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Public Hearing: 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

March 24, 2026

Welcome and Introductions

- **Ruchelle L. Pride**, Chief of Economic Innovation & Development
- **Anthony Redic, PhD.**, Chief Operating Officer
- **Walter Dillard**, Assistant Director
- **Greta Armstrong**, Community Development Official
- **Lee Hollis**, Community Development Administrator



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Hearing Purpose

- (1) Obtain views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties on identifying housing and community development needs
- (2) Notify the public of the upcoming 2026 CDBG planning process
- (3) Present the proposed 2024 Draft Comprehensive Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), for public comment and review



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Agenda

- An overview of the HUD Programs administered by Franklin County EDP
- A summary of the current Consolidated Plan/Action Plan
- The amount of grant funds and program income the County projects to receive over the next program year
- The range of activities which may be undertaken
- The process to be followed in developing project funding requests
- The project funding request timeframes and rating
- The schedule of meetings and hearings for the development of our 2026 Annual Action Plan



Franklin County HUD Entitlement Programs

- Qualified Urban County HUD Formula Grants
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
 - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- For Franklin County, excluding the City of Columbus

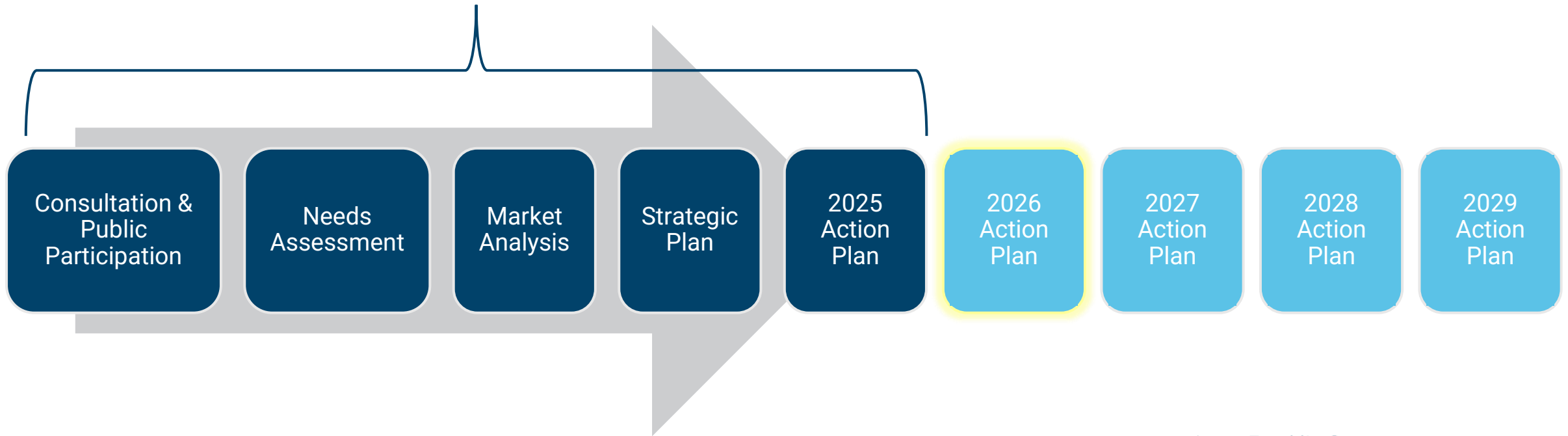


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Consolidated Planning Process

2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 AAP



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CAPER

Program Year 2024 Activities

- Affordable housing
- Infrastructure
- Public services
- Emergency shelter for persons experiencing homelessness



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Estimated 2026 Resources Available

Funding Source	Estimated 2026 Allocation
CDBG	\$2,026,554
HOME	\$803,456
ESG	\$179,429
Total 2026	\$3,009,439

These funding amounts are estimated based upon the 2025 HUD allocations, as awards are not expected to be announced for 2026 until mid-May. The budgets for planned activities will be updated based upon actual amounts prior to the plan being submitted to HUD.



