

City of Columbus
Fiscal Year 2026
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grants
Summary of All Funding Proposals

Introduction

The City of Columbus Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management Section, solicited project proposals for the use of Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant funding in the summer of 2025.

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

This summary outlines projects the Grants Management Section received from external applicants. Grants Management is considering these project proposals for inclusion in the City's draft FY 2026 Annual Action Plan. The projects are expansions of existing programming and new programming to serve low- to moderate-income Columbus residents. Expenditures must be consistent with community needs, priorities and strategies stated in the City's 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, and compliant with federal regulations in 24 CFR 570.

Projects are listed in the sections below under a City of Columbus Strategic Plan Goal which are identified in the City's 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The Strategic Plan Goals are:

- 1) Increase housing opportunities through financial assistance, production of units, and rehabilitation of existing homes.
- 2) Provide essential services to prevent homelessness and support families and individuals through outreach, shelter, rapid rehousing, and prevention services.
- 3) Modernize and improve community facilities and infrastructure in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods.
- 4) Address housing discrimination by increasing enforcement of housing laws and public access to fair housing resources and education.
- 5) Provide public services to improve viability and health of households.
- 6) Provide public services to special populations, including domestic violence survivors, persons living with HIV/AIDS, disabled persons, and elderly persons.
- 7) Effectively administer HUD programs.

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

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



FY 2026 HUD Allocations

In June 2025, Grants Management estimated the below amounts to be the total grant awards for each HUD grant allocation for 2026. The total budget available for each program for the 2026 program year may be larger than the annual allocation when accounting for program income, returned funds, or unexpended funds from past years.

FY 2024 Program	Estimated Entitlement Award
HOME Investment Partnership	\$4,250,000
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	\$2,500,000
Emergency Solutions Grant	\$650,000
Community Development Block Grant	\$7,500,000

Citizen Participation Process for the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan

During each year of the City’s HUD Annual Action Plan development process, the City follows its Citizen Participation Plan which is approved within the City’s HUD 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The section below outlines the efforts made to date by the City to engage with the public throughout the development of the City’s FY 2026 Annual Action Plan.

CDBG Application Workshops

The Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management Section hosted a public workshop May 21 at 3:00 PM to announce the opening of the FY 2026 CDBG grant application and assist prospective applicants in understanding the CDBG program and refining their project ideas. The meeting was held at the Fran Ryan Center at 865 E Capital St, Columbus, Ohio 43205, in the community room. The meeting was advertised through email and social media.

The Grants Management Section also offered on-demand technical assistance sessions by request to allow prospective applicants to receive assistance with their applications and technical support. These technical assistance sessions were available for in-person or virtual settings.

First Public Comment Period

The City of Columbus started a thirty (30) day public comment period on June 30, 2025 when a notice was published in the *Daily Reporter* newspaper and a summary of applications received was made available on the City’s Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management webpage. The Grants Management Section will accept comments through July 31, 2025.

First Public Meeting – Review of all Applications Received

The Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management Section will host a public meeting on July 10, 2025 at 3:00 PM. Each project proposal received by Grants Management for HUD funding will be shared and available for discussion. The meeting will be held at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Hilltop Branch at 511 S. Hague Avenue in Meeting Room #1. The meeting was advertised through email and a legal advertisement in the *Daily Reporter* newspaper, which was published on June 30, 2025.

Second Public Comment Period

The City of Columbus will start a second thirty (30) day public comment period following the selection of projects for inclusion in the draft 2026 Annual Action Plan. A notice will be published in the *Daily Reporter* and a draft 2026 HUD Annual Action Plan will be made available on the City's Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management webpage.

Second Public Meeting – Columbus City Council Finance Committee Hearing

The Finance Committee of Columbus City Council and the Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management Section will host a public hearing at which projects that have been selected for inclusion in the draft 2026 Annual Action Plan will be discussed, as will a draft budget. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at 90 W Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 on a date that is yet to be determined. The meeting will be advertised through social media, email, and a legal advertisement in the *Daily Reporter*.

Submitting public comments to Grants Management

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

HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)

The draft FY 2026 HOME budget for eligible activities is \$4,250,000. The total budget is made up of the anticipated FY 2026 allocation from HUD awarded to the City. Prior to drafting the 2026 Annual Action Plan, the City will produce estimates for unexpended past years' funds and anticipated program income generated from HOME-funded projects.

Proposed projects are listed below according to the strategic goal that they address. Budgets for individual projects have yet to be determined.

Goal: Increase housing opportunities

Department of Development – Rental Housing Development

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

Department of Development – Downpayment Assistance

- Up to \$14,999 for downpayment and closing costs for low or moderate income homebuyers.

Department of Development – Homeowner Housing Development

- HOME funds will be utilized for the development and affordability assistance for new homeowner housing units.

Department of Development – Community Housing Development Organization Set Aside

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

Department of Development – Community Housing Development Organization Operating Support

- Operating support provided to the Community Housing Development Organizations by the Community Development Collaborative.

Goal: Effectively administer HUD programs

Department of Development – Housing Division Staff

- Housing Division staffing in the Department of Development for administration of HOME Investment Partnership funded programs.

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

- CDC funding for administration of CHDO operating support.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

The draft FY 2026 HOPWA budget for eligible activities is \$2,500,000. The total budget is made up of the anticipated FY 2026 allocation from HUD awarded to the City.

Proposed projects for HOPWA funding are listed below according to the strategic goal that they address. Budgets for individual projects have yet to be determined.

Goal: Provide public services to special populations

Department of Development – Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

- Funding will be used for Tenant Based Rental Assistance for those who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

Department of Development – Permanent Housing Placement (PHP)

- Funding will be used for Permanent Housing Placement to assist eligible households to secure stable housing.

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

- Funding will be used to prevent homelessness of individuals and families by helping them remain in their own dwellings and increasing their access to supportive services.

Department of Development – HOPWA Supportive Services

- Funding will be used to provide supportive services such as case management, housing counseling, and resource identification.

Goal: Effectively administer HUD programs

Department of Development – HOPWA Administration

- Staffing and other costs for HOPWA grant administration.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

The draft FY 2026 ESG budget for eligible activities is \$650,000. The total budget is made up of the anticipated FY 2026 allocation from HUD awarded to the City. Proposed projects are listed according to the strategic goal that they address.

Goal: Provide essential services to prevent homelessness

Department of Development – Emergency Solutions Grants Programs

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

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The draft FY 2026 CDBG budget for eligible activities is \$7,500,000. This total budget is made up of the anticipated FY 2026 allocation from HUD awarded to the City. Prior to drafting the 2026 Annual Action Plan, the City will produce estimates for unexpended past years' funds and anticipated program income generated from CDBG funded programs.

The Grants Management team received a total of 63 competitive applications for FY 2026 CDBG funding. These projects are being considered by the City for inclusion in the draft 2026 Annual Action Plan. All proposals are summarized alphabetically below.

A Step in the Right Direction – Hygiene Program

- Total Project Cost: \$468,690
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$174,820
- A Step in the Right Direction requests CDBG funds to expand the existing Hygiene Program, which currently serves on the Westside of Columbus. The program is designed to educate and equip individuals and families with the knowledge and resources needed to maintain personal and environmental hygiene, ultimately promoting better health outcomes and reducing the spread of communicable diseases.

All THAT (Teens Hopeful About Tomorrow) – Center of Excellence Phase IV

- Total Project Cost: \$4,934,734
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$1,664,432
- All THAT requests CDBG funds to support Phase IV of the Center of Excellence redevelopment project, which is geared towards repurposing their outdated facility on E. Livingston Avenue into an engaging, safe environment for low- to moderate-income, underserved teens. Improvements are needed to the flooring, ceilings, windows, building façade, elevator, and exterior lighting.

All THAT (Teens Hopeful About Tomorrow) – Workforce Development Center

- Total Project Cost: \$15,000,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$630,000
- All THAT requests CDBG funds to support the development of a new Workforce Development Center on their existing site on E. Livingston Avenue. The center will feature specialized program areas, including a reconfigurable flex space, culinary kitchen, weight room, music production studio, skilled trades workshop, art studio, dance studio, transitional living space, and business/entrepreneur lab with a student-run market. The center will equip students with workforce-ready skills, expand career pathways, offer wraparound services, and foster community collaboration.

Bridgeway Academy – Lower Level Renovation

- Total Project Cost: \$360,032
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$357,092
- Bridgeway Academy requests CDBG funds to renovate and expand their current facility on Alum Creek Drive to accommodate the increasing number of students and clients being served. Underutilized space in the lower level of the facility will be renovated and repurposed into therapy rooms and offices. The improvements would support the increase in delivery of specialized therapeutic services for the community.

Broad Street Presbyterian Church Neighborhood Ministries – Healthy Families, Stable Homes

- Total Project Cost: \$1,204,144
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$300,000
- Broad Street Presbyterian Church Neighborhood Ministries requests CDBG funds to expand their food pantry program and support their rent and utility assistance program.

Caring Hearts of Ohio – 1621 Harvard Avenue Affordable Housing Redevelopment Project

- Total Project Cost: \$543,986.06
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$363,985.97
- Caring Hearts of Ohio requests CDBG funds to acquire a vacant and blighted residential property located at 1621 Harvard Avenue, in the Woodland Park neighborhood of Columbus, rehabilitate the existing single-family home into a two-unit up/down duplex, and demolish the deteriorated detached garage to prepare the site for a residential accessory dwelling unit (ADU). Two units will be designated for low- to moderate-income households.

Catholic Social Services – Our Lady of Guadalupe Outreach Center

- Total Project Cost: \$1,266,653
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$99,872
- Catholic Social Services requests CDBG funds to expand their services in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Outreach Center, including food and/or emergency assistance, client navigation services, social services, and ESL classes.

Center for Employment Opportunities, Inc. – Comprehensive Employment Services for Columbus' Justice-Involved Jobseekers

- Total Project Cost: \$1,425,717
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$100,000
- Center for Employment Opportunities requests CDBG funds to expand their transitional employment program, designed to increase economic mobility and reduce recidivism

among individuals returning home from incarceration. The program provides immediate, paid transitional employment to people returning to their communities, paired with job-readiness training, individualized coaching, and support in securing full-time employment.

Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio – Treating & Reducing Symptoms of Pulmonary/Airway Disease Exacerbated by Significant Heat and Poor Air Quality

- Total Project Cost: \$629,208
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$200,000
- Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio requests CDBG funds to expand services to people unable to afford medications prescribed for breathing difficulties, including dispensing rescue inhaler and controller inhalers, conducting clinical visits and patient education, and providing community outreach.

City of Grace – A Cup of Grace: Community Coffee Shop and Gathering Space

- Total Project Cost: \$415,500
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$315,550
- City of Grace requests CDBG funds to transform a vacant restaurant space inside a church facility into a barista-training academy, safe haven, and community wellness hub. The project will deliver economic opportunities to first-time justice-involved individuals and youth at-risk of incarceration or violence.

Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center (CRC) – HVAC and More

- Total Project Cost: \$150,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$150,000
- Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center requests CDBG funds to construct improvements to their facility on W. Lakeview Avenue, including improvements to the HVAC system, renovating the back stairwell, and replacing the awning.

Columbus Urban League – Financial Empowerment Services Expansion

- Total Project Cost: \$340,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$250,000
- Columbus Urban League requests CDBG funds to expand their financial empowerment services, which include individual financial coaching, group workshops on budgeting and credit repair, eviction prevention and housing counseling, and safe banking navigation.

Communities in Schools of Ohio – School Site Coordinator Program

- Total Project Cost: \$1,010,795
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$200,000
- Communities in Schools of Ohio requests CDBG funds to support their site coordinator program, which serves Columbus City Schools students through individualized case management and integrated student supports.

