

Orem City CDBG

Annual Action Plan 2026



Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program allocates annual grants to larger cities and urban counties to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expansion of economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The national objectives of the CDBG are to benefit low- and moderate-income families, prevent creation of or eliminate slum and blight, and serve urgent needs. The Annual Action Plan is a collaborative process whereby a community establishes a unified vision for community development actions.

As an entitlement city, Orem receives CDBG funding annually from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This funding is allocated to jurisdictions and organizations in the region to carry out community development projects that align with CDBG goals and consolidated plan priorities. This plan outlines the funding strategy for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The goals Orem City will meet through its planned activities for FY26 are Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements, Public Services, Economic Development, Affordable Housing, and Neighborhood Revitalization.

To see the list of specific activities that will meet these goals and their expected outcomes, see AP-20 of this plan.

3. Evaluation of past performance

MAG and Orem have developed a strong CDBG program by fostering solid partnerships. MAG staff have cultivated a collaborative relationship with HUD, City staff, local government representatives, and nonprofit organizations to deliver quality services and programs to low- and moderate-income residents.

The use of CDBG funds are documented in the City's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPERs), which detail activities undertaken and accomplishments achieved. At the end of each program year, the City assesses progress toward program objectives. The results are shared with the public through the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Past CAPERs are

available at <https://magutah.gov/orem-cdbg-program/>. Orem acknowledges that evaluating past performance is essential to ensuring that both the City and its subrecipients implement activities effectively and align them with the identified needs and strategic goals.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

In preparing the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, MAG, the administrator for Orem, sought input from local citizens, impacted populations, service providers, local government officials and staff, and nonprofit and for-profit organizations involved in housing and community development activities. A public hearing and key stakeholder meetings were held to gather input, and a needs survey was distributed throughout the City and region to residents, elected officials, service providers, and business and civic leaders. A draft plan was made available for public comments.

The City of Orem also relied heavily on the input of a group of citizen volunteers known as the CDBG Citizen Advisory Commission (CAC). The CAC consists of six Orem residents who are appointed by the City Council and represent various interests, walks of life, and geographic locations in Orem.

It is the policy of the Orem Community Development Block Grant Program to:

- Give citizens timely notice of local meetings and reasonable and timely access to information, performance reports, and records relating to the program's proposed and actual use of CDBG funds.
- Take reasonable steps to provide technical assistance to groups or organizations representing persons of low- and moderate-income that request assistance in developing proposals.
- Hold public hearings for the purpose of obtaining the views of citizens and responding to proposals and questions.
- Take reasonable steps to assist non-English speaking residents to be able to understand and participate in discussions that take place at public hearings, when a significant number of non-English speaking residents can reasonably be expected to attend.
- Provide citizens with reasonable advance notice of and opportunity to comment on proposed activities not previously included in the Consolidated Plan and any proposed deletion or other substantial change to the activities.
- Take reasonable steps to address concerns expressed by citizens and to respond to any formal complaints or grievances in a timely manner.

5. Summary of public comments

No public comments at this time. The draft plan was made available to the public through the Orem City CDBG program website, which can be found at <https://magutah.gov/orem-cdbg-program/>.

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

No comments were received for this Annual Action Plan. All comments are considered and utilized to inform the needs assessment, goal setting, and prioritization of funding.

7. Summary

The 2026 Annual Action Plan outlines the projects and funding priorities for the program year, which runs July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. The Plan describes the consultation process with local civic leaders and public service providers. The planning process included surveys, public hearings, and consultations.

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

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

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	OREM	Mountainland Association of Governments
HOME Administrator		City of Provo

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

MAG has been the administering agency for the Orem CDBG program since FY24. MAG CDBG staff are responsible for preparation of the Consolidated Plan and for administration of the grant program.

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The planning process is an opportunity for MAG to reach out to and consult with public and private agencies to address community needs. This section of the plan provides a summary of the consultation process, including identification of agencies and jurisdictions that participated in the process.

