



2025-2029 Consolidated Plan & 2025 Annual Action Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

Public Needs Hearing
April 14, 2025

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Franklin County- Economic Development and Planning Staff Introductions
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WHAT IS THE FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN?

Franklin County receives an annual allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

To continue to be eligible for these funds, Franklin County is required to prepare a Five-Year Consolidated Plan to establish goals and objectives to meet the priority needs in the community.

- These grants fund projects to meet the priority housing, homelessness, and community development needs in Franklin County, (outside the City of Columbus).
- Projects undertaken using these funds benefit persons that are low- or moderate-income or persons at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
- Franklin County is also preparing an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to meet requirements to affirmatively further fair housing.

CP & AAP PROCESS



Stakeholder Consultation & Public Participation

Local government, public and private agencies, housing authority, etc.



Housing and Homeless Needs Assessment

Utilize quantifiable data, stakeholder input, and citizen participation to develop this section



Housing Market Analysis

Utilize quantifiable data, stakeholder input, and citizen participation to develop this section



Strategic Plan

Priorities for 2025-2029



Annual Action Plan

Proposed activities for 2025

Basic CDBG Eligible Activities



Housing
Rehabilitation



Homeownership
Assistance



Public Facilities and
Improvements



Blight Removal
Demolition/Site
Preparation



Code Enforcement



Economic
Development



Acquisition /
Disposition of Real
Property



Public Services

CDBG Public Services

HUD Limits the amount that can be allocated annual to Public Services as no more than 15% of CDBG Grant Allocation

Employment Training

Crime Prevention

Childcare

Health Care

Drug Abuse Education

Fair Housing Counseling

Energy Conservation

Homebuyer Education

Recreation Programs

Ineligible Activities

Some Examples Include:

NO Political activities

NO Construction of housing units by a unit of local government

NO Operation and maintenance of public facilities/improvements

NO General government expenses including construction of general government buildings (except ADA improvements)

NO Purchase of equipment

NO Direct income payments

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

HOME Program Basics



Housing
Rehabilitation



Homeownership
Assistance



New Construction
of Affordable
Housing



Tenant Based
Rental Assistance

HOME program funding helps preserve or create affordable housing for LMI households.

A minimum of 15% of the annual HOME allocation must be set-aside annually for **Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)** activities, which focuses on increasing the number of affordable units.

ESG PROGRAM- CATEGORIES OF ACTIVITIES

Planning and Administration (no more than 7.5% of allocation. the Eligible ESG Categories of Activities?

Street Outreach;

Emergency Shelter;

Homeless Prevention;

Rapid Re-Housing Assistance; and

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Estimated Resources Available

These funding amounts are estimated based upon the 2024 HUD allocations, as awards are not expected to be announced for 2025 until mid-May. The budgets for planned activities will be updated based upon actual amounts prior to the plan being submitted to HUD.

Funding Source	Estimated 2025 Allocation	Over 5-Year Plan Period
CDBG	\$2,041,576	\$10,207,880
HOME	\$815,406	\$4,077,030
ESG	\$177,096	\$885,480
Total Annual	\$3,034,078	\$15,170,390

Past Funding Priorities

Fund	Project	2023 & Prior Funds
CDBG	Housing Rehabilitation	\$900,000
CDBG	Public Infrastructure & Facilities	\$2,300,000
CDBG	Public Services- Homelessness	\$125,100
HOME	Development of affordable housing	\$1,033,738
ESG	Shelter Programs	\$180,974

During FY 2023, Franklin County expended approximately \$1.5 million for homeowner rehabilitation programs. Additionally, Franklin County has expended \$2,212,276 in CDBG-CV (CARES Act funds) and completely expended \$2,466,220 in ESG-CV funds to address homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Value of Public Participation

You have firsthand knowledge of the local housing market and conditions, gaps in services, infrastructure needs, and barriers to opportunity

You can help to prioritize the limited amount of funding available to fund activities that will address the most pressing and relevant issues

You can help us to identify any obstacles that hinder access to affordable housing of your choice, and access to services that may be addressed with these grant funds

Listening Session on Priority Needs

Housing Instability &
Preservation Affordability

Accessible Housing

Neighborhood
Revitalization and
Improvements

Discussion Topics

Affