middle Ave seem to be delayed/not working for pedestrians
- Crosswalk light across from Margeson going toward Summer St is obstructed
- Bigger sign for “no turn on red” from Miller Ave turning onto middle, cars seem to ignore this sign often
- Seniors at Margeson are at risk of slipping/falling when bringing trash out to dumpsters, especially in winter. Is there a solution for this and/or could trash chutes be reopened?
- Someone versed in geriatric health to provide more guidance for residents about health services available to them
- Help with signing up for and understanding transportation options
- Subsidies for transportation to social events at the repertory, etc.
- Retrofit more Margeson units to be handicap accessible – ADA showers, etc.
- There are issues with controlling temperature in Margeson units – some turn on AC during the winter because their units are too hot. Any way to fix HVAC issues?
- Maker’s Market or shop where seniors can sell things they make for extra cash
- Some streetlights are out on Federal St across from Margeson
- Stackable washer/dryers at Atlantic heights aren’t accessible for many seniors who can’t reach the top units
- Shower/tubs at Connors Cottage do not have sufficient overhead lighting
- General concern for lack of affordable housing options

PHA Staff Comments:

- They are available to help connect residents with appropriate services, but many agencies have long wait times
- It is helpful for residents to participate in the health assessments they offer so they can gather data and identify what services their residents need

Ruth Lewin Griffin Place Community Needs Meeting

Wednesday 3/19/25, 6:30pm – 7:45pm

Attendee Ideas/Concerns for Community Improvements:

- More frequent coast bus routes, specifically for the route that goes to the Lafayette Rd Market Basket
- Lack of certain services that are walkable in town: dentist, medical care, pharmacies, grocery stores, affordable clothing stores
- Sidewalk maintenance can be a deterrent from walking downtown
- More bike racks (at grocery stores, pharmacies, community campus) and benches (none at Feaster, the bench at Ruth Lewin is always used by the same group)
- Training/workshops in finances or first time home ownership for renters
- Business center with computer and printer at Ruth Lewin
- More public restrooms or distribution of public restroom map so people know where they are
- Public drinking fountains
- EV car chargers at Ruth Lewin
- More chargers and shelters for E-Bikes
- Surveys could be a better way to get more input from Ruth Lewin residents
- More bus routes to polling places on election days

Grantee Unique Appendices

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR
PORTSMOUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Portsmouth Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will hold a 30-day comment period beginning on June 10, 2025 and ending on July 10, 2025 regarding the FY 2026-FY 2030 Five-Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Plan and FY 2026 Annual Action Plan and Budget (AAP). In addition, the Citizens Advisory Committee will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft CDBG Five Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2026 Action Plan and to report on this fiscal year's (FY 25) CDBG activities and progress. The public hearing is at 6:30 p.m. on June 10 at Portsmouth City Hall, Conference Room A, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth.

CDBG funds are provided to the City by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to primarily benefit very low- to moderate-income residents or for other national objectives including urgent needs or elimination of slum and blight. The Annual Action Plan describes the annual activities planned to meet the City's housing and community development needs as described in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The FY 26-FY 30 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and FY 26 AAP will be available on the Community Development webpage: <https://www.portsmouthnh.gov/community> during the public comment period. Comments or questions should be directed to Elise Annunziata, Community Development Director, at eannunziata@portsmouthnh.gov. Written comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on July 10, 2025 and may be submitted via email to the above or mailed to:

City of Portsmouth
Community Development Department
1 Junkins Avenue
Portsmouth, NH 03801

A summary of the draft FY 26 Action Plan activities and FY 26-FY 30 Five-Year Consolidated Plan goals follows:

Housing Goal: To support the availability and preservation of safe, affordable and accessible housing for people who earn very low-, low- and moderate-incomes through multifamily housing rehabilitation.
Public Facilities Goal: To improve facilities and infrastructure, including transportation, in areas where a majority of residents earn very low, low-, and moderate-incomes or at facilities primarily serving income-eligible persons, with the objectives of improving accessibility, sustainability, safety and aesthetics; and to remove architectural barriers for people with disabilities.
Public Services Goal: To support public service agencies that provide services for people who earn very low-, low-, and moderate-incomes. These services to include: medical, dental and behavioral health services; tenant based rental assistance or other housing assistance/fair housing counseling/other homelessness prevention services; services for children/youth that will foster their growth into healthy adults; services to help prevent the hospitalization of elderly and those with disabilities by providing home care, medical care, and programming supporting the physical and emotional health of senior citizens; emergency shelter for persons who are homeless and persons fleeing domestic violence and the facilitation of their movement into permanent housing; and, help prevent the hospitalization of those living with HIV/AIDS through supportive services.
Urgent Needs Goal: To support non-profit and for profit businesses and public facilities to provide public services and public facilities improvements addressing urgent needs during a disaster or other declared emergency when no other funding sources are available and the grantee is unable to finance the activity(ies) on its own. Certain economic development activities may be funded under the urgent needs goal.
Administration Goal: To efficiently and effectively develop, implement, and evaluate programs that primarily benefit people who earn very low-, low-, and moderate-incomes. To ensure full compliance with federal regulatory requirements in the carrying out Block Grant-funded activities.

FY 26 Annual Plan activities may include and are not limited to:

- Citywide ADA accessibility improvements and removal of architectural barriers to accessibility in public spaces/facilities
- Building/infrastructure improvements in eligible block group areas or at public facilities primarily serving eligible clients
- Housing rehabilitation loans or grants for multifamily housing
- Greater Seacoast Community Health, dental services
- Community Action Partnership Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties, homelessness prevention services/short-term rental subsidies
- Cross Roads House, Inc., shelter operations/services
- Operation Blessing Emergency Warming Center, operations and services
- AIDS Response of the Seacoast, client services
- Meals on Wheels Rockingham County, meals delivery services to elderly/homebound
- Transportation facility, services or infrastructure enhancements
- Urgent Needs Public Services
- Urgent Needs Public Facility/Infrastructure Improvements
- Administration

FY 26 PROGRAMS	SUBTOTAL
Public Service Agency Grants	\$100,500
Housing Rehabilitation (HR)	\$205,744
Public Facility Improvements	\$408,195
Transportation	\$50,000
Accessibility/Remove Barriers	\$303,000
Administration (including HR Admin)	\$193,803
ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET	\$1,261,242

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**Legal Notice
City of Portsmouth, NH
Citizens Advisory Committee**

**Public Hearing on the FY 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan &
FY 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan**

The Portsmouth Citizens Advisory Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A at Portsmouth City Hall, 1 Junkins Avenue. The purpose of this public hearing is to solicit input on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Plan for FY 2026-2030 and the Annual Action Plan for FY 2026-2027. The Consolidated Plan describes the City's housing and community development needs and provides a 5-year strategy for meeting those needs and the one year CDBG program action plan for the upcoming fiscal year 2026 that begins July 1, 2025. In addition to the public hearing described above, City staff will review the status of the current fiscal year's CDBG projects.

CDBG funds are provided to the City each year by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City must spend these funds to primarily 1) benefit individuals who earn very low, low or moderate incomes; and 2) benefit areas of the City in which more than 51% of the residents earn very low, low or moderate incomes. For more information, or if you are unable to attend the hearings and would like to provide input, please contact Elise Annunziata, Community Development Director (603) 610-7281.

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