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(l)).

CDBG staff representing Orem City, Provo City, and Lehi City engaged in a collaborative effort to consult with representatives of low-income neighborhoods, non-profit and for-profit housing developers, service providers, public service agencies, homeless service providers, faith-based organizations, supportive housing and service providers, community stakeholders, community partners, business leaders, and beneficiaries of entitlement programs to inform and develop the priorities and strategies contained within the Consolidated Plan.

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.

MAG sits on the review subcommittee for the Continuum of Care. This subcommittee is made up of individuals in the community who have interest in the Continuum of Care process but are not an applicant for the funding cycle of HUD's NOFA. This committee uses CoC established criteria to thoroughly review and score applications to ensure strong applications in response to identified community gaps and needs. MAG also sits on the Executive Committee of the Continuum, which sets strategic planning priorities and collaboration opportunities for Continuum members.

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

No Utah Valley Consortium members receive ESG funds.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/ Organization	Rocky Mountain University of Health Professionals Foundation
	Agency/Group/ Organization Type	Services-Health Foundation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Service Organization that assisted in identifying service gaps within the community. The joint effort facilitated discussions and feedback from agencies working directly with those in need. As a result, the City identified key priorities and goals for the Plan, including specific public service focus areas where funding will be strategically directed and maximized across the community.
2	Agency/Group/ Organization	Family Haven
	Agency/Group/ Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education Services - Victims

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	<p>Housing Need Assessment</p> <p>Public Housing Needs</p> <p>Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Families with children</p> <p>Homelessness Needs - Veterans</p> <p>Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth</p> <p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>Market Analysis</p>
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3	Agency/Group/Organization	Tabitha's Way
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Food Bank
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	<p>Housing Need Assessment</p> <p>Public Housing Needs</p> <p>Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Families with children</p> <p>Homelessness Needs - Veterans</p> <p>Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth</p> <p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>Market Analysis</p>

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4	Agency/Group/Organization	BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF UTAH COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Education
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5	Agency/Group/Organization	Mental Health/Community Outreach Unite (Orem Police Department)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
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6	Agency/Group/Organization	Orem City Victim Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	<p>Housing Need Assessment</p> <p>Public Housing Needs</p> <p>Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Families with children</p> <p>Homelessness Needs - Veterans</p> <p>Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth</p> <p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>Market Analysis</p>
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7	Agency/Group/Organization	Orem Police Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Code Enforcement
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	<p>Housing Need Assessment</p> <p>Public Housing Needs</p> <p>Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Families with children</p> <p>Homelessness Needs - Veterans</p> <p>Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth</p> <p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>Market Analysis</p>

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8	Agency/Group/Organization	The Refuge
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
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9	Agency/Group/Organization	Elevate Utah
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
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10	Agency/Group/Organization	Utah Tax Help Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services - Tax Clinic

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
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11	Agency/Group/Organization	PROJECT READ
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

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12	Agency/Group/Organization	Mountainlands Community Health Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
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13	Agency/Group/Organization	Orem City
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	I consulted with Economic Development Division Manager Kathi Lewis and Grants Analyst Heather Cox regarding Orem's broadband access. I was directed to several comprehensive sources, which are all cited in the Broadband section of this plan.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	MOUNTAINLAND ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Hazard Mitigation

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	I consulted with Shauna Meacham, planner with MAG, regarding the regional pre-hazard mitigation plan she created which addresses Orem individually. All aspects of the plan I consulted and cited within the Hazard Mitigation section of this plan.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	My Story Matters
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services -- Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Service Organization that assisted in identifying service gaps within the community. The joint effort facilitated discussions and feedback from agencies working directly with those in need. As a result, the City identified key priorities and goals for the Plan, including specific public service focus areas where funding will be strategically directed and maximized across the community
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Ability 1st

	Agency/Group/ Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Service Organization that assisted in identifying service gaps within the community. The joint effort facilitated discussions and feedback from agencies working directly with those in need. As a result, the City identified key priorities and goals for the Plan, including specific public service focus areas where funding will be strategically directed and maximized across the community
17	Agency/Group/ Organization	Community Action Services Food Bank Learning Center
	Agency/Group/ Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	How was the Agency/Group/ Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the	Public Service Organization that assisted in identifying service gaps within the community. The joint effort facilitated discussions and feedback from agencies working directly with those in need. As a result, the City identified key priorities and goals for the Plan, including specific public service focus areas where funding will be strategically directed and maximized across the community

	consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Utah
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Service Organization that assisted in identifying service gaps within the community. The joint effort facilitated discussions and feedback from agencies working directly with those in need. As a result, the City identified key priorities and goals for the Plan, including specific public service focus areas where funding will be strategically directed and maximized across the community
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Fuller Center for Housing
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Service Organization that assisted in identifying service gaps within the community. The joint effort facilitated discussions and feedback from agencies working directly with those in need. As a result, the City identified key priorities and goals for the Plan, including specific public service focus areas where funding will be strategically directed and maximized across the community
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Friends of Food & Care Coalition
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public Service Organization that assisted in identifying service gaps within the community. The joint effort facilitated discussions and feedback from agencies working directly with those in need. As a result, the City identified key priorities and goals for the Plan, including specific public service focus areas where funding will be strategically directed and maximized across the community
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Deafinity

Agency/Group/ Organization Type	Services – Education Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	Public Service Organization that assisted in identifying service gaps within the community. The joint effort facilitated discussions and feedback from agencies working directly with those in need. As a result, the City identified key priorities and goals for the Plan, including specific public service focus areas where funding will be strategically directed and maximized across the community.

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated
Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

All stakeholder groups were either consulted or invited to participate in the Plan process. There was no decision to exclude any group.

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	Mountainland CoC	Housing and Homeless Needs
Housing Market Analysis 2024	Provo City	Non-Housing Needs
Housing and Homeless Needs Assessment 2024	Provo City	Housing and Homeless Needs
Mountainlands Comprehensive Economic Development	MAG	Economic Development Strategy
Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan	MAG	Non-Housing Needs
Continuum of Care	Mountainland CoC	Housing and Homeless Needs
Housing Market Analysis 2024	Provo City	Non-Housing Needs
Housing and Homeless Needs Assessment 2024	Provo City	Housing and Homeless Needs

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The City of Orem collaboratively worked with the surrounding area entitlements to implement the plan. They shared the cost of the housing plans, developed the community survey, and actively worked together to engage community leaders and local stakeholders to help determine the priorities and strategies contained within the ConPlan.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Pursuant to the CDBG program regulations, Orem City is required to prepare a Citizen Participation Plan to establish policies and procedures for citizen participation in the development of the CDBG Annual Action Plan. Per the CPP, citizens were given the opportunity to provide comments directly to CDBG staff and at a public meeting where potential projects for the coming year were discussed. The first public hearing was on September 18, 2025. This public hearing was to solicit initial public input on the community development and housing needs of the area for the upcoming year. The second comment period regarding the draft copy of the AAP was from April 13, 2026 to May 14 2026, with a public hearing on April 28 at Orem City Hall. The AAP draft was posted on the Orem CDBG website located at <https://magutah.gov/orem-cdbg-program/> for the duration of the 30-day public comment period.

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 Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	No attendance	No comments made	N/A	
2	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	N/A			

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Based on past allocations, Orem expects to receive approximately \$563,721 each year in CDBG funding. Orem also receives about \$25,000 per year in program income from Critical Home Repair loan repayments, though this is a rough estimate based on the current loans in repayment, several of which may finish repayments before the Consolidated Plan ends.

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	563,721	\$25,000	100,331.83	689,052.83	1,766,163	Orem will receive an FY26 allocation of \$563,721. Future year expected funding is based upon this annual allocation, as well as annual estimated program income. Using this year's allocation and estimated program income as a guide, Orem expects to have a total of \$1,766,163 remaining in the Con Plan period after this year.

