

***2025 Annual Action Substantial Amendment Summary
HUD Community Development Block Grant***

A. Substantial Amendment Project and Budget Changes

In order to ensure that the City of Columbus (the City) is able to meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) timeliness test in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, the budget established by the 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant has been reassessed. A substantial amendment to the 2025 AAP is required to propose funding allocation changes for CDBG grant dollars.

The 2025 Annual Action Plan Third Substantial Amendment will impact four projects.

1.) Fair Housing

- In order to meet the needs of Columbus residents facing issues related to housing discrimination and accessibility, the City intends to fund a subrecipient agreement with Legal Aid Society of Southeast and Central Ohio to offer fair housing services. The 2025 Fair Housing project budget will be increased from \$250,000 to \$400,000.

2.) Housing and Family Services

- In order to meet the needs of Columbus residents facing issues related to landlord-tenant disputes and unsafe or unsanitary housing conditions, the City intends to fund a subrecipient agreement with Legal Aid Society of Southeast and Central Ohio to offer housing justice services. The City also intends to fund a subrecipient agreement with the Ohio Domestic Violence Network to provide hotel and relocation services to victims of domestic violence. The 2025 Housing and Family Services project budget will be increased from \$338,800 to \$528,800.

3.) Health and Wellness Services

- In order to meet the needs of Columbus residents facing issues related to their health and lack of access to healthcare, the City intends to fund a subrecipient agreement with Helping Hands Health and Wellness to offer free healthcare services. The 2025 Health and Wellness Services project budget will be increased from \$250,000 to \$325,000.

4.) Community Facility Upgrades and Efficiency Improvements

- 5.) In order to fund these increased project budgets, the City will reduce the available budget for community facility upgrades. The 2025 Community Facility Upgrades and Efficiency Improvements project budget will be decreased from \$6,523,563 to \$6,108,563.

B. Citizen Participation



The City started a 30-day public comment period on July 1st, 2026 to gather feedback when this summary of projects was posted on the City's Grants Management webpage and public notice was published in the Columbus Dispatch. A public meeting to present the project changes outlined on this summary document will be held at the City's conference room located at 141 N. Front Street, on July 16th, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

Grants Management plans to submit the Substantial Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for review and approval after July 30th, 2026.