Community Development for All People – Public Spaces Renovation Phase II

- Total Project Cost: \$1,000,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$1,00,000
- Community Development for All People requests CDBG funds to support upgrades to their facility on Parsons Avenue, including basement drainage installation; second floor accessibility and efficiency renovations; commercial quality public restrooms and shower facilities; kitchen renovations; parking space paving; and HVAC systems upgrades. The building on Parsons Avenue houses the Free Store, public gathering spaces, publicly-available meeting spaces, and community resource and administrative offices.

Community for New Direction – Livingston Avenue Capital Project

- Total Project Cost: \$1,499,104
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$100,000
- Community for New Direction requests CDBG funds to support their capital project to rehabilitate a building on Livingston Avenue that will house administrative offices, psychiatrists, psychiatric nurse practitioners, independent therapists, counselors, registered nurses, and peer supporters.

Community of Caring Development Foundation – Linden Community Coffee House

- Total Project Cost: \$400,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$50,000
- Community of Caring Development Foundation requests CDBG funds to develop the Linden Community Coffee House, which will be located on the Cleveland Avenue corridor. The coffee house will serve as a safe, inclusive environment where residents can gather, collaborate, and build relationships. It will also host events, provide free Wi-Fi, and function as an informal hub for local resources, job postings, and neighborhood initiatives.

Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS) – Toward Integrated Economic Success

- Total Project Cost: \$505,651
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$505,651
- Community Refugee and Immigration Services requests CDBG funds to expand their Toward Integrated Economic Success program, which helps low- to moderate-income foreign-born individuals succeed in Columbus by addressing limited English proficiency.

Connected Hearts Advocates Resources and Industry Services (CHARIS) – Linden Community Development Project

- Total Project Cost: \$2,675,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$750,000
- Connected Hearts Advocates Resources and Industry Services requests CDBG funds to acquire a property to support their Linden Community Development Project, which aims to establish a multi-use facility in the Linden neighborhood. The center would serve as a nexus for youth workforce development and job readiness, business support services, childcare services, and early learning provider support.

Cooperative Development Fund of Cooperative Development Services (CDS) – Bronzeville Food Co-op

- Total Project Cost: \$347,542
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$247,542
- Cooperative Development Fund of Cooperative Development Services requests CDBG funds to support various planning activities for the Bronzeville Food Co-op, a community-driven effort to establish a cooperatively owned grocery store serving Bronzeville and Greater Near East Side neighborhoods of Columbus.

Danous Calling – Youth Promise Project

- Total Project Cost: \$3,150,000
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$263,920
- Danous Calling requests CDBG funds to support design planning and code violation corrections for the building that houses the Youth Promise Project, which supports vulnerable youth and emerging adults who have experienced homelessness, been involved with the justice system, and/or the foster care system.

Directions for Youth & Families – Main Office Accessibility and Safety Renovation

- Total Project Cost: \$162,145
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$162,145
- Directions for Youth & Families requests CDBG funds to improve the accessibility, safety, and security of their main office. The main office serves as the administrative hub for the organization and the main hub of the Treatment Program, which provides mental and behavioral health counseling; the Head Start Program, which provides case management and parental education; the Ready, Set, Grow Program, which provides kindergarten readiness services; and the See Kids Dream Program, which provides service-learning programming.

Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI) – Contractor Resource Center (CRC) Program Expansion

- Total Project Cost: \$163,899.31
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$113,565.15
- ECDI requests 2026 CDBG funding for the Contractor Resource Center (CRC) Program in order to provide local subcontractors in the construction and allied industries with industry training, workshops, and a special loan product to help them build out their business and grow in the construction field.

Franklinton Development Association (FDA) – Franklinton Community Hub

- Total Project Cost: \$3,000,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$450,000.00
- FDA requests 2026 CDBG funding to transform a former church building into a non-profit hub and address critical deferred maintenance in the building including roof replacement and overhauling the elevator and HVAC systems.

Franklinton Development Association (FDA) – Financial LifeSkills Program

- Total Project Cost: \$90,395.90
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$64,400.00
- FDA requests 2026 CDBG funding for their Financial LifeSkills Program in order to provide education to residents to help them better navigate finance and housing, including classes on budgeting, banks and credit, loan and debt management, job-training and entrepreneurship, taxes and risk.