Table 1 - 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

The city expects grant sub-recipients to leverage additional fund contributions from both private and public organizations when possible. The Citizen Advisory Commission, composed of Orem citizens, considers leveraged funds when making grant funding decisions.

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

There is no publicly owned land that will be used to address the needs in the plan.

Discussion

Orem City will continue to leverage CDBG funds to gain the highest impact possible.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Facilities and Improvements	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$170,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 466 Persons Assisted
2	Public Services to Individuals	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$83,601.60	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit:
3	Economic Development	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$0	0 Persons Served
4	Affordable Housing	2025	2029	Affordable Housing		Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$134,949.23	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Units
5	Neighborhood Revitalization	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development		Neighborhood Revitalization	CDBG: \$161,500	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 3500 Household Housing Unit

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	The \$170,000 under Public Facilities will go toward the Senior Center Multipurpose Flooring project.
2	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Funds will be awarded to various service providers whose projects will benefit low-mod individuals in Orem, as well as the salary of a victim advocate employed with the city, and a small budget for hygiene/clothing resources for homeless residents.
3	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	There are no Economic Development projects this year.
4	Goal Name	Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The Affordable Housing activities this year are Critical Home Repair, which is single family home rehab administered by MAG; Fuller Center, which is another organization in the community providing single family rehab; and Tree Removal, which is a new extension to the Critical Home Repair program run by the city providing tree removal services for LMI homeowners where there is a risk to health and/or safety.
5	Goal Name	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Goal Description	The only Neighborhood Revitalization project this year is Code Enforcement, administered by the city police department.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

This section details the projects proposed to be funded in the FY24 program year.

Table 3 – Project Information

#	Project Name
1	PY26 Program Administration
2	PY26 Code Enforcement
3	PY26 Critical Home Repair
4	PY26 Senior Center Multipurpose Flooring
5	PY26 Public Services

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

Allocation priorities were made through the citizen participation process and consultation with city council, city staff, and local nonprofit service providers. The primary obstacle to addressing underserved needs is limited funding, as well as limited allowable CDBG uses.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	PY26 Program Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements Public Services to LMI Individuals Economic Development Neighborhood Revitalization Affordable Housing Efficient Oversight and Operations
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development Public Services to LMI residents Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$114,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for administration of the CDBG program.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Administration of the CDBG program.
	Planned Activities	
2	Project Name	PY26 Code Enforcement
	Target Area	CDBG-eligible target neighborhoods

	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$161,500
	Description	The Orem Police Department will undertake code enforcement activities in qualified LMI target neighborhoods.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 3500 households within the LMI target neighborhoods in the city will benefit.
	Location Description	Neighborhood Revitalization activities are limited to the census tracts in Orem that qualify as at least 51% LMI. Please find a map of these census tracts in the appendices.
	Planned Activities	The Orem Police Department will undertake code enforcement activities in qualified LMI target neighborhoods.
3	Project Name	PY26 Critical Home Repair
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$134,949.23
	Description	This project will cover three single family home rehabilitation activities being undertaken this year: one through the Orem Critical Home Repair Program administered by MAG, one through the Tree Removal program administered through the city, and one through the local nonprofit the Fuller Center for Housing.
	Target Date	12/31/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 12 LMI households in Orem will benefit.
	Location Description	Services will be provided to individually qualified LMI homes throughout the city.
	Planned Activities	This project will cover three single family home rehabilitation activities being undertaken this year: one through the Orem Critical Home Repair Program administered by MAG, one through the Tree Removal program administered through the city, and one through the local nonprofit the Fuller Center for Housing.
4	Project Name	PY26 Senior Center Multipurpose Flooring
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	\$170,000
	Description	Funding to replace flooring in the senior center.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 466 senior citizens utilizing the senior center will benefit.
	Location Description	Orem Senior Friendship Center 93 400 E Orem, UT 84097
	Planned Activities	Replace flooring in the senior center
5	Project Name	PY26 Public Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services to LMI Individuals

Needs Addressed	Public Services to LMI Individuals
Funding	\$83,603.60
Description	Various public service activities will be carried out by Orem City, as well as local nonprofit service providers.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3000 households in LMI neighborhoods will be served.
Location Description	Services will be provided out of the Orem City building, as well as at the Tabitha's Way Food Pantry, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Utah (funding for Orem clients only), Family Haven, and The Refuge.
Planned Activities	Orem City will provide victim advocate services for victims of domestic violence, as well as small resources for homeless residents. Tabitha's Way will provide food bank services, Big Brothers Big Sisters will provide mentoring for Orem youth, Family Haven will provide therapy services for abused and neglected children, and The Refuge will provide emergency shelter services for victims of domestic violence.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

All infrastructure projects will be directed within target LMI census tracts. A map of these census tracts can be found in the appendices. Other infrastructure projects will be considered if they are able to qualify their specific service area as LMI. Otherwise, all infrastructure projects will be limited to approved LMI census tracts on an area basis. All public service and Critical Home Repair projects serve limited clientele groups from all areas in the city, which are either presumed benefit or are individually verified as LMI.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Infrastructure projects must serve LMI neighborhoods, which is why specific neighborhoods have been designated as LMI. Public service projects were awarded by the Orem CDBG Citizen Commission, which determined funding based primarily on demonstration of need and the city's priorities, not geographic location.

Discussion

The only geographic criteria for funding for FY25 is that the project benefit LMI residents of Orem.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

Unfortunately, there are some significant barriers to affordable housing in our City and area wide. Like most communities throughout the nation, the City of Orem is in the middle of an affordable housing crisis. Housing prices and rental rates in Utah County have exploded to all-time high. This along with low vacancy rates, lack of available units in the area, and the recent health pandemic has created some real challenges for LMI families and almost anyone who is trying to find affordable rentals and those trying to get into their first home. While there has been a significant increase in rental units available over the last few years, most of these units were built at market rate with high rents.

Additionally, the idea of affordable housing has become very political. Currently, there is a strong sentiment in the community against building any new multi-family housing projects and limiting other housing types. Orem is also aging and many of the older neighborhoods are becoming centers for short and long time rentals. Several of the landlords do not maintain their properties, violate city occupancy rules, and charge market rate or more for their units. This is bringing a whole new set of issues for the city to address and grapple with.

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

The City of Orem is required by the State of Utah to have comprehensive affordable housing plan that is updated regularly, to identify Orem-specific barriers to affordable housing as well develop some solutions that might help the City incorporate more of this kind of housing in our community. The plan was developed with help from developers, non-profit organizations, government officials, and other community stakeholders and addresses items such as land use controls, zoning ordinances, the missing middle, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. The State is also requiring the city to put together a Station Area Plan that addresses the development of housing and other amenities within two miles of the Orem Frontrunner/Transit Station. This will most likely force the hand of leadership and management to allow for more housing in that area. The Council and staff also continue to look for ways to help maintain and seek out residential investment within the City. The City Council has also promised to readdress the State Street Master Plan and see how housing options might fit into the updated plan.

Discussion

The City of Orem will continue to work with other surrounding cities and Continuum of Care members and use the affordable housing plan as a guide to overcome barriers to affordable housing and evaluate the most effective solutions for the growing housing problem.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

This section will identify other actions to be taken in the FY2025 CDBG Program.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

One of the primary obstacles to meeting underserved needs of residents is the availability of funding. Orem expects grant recipients to leverage grants to obtain additional funds. Coordination with jurisdictions and public service providers decreases duplication of efforts and increases effectiveness of service delivery.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Single Family Home Rehabilitation efforts are planned for this year to maintain affordable housing for LMI residents. Please see the list of projects for more details.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

In the Mountainland Region, lead-based paint testing is available through the Utah Valley Consortium of Cities and City. Equipment for lead-based paint testing was purchased with CDBG Small Cities funding. The Consortium works closely with the Housing Authority of Orem. As the housing authority provides weatherization or repair services to any pre-1978 units, lead-based paint testing is completed as a precaution.