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CDBG Eligible Activities

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program helps communities by giving them money to improve neighborhoods and support people in need.
- Eligible CDBG activities include:

Helping people with low or moderate incomes

Fixing or cleaning up areas of slums or blight

Solving urgent problems that could harm people's health or safety

- HUD limits the amount spent toward public services to 15% of the annual CDBG allocation



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Meeting National Objectives

Each activity must meet one of the
THREE NATIONAL OBJECTIVES:



Benefit Low- and Moderate-
Income Persons
(at least 70% of grant
amount)



Prevent or Eliminate Blight
(not more than 30% of
grant amount)



Urgent Needs
when health and welfare are
threatened



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Activities Eligible Under HOME and HOME-ARP

HOME



Eligible Population: Low-income households



Constructing new homes (owner-occupied or rental)



Rehabilitating existing homes (owner-occupied or rental)



Homeowner assistance (DPA, etc)



Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)

HOME ARP



Eligible Populations: Homeless, those at-risk of homelessness, fleeing DV or trafficking, Veterans



Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing



Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter



Supportive Services, including Homeless Prevention Services, and Housing Counseling



Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)

ESG Program - Categories of Activities

Street Outreach

Emergency Shelter

Homeless Prevention;

Rapid Re-Housing Assistance

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)



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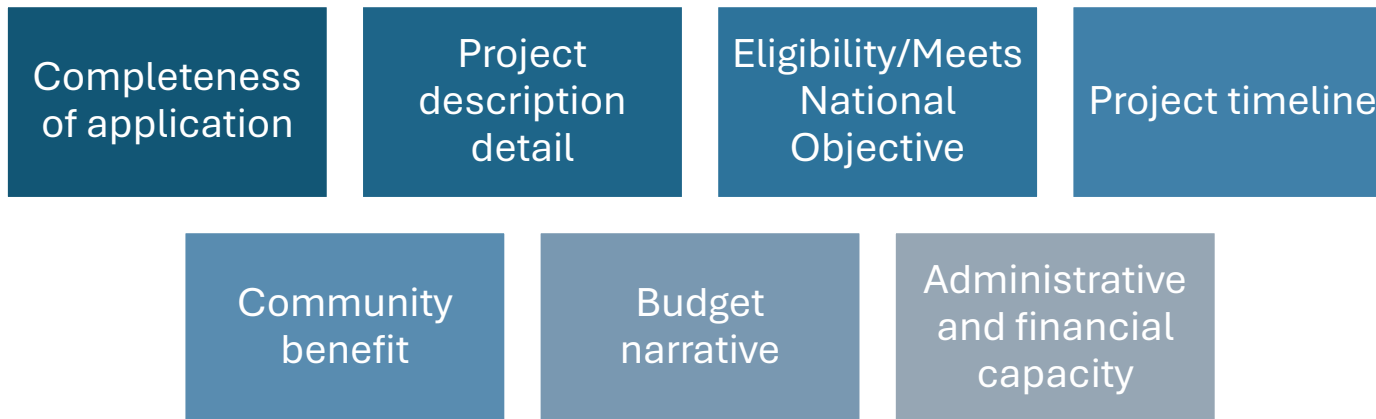
2026 Funding Requests

- Anticipate competitive award cycles for CDBG, HOME, and HOME-ARP in Summer 2026
 - Notices of Award Cycles will be published in the *Columbus Dispatch*, on the EDP website, and via our GovDelivery listserv
- In addition, we do accept HOME applications on a rolling basis
 - For a copy of our HOME application, email communitydevelopment@franklincountyohio.gov
- As in past years 2026 ESG grant will be a pass-through grant to Community Shelter Board, our local Continuum of Care



Application ratings and award decisions

- Projects submitted to our competitive award cycles are independently scored by cross-county review panels
- Scoring criteria will be clearly listed in the application
- For example, in our 2025 CDBG award cycle, applications were scored based on:



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Schedule of Hearings and Review of 2026 AAP

- **Hearing on 2026 AAP Development:** April 7, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.
- **Draft 2026 AAP Public Comment Period:** April – May 2026, 30 days, specific dates TBD
- **2026 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing:** May 2026

- **2025 CAPER Hearing, in preparation for 2027 Planning:** May/June 2026



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Public Testimony

Views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties on identifying housing and community development needs

For More Information

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