Franklinton Farms – Growing and Building Better (GBB) Capital Improvements Project

- Total Project Cost: \$642,338.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$642,338.00
- Franklinton Farms requests 2026 CDBG funding to improve the physical infrastructure of all 12 of their urban farm-garden sites to enhance functionality, safety, and community accessibility – including fencing and irrigation improvements, community event amenities, produce processing facility enhancements, and new pole barn construction.

Franklinton Rising– Renewal #3

- Total Project Cost: \$642,338.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$642,338.00
- Franklinton Rising requests 2026 CDBG funding to acquire six vacant lots on which to build one duplex home on each, for a total of 12 housing units, all of which will be rented to low- to moderate-income households.

FullTimeFather Life Coaching – FatherForward Initiative

- Total Project Cost: \$500,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$350,000.00
- FullTimeFather Life Coaching requests 2026 CDBG funding to acquire, renovate, and staff two transitional living houses in the Hilltop neighborhood in order to provide stable housing, life skills training, and supportive services to promote self-sufficiency and family stability for young men aged 14-21 and single fathers with children.

Greater Columbus Community Helping Hands, Inc., dba Helping Hands for Youth – Journey to Your Future Program

- Total Project Cost: \$195,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$87,500.00
- Helping Hands for Youth requests 2026 CDBG funding for their Journey to Your Future Program in order to provide a year-long program designed to guide high school students as they navigate the pivotal transition from adolescence to adulthood, including workforce development, career exploration, financial education and life skills.

Greater Linden Development Network (GLDN), dba Linden Economic Development Alliance (LEDA) – Own Where You Work

- Total Project Cost: \$750,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$500,000.00
- LEDA requests 2026 CDBG funding to acquire land at 2055 Cleveland Avenue in order to create ownership opportunities for existing Linden businesses and support entrepreneurial growth by building a four-unit, mixed-use live-work development.

Habitat for Humanity-MidOhio (HFHMO) – Roof Repair Program

- Total Project Cost: \$1,086,705.06
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$921,150.00
- HFHMO requests 2026 CDBG funding to provide roof replacement and repair services for 60 low- to moderate-income homeowners in the City of Columbus.

Helping Hands Health and Wellness Center (HHHWC) – Free Care Program & Unhoused Outreach Program

- Total Project Cost: \$362,650.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$65,000.00
- HHHWC requests 2026 CDBG funding to support its existing Free Care Program, which provides no-cost Family Medicine, Pharmacy Services, and Social Services to uninsured and underinsured individuals at or below 400% of the Federal Poverty Level, and for its new Unhoused Outreach Program, which will mobilize these same services, taking them to individuals experiencing homelessness, many of whom face substantial barriers to accessing even basic healthcare.

Home for Families (HFF) – Homelessness Prevention for Columbus Families

- Total Project Cost: \$173,650.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$173,650.00
- HFF requests 2026 CDBG funding to provide financial assistance with housing costs, including rent, utilities, security deposits, and eviction debts, alongside intensive case management support, to stabilize housing crises experienced by current and former clients.

Columbus Housing Partnership, Inc., dba Homeport – Community Powered Savings: Improving Energy Efficiency in Low-Income Housing Community

- Total Project Cost: \$552,394.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$552,394.00
- Homeport requests 2026 CDBG funding to improve the quality of life for approximately 280 low-income residents at their Kimberly Meadows housing community by replacing 78 old HVAC units with new energy-efficient models.

Hope Dealer Community (HDC) – Linden Hope Resource Center

- Total Project Cost: \$272,343.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$214,682.00
- HDC requests 2026 CDBG funding to establish a Linden Resource Center to expand their services, which provide a pipeline from life-threatening addiction and homelessness to lasting sobriety, community engagement, family reunification, and employment.

Huckleberry House, Inc. – Enhancing Safety and Stability through Perimeter Fencing at Kenmore Square Transitional Living Program

- Total Project Cost: \$465,729.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$465,729.00
- Huckleberry House requests 2026 CDBG funding to create a safe and secure environment for the youth in their program to live, play, and heal by installing a durable, trauma-informed perimeter fence around their transitional living site, with secured gates for residents and vehicles, as well as additional lighting, security cameras, and signage/wayfinding.

Jeremiah's Corner – The Corner of Possibilities

- Total Project Cost: \$66,188.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$66,188.00
- Jeremiah's Corner requests 2026 CDBG funding to launch The Corner of Possibilities, a yearlong life skills and transition program for teens and adults with developmental disabilities.

Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO) – Fair Housing Center of Southeast and Central Ohio

- Total Project Cost: \$350,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$250,000.00
- LASCO requests 2026 CDBG funding to sustain and expand their fair housing services program, which works to protect low-to-moderate income Columbus residents from housing discrimination and other barriers to equal opportunity for housing.

Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO) – Housing Justice Project

- Total Project Cost: \$385,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$125,000.00
- LASCO requests 2026 CDBG funding to expand its Housing Justice Project, which provides critical legal services to low-income tenants address unsafe housing conditions, avoid eviction, and preserve housing vouchers and access to subsidized housing.

LifeCare Alliance – Cancer Services and Home Care Support

- Total Project Cost: \$1,609,084.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$300,000.00
- LifeCare Alliance requests 2026 CDBG funding to provide access to cancer screening and services for underserved populations and to deliver services to individuals in treatment for cancer to help eliminate barriers to care.

LifeCare Alliance – Meals-on-Wheels

- Total Project Cost: \$4,631,515.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$300,000.00
- LifeCare Alliance requests 2026 CDBG funding to provide nourishing hot meals or weekly frozen meals as well as a regular wellness check-in to homebound older adults and individuals living with a medical challenge and/or disability 365 days a year.

LifeCare Alliance – Mound Production Kitchen HVAC Renovation

- Total Project Cost: \$520,066.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$100,000.00
- LifeCare Alliance requests 2026 CDBG funding to replace the HVAC system at their Mound Production Kitchen facility, which produces meals for their Meals-on-Wheels program and for the nearly 50 congregate Senior Dining Centers in Central Ohio.

Lower Lights Christian Health Center (LLCHC) – Lower Lights Health Northland

- Total Project Cost: \$3,000,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$1,500,000.00
- LLCHC requests 2026 CDBG funding to expand access to their services to the Northland neighborhood by renovating 8,000 square feet of space to house a new health center and pharmacy for low-income households.

Make-A-Day – Move the Box: A Mobile Expungement Initiative

- Total Project Cost: \$366,099.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$50,000.00
- Make-A-Day requests 2026 CDBG funding to expand their existing legal navigation services to bring criminal record expungement services directly to trusted community locations where people already receive essential services with the goal of eliminating a persistent barrier to housing and employment.

Maryhaven – Residential Life Safety System Renovation

- Total Project Cost: \$353,345.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$353,345.00
- Maryhaven requests 2026 CDBG funding to complete a comprehensive renovation of the fire and life safety systems at their residential treatment facility. This project involves the modernization of severely outdated existing infrastructure and the renovated system is critically necessary to ensure the ongoing safety of our clients and compliance with current fire code standards.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) – Columbus City Home Repair Grant

- Total Project Cost: \$150,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$150,000.00
- MORPC requests 2026 CDBG funding to provide home repairs for individuals who have either already received or are in danger of receiving exterior code violations on their property. This program focuses on exterior repairs such as but not limited to: grass cutting and maintenance, gutter and downspout repairs and/or replacement, debris and waste management removal, minor porch repair, minor concrete repair and or replacement. The goal is to help individuals who may lack resources to mitigate code violation issues.

MiraCit Development Corporation – Mock Road Corridor Redevelopment

- Total Project Cost: \$2,330,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$1,900,000.00
- MiraCit Development Corporation requests 2026 CDBG funding to complete a community redevelopment project in the Mock Road corridor, including diverse affordable housing options, mixed use commercial development, community centric businesses and essential services and community integrated facilities and services.