The Utah County Health & Justice Center sells a crayon for \$2.00 that when rubbed on the paint will indicate if lead is present. The crayon can be purchased at the Environmental Health Department, Suite 2600 151 S. University Avenue, Provo, Utah 84601. The Wellness Clinic at the Utah County Health Department offers several laboratory tests for a discounted cash price on a walk in basis. In the event of a positive result the City will provide instruction about where one can go to receive more information and assistance. Orem does not currently offer removal or rehabilitation services.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Orem is dedicated to reducing the number of households living in poverty through targeted programs aimed at improving the economic well-being of individuals and families. Recognizing that poverty is a complex issue, the City acknowledges that effective solutions must be multifaceted and tailored to diverse household needs. The strategies outlined in this plan are designed to work collectively, rather than in isolation, to create a comprehensive approach to poverty alleviation.

Orem will continue working in partnership with other agencies to combine resources and empower individuals and families with the tools they need to overcome poverty. The City's strategy incorporates CDBG goals and focuses on increasing income opportunities, supporting small business growth, and advancing workforce development.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The mission of the Utah CDBG program is to improve the quality of life for low and moderate income residents, by increasing access to decent and attainable housing, improving their living environment, and expanding their economic resources. CDBG staff continually work to provide qualified applicants with funding for programs and projects that address the priorities outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

Staff work with the non-profit community serving Orem to identify the needs of the low and moderate-income residents of the community and coordinate with them to address gaps in the delivery system. We believe that by combining the resources available to the City with those of local jurisdictions and the non-profit organizations these gaps will begin to close. CDBG staff has worked to establish partnerships with these community stakeholders to combine resources for a coordinated response, providing a widespread approach to address the current gaps in services.

Applicants may include non-profit agencies, governmental and quasi-governmental agencies and housing authorities. To expand upon this mission, Orem has incorporated a proactive approach of providing assistance to the organizations on the front lines, providing help to the at-risk population. CDBG staff regularly participate in HUD training to stay up to date on best practices and regulations.

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

Orem relies on private organizations and local jurisdictions to administer CDBG projects compatible with the goals of this plan. Through electronic, in-person, and mail outreach efforts throughout the year, MAG staff collaborate with these organizations to identify and support projects that address community needs. MAG also participates in the regional Continuum of Care, which consists of many non-profit service providers, housing authorities, and local jurisdictions.

Discussion

Through the actions identified in this section of the plan, the City continually strives to implement the most effective program possible to create viable communities.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

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.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(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.

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| 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

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| 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. | 83.46% |

Discussion

Orem receives a small amount of program income each year through Critical Home Repair loan repayments, usually about \$23,000 per year. Program income received is always drawn down before regular entitlement funds. As such, the city does not plan to have any unused program income before the start of this program year. All program income received during Q4 will be drawn down immediately thereafter for Q4 activity draws.

All prior year funding available has been budgeted in this Annual Action Plan.

We estimate that 83.46% of this year's funding will be used for activities that benefit LMI persons. The only funds that will not directly benefit LMI persons this year is the program administration costs of \$114,00 (out of this year's total funds available, including the annual allocation, program income, and prior year funds, which is \$689,052.83). The overall benefit is being calculated over a three-year period, which began last year and will end after next year. The percentage of last year's funds that went toward LMI persons was only 62%, due to administration costs and the large Section 108 in last year's budget. Now that the Section 108 loan is paid off, we expect that next year's overall benefit percentage will mirror this year's; it should be around 80% again. As such, we expect the combined percentage over the three-year period to be around 74%.