

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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