Modcon Living – Home Ownership Sustainability Program

- Total Project Cost: \$178,204.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$120,000.00
- Modcon Living requests 2026 CDBG funding to provide access to the Tool Library program for income-eligible residents, giving them access to more than 3,200 hand and power tools for DIY projects, helping individuals and nonprofit organizations better care for their homes and gardens.

Modcon Living – Safe at Home

- Total Project Cost: \$1,500,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$750,000.00
- Modcon Living requests 2026 CDBG funding to serve 100 low-to-moderate income homeowners across Columbus, with a focus on elderly adults, veterans, and individuals with disabilities who wish to remain in their homes safely and independently. Under this expansion, Modcon Living will deliver a targeted package of critical home improvements, including full roof replacements, wheelchair ramp installations, bathroom safety modifications (such as grab bars and walk-in showers), HVAC system upgrades, and enhanced home lighting for visibility and fall prevention.

Mount Carmel Health System Foundation – Healthy Living Center Renovations

- Total Project Cost: \$265,992.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$142,737.00
- Mount Carmel Health System Foundation requests 2026 CDBG funding for partial renovation of the von Zychlin Healthy Living Center (HLC) located in the Franklinton neighborhood of Columbus, Ohio. The project is an expansion of existing operations and will specifically renovate and reconfigure a 1,500-square foot Community Room that is currently underutilized and functionally limited.

MY Project USA – Infrastructure Improvement Project

- Total Project Cost: \$343,989.20
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$343,989.20
- MY Project USA requests 2026 CDBG funding to complete a new facilities improvement project to enhance safety, protect the structural integrity of the West Side Columbus Hilltop Youth Empowerment Center, and ensure uninterrupted access to critical services. The project includes two essential upgrades: (1) installation of a secure perimeter fence and gate system, and (2) repair of a significantly deteriorating roof.

Netcare Access – Outpatient Expansion Project

- Total Project Cost: \$1,086,705.06
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$921,150.00
- Netcare Access requests 2026 CDBG funding to expand and continue their outpatient behavioral health program. In 2022, a four-year grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) allowed Netcare to launch a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). Through this designation, Netcare provides comprehensive, person-centered behavioral health services that include counseling, medication management, and case management.

Ohio Domestic Violence Network – Hotel and Relocation Assistance Program

- Total Project Cost: \$ 392,613.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$300,000.00
- Ohio Domestic Violence Network requests 2026 CDBG funding to support its existing Hotel and Relocation Assistance Program, which provides temporary hotel stays when local shelters are full or unsafe, ensuring immediate safety while permanent housing is secured. The program helps survivors of domestic violence gain access to safe, stable housing and essential support—including rent, utilities, and moving costs—that promote long-term independence, employability, and family stability.

Ours Brothers Keepers – OBK Living With A Purpose

- Total Project Cost: \$300,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$300,000.00
- Ours Brothers Keepers requests 2026 CDBG funding to renovate a property in which to run their Living with Purpose Warming Center and Transitional Living Shelter. This program delivers shelter and basic needs including meals, hygiene, skill-building, and crisis support.

Souls in The City – Pace Center

- Total Project Cost: \$2,500,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$2,500,000.00
- Souls in the City requests 2026 CDBG funding to develop a transformative new Community Pace Center designed to inspire and empower individuals of all ages to embrace and sustain a healthy lifestyle throughout their entire lives, from infancy through their senior years.

South Side Family Farms – Youth Agricultural and Sustainable Food Systems Education and Workforce Development Program

- Total Project Cost: \$476,721.10
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$476,721.10
- South Side Family Farms requests 2026 CDBG funding to leverage the collective resources of diverse community partners in the creation of a year-long, hands-on, Youth Agricultural & Sustainable Food Systems Education & Workforce Development Program, with the goal of improving the food environment in the South Side Neighborhood of Columbus, OH, a predominantly minority community with disparately lower health indicators than the rest of the city.

Star House – Drop-In Center Laundry Room and Restroom Renovations

- Total Project Cost: \$198,037.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$198,037.00
- Star House requests 2026 CDBG funding to renovate their 24/7 drop-in center for youth experiencing homelessness. This project will expand the capacity of the facility, which has provided critical access to safety and basic needs since 2016. The drop-in center supports youth ages 14-24, and their small children, with immediate access to safety and resources like restrooms, showers, laundry, food, clothing and hygiene products.

Star House – South Side Frontline Personnel Expansion

- Total Project Cost: \$525,096.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$350,064.00
- Star House requests 2026 CDBG funding to support frontline staffing for our new drop-in center for youth experiencing homelessness on the South Side of Columbus. This project represents an expansion of our current drop-in center operations in Milo Grogan, bringing our evidence-based model to another high-need Columbus neighborhood. Star House South Side will replicate our existing model, offering 14-24-year-olds immediate safety, basic needs support, clinical therapy, health care and connections to resources.

The Cornerstone Promise, Inc. – First Step to a Cornerstone Promise

- Total Project Cost: \$6,000,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$4,100,000.00
- The Cornerstone Promise, Inc. requests 2026 CDBG funding to acquire 813 Bryden Rd., the current location of Cornerstone Promise’s corporate office and the location of their partner and service provider, First Step Recovery Center, Inc. First Step Recovery Center is a substance use and mental health treatment facility. Purchase of the property will allow continued services for up to forty-two residents at any given day receiving mental health and addiction treatment for ten weeks each, as well as temporary shelter and peer support services.

The Refuge, Inc. – 1601 Sullivant Campus Renovation & Safety Improvements

- Total Project Cost: \$370,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$370,000.00
- The Refuge requests 2026 CDBG funding to complete a comprehensive facility improvement project at its residential recovery campus located at 1601 Sullivant Ave, which serves adult men overcoming addiction. The campus is a group-living facility offering transitional housing, trauma-informed care, and workforce development for low-to-moderate-income individuals (LMI).

Vincent Walters Urban Farm Inc. – Vincent Walters Agriculture & Cultural Heritage Center

- Total Project Cost: \$1,094,792.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$1,094,792.00
- Vincent Walters Urban Farm Inc. requests 2026 CDBG funding to rehabilitate and reuse the Vincent Walters House, a historically significant residential structure located in the King-Lincoln Bronzeville neighborhood of Columbus, Ohio. The goal is to transform the vacant, century-old property into the Vincent Walters Agriculture and Cultural Heritage Center—a community-based facility offering agricultural education, food justice programming, and Black cultural heritage exhibits.

We Elevate You Foundation – Elevate Impact: Mentorship, Wellness & Business Equity

- Total Project Cost: \$250,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$100,000.00
- We Elevate You Foundation requests 2026 CDBG funding to expand their programming supporting underrepresented entrepreneurs, start-up founders, and community members through an integrated model of mentorship, wellness, and resource access.

YMCA of Central Ohio – North YMCA Elevator Modernization

- Total Project Cost: \$268,100.50
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$268,100.50
- YMCA of Central Ohio requests 2026 CDBG funding to modernize the elevator at the North YMCA due to its age and disrepair. The modernization is a critical repair needed in order to ensure safe operations and full use for those who need to utilize it.

Zamzam Women & Family Center – Empowered Families Empower Communities

- Total Project Cost: \$200,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$150,000.00
- Zamzam Women & Family Center requests 2026 CDBG funding to expand essential services that support housing stability and economic self-sufficiency for Somali and other immigrant women and families in Central Ohio, including delivering emergency housing assistance, legal rights education, and job readiness training.

City of Columbus, Department of Development, Division of Real Estate and Land Redevelopment – Four Seasons Community Garden Improvements

- Total Project Cost: \$217,758.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$161,500.00
- The Division of Real Estate and Land Redevelopment requests 2026 CDBG funding to improve the Four Seasons Community Garden to expand the area of the garden available for cultivation and add community spaces.

City of Columbus, Columbus Recreation and Parks Department – North Star Park Development

- Total Project Cost: \$3,350,000.00
- CDBG Funding Requested: \$2,000,000.00
- Columbus Recreation and Parks Department requests 2026 CDBG funding to provide major park improvements to Hayden Park and create a cultural trail that will mark historic sites along the Alum Creek Trail that were once part of the Underground Railroad.