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FY 2020 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment

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10/9/2025 substantial amendment to transfer \$239,132 from completed or canceled projects and unobligated CDBG funds to be transferred to a new eligible project.

8/5/2026 Franklin County proposed a substantial amendment to transfer \$239,132.00 in CDBG funds from a canceled acquisition project to be transferred to Microenterprise Technical Assistance.

Executive Summary

ES-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The 2020-2024 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan is the result of a collaborative process to identify housing and community development needs and to establish goals, priorities, and strategies to address those needs, especially for low and moderate income households. The process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to better focus funding from HUD formula block grant programs to meet local needs. Franklin County is an entitlement jurisdiction that receives federal funds from HUD to support local community development and affordable housing activities. The federal block grant programs that provide these resources include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). As a condition of receiving these funds, Franklin County is required to submit a 5-Year Consolidated Plan, which outlines the county's housing and community development needs and priorities, and the First Year Annual Action Plan (budget) that identifies how the county plans to allocate its HUD funding to address those priority needs. In turn, the Consolidated Plan serves as the document that guides the priorities and expenditure of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds received by the County (additional information on each of these programs is provided following the summary of the Consolidated Plan sections).

The Consolidated Plan process culminated with the development of Franklin County's First Year Annual Action Plan (which is not included as part of the Consolidated Plan document, but can be found at www.franklincountyohio.gov/commissioners/community_development.cfm). The findings from the Consolidated Plan were used to determine the types of programs the County would fund in the Action Plan. The First Year Annual Action Plan provides a summary of the actions, activities, and programs Franklin County will implement during the first year (2020) of the Consolidated Plan period to address the priority needs and goals identified by the Strategic Plan. Overall, the Action Plan functions as an annual guide and budget to explain how federal resources will be used to improve conditions for LMI

households, racial and ethnic minorities, homeless persons, and other non-homeless special needs populations in Franklin County.

Franklin County is proposing a substantial amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plan to reallocate CDBG funds from previously planned activities to adjust for actual expenditures for completed projects and fund anew CDBG eligible project and ensure timely expenditures. Through this amendment, \$212,089.76 from completed or canceled projects and unobligated CDBG funds to be transferred to a new eligible activity. These changes are reflected in AP-35 of this Annual Action Plan substantial amendment draft.

Franklin County is proposing a substantial amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plan to allocate previously CDBG funds previously obligated to a canceled acquisition program to other CDBG-eligible activities. Through this amendment, \$239,132.00 in CDBG funds allocated to ETSS Acquisition of Microenterprise Center are proposed to be transferred to Microenterprise Technical Assistance. These changes are reflected in AP-35 of this Annual Action Plan substantial amendment draft.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

Public participation was an essential part of Franklin County's consolidated planning process because it helps ensure that decisions are made with careful attention to community needs and preferences.

To this end, a public involvement process was developed to gather targeted feedback from stakeholder groups and provide opportunities for all community residents to participate in the planning process. The major activities of the public involvement process included a survey of county residents, focus group interviews conducted with key stakeholder groups from the community, a public comment period during which the draft plan could be reviewed, and a public hearing. The resident survey, public comment period and public hearing are described in more detail below.

Resident Survey

Franklin County developed an online survey about housing and community needs in the county. The purpose of the survey was to obtain broad input from county residents about current conditions and needs. The survey provided additional information, which supplemented data collected through existing sources and datasets, and this information was used to support the development of the Consolidated Plan's priorities and goals. A draft protocol was developed and tested to ensure complete and accurate data collection prior to distribution to residents.

Resident Survey Results

The online survey was created to give citizens the opportunity to provide input into the consolidated planning process. Franklin County advertised the survey through email and newsletters, and posted it on the County's website. In addition to advertising and hosting the survey, the County reached out to over 100 government, non-profit, and civic groups. These organizations were asked to help advertise and disseminate the survey to their various membership and contact lists. Throughout the outreach process, special attention was paid to connecting with organizations and leaders that represent and advocate on behalf of populations of special interest to the Consolidated Plan (i.e. racial and ethnic minority groups, and low/moderate income (LMI) households).

The survey was organized into five broad topic areas: 1) affordable housing; 2) neighborhood revitalization; 3) human, social, and supportive services; 4) community and economic development; 5) and homeless facilities and services. Within each topic area, respondents were asked to identify the most important issues/needs in the community and to prioritize the allocation of funds for these issues/needs. The following summary provides the top needs/issues identified by participants for each of the five topic areas. For more detailed data, please reference the survey result tables attached to this document.

The draft 2020 Substantial Amendment was available for review and comment for a 30-day public comment period beginning on October 15, 2025 and ending on November 14, 2025, with a public hearing for to solicit oral and written comments on the draft plans and proposed activities scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 3:30 pm in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, Michael J. Dorrian Building, 1st Floor, 369 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

8/5/2026: The draft 2020 Substantial Amendment is available for review and comment for a 30-day public comment period beginning on August 17, 2026 and ending on September 16, 2026, with a public hearing to solicit oral and written comments on the draft plans and proposed activities scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (address above).

AP-35 Projects - 91.220(d)

Introduction

Given the limited nature of resources, Franklin County prioritizes the needs identified through the Consolidated Planning process to direct the allocation of funds in a manner that maximizes community impact.

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8/5/2026: Franklin County is proposing a substantial amendment to the 2020 Annual Action Plan to allocate previously CDBG funds previously obligated to a canceled acquisition program to other CDBG-eligible activities. Through this amendment, \$239,132.00 in CDBG funds allocated to ETSS Acquisition of Microenterprise Center are proposed to be transferred to Microenterprise Technical Assistance.

#	Project Name
1	MORPC Urgent repair
2	First time homebuyers downpayment assistance
3	Homelessness Assistance Comm. Partnership
4	ECDI - Microenterprise loan program
8	Food for thought
9	ECDI - Minority Contractors program
10	CHN - Housing retention
11	Lifecare alliance - project open hand
12	Rebuilding Together ModCon Tool Library
13	HOTH - Housing counseling
14	MOBILE hearing enhancement services and ramps
15	Helping hands - stepping off to college
16	Children's hunger alliance
18	CSB - homelessness outreach services
19	CDBG program administration
20	CUL - Fair housing services
21	MORPC - Housing advisory board
22	CHDO Development
23	CHDO Operating & technical assistance - Aff. Housing Trust

#	Project Name
24	HOME program administration
25	CMHA - HQS inspections
26	County rental rehab. & new construction program
28	Lifecare Alliance - CHORES program
29	HESG 2020 Franklin County Ohio
30	ETSS Acquisition of Microenterprise Center
31	Microenterprise Technical Assistance

Table 1 – Project Information

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

30	Project Name	ETSS Acquisition of Microenterprise Center
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Foster Business Expansions in Areas of Need
	Needs Addressed	Promotion of economic development
	Funding	Project Canceled
	Description	Acquisition of building to be used as a consolidated services center for microenterprise and workforce development programs.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Acquisition of 4300 E Broad Street

31	Project Name	Microenterprise Technical Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Foster Business Expansions in Areas of Need

Needs Addressed	Reduce Poverty and Enhance Economic Opportunity, Promotion of economic development
Funding	CDBG: \$239,132.00
Description	8/5/2026: As a part of our substantial amendments we added this project provide technical assistance to microenterprise business owners in Franklin County
Target Date	9/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 businesses
Location Description	Activities will be undertaken Countywide in Franklin County, excluding the City of Columbus jurisdiction
Planned Activities	These funds will support training, coaching, and other forms of technical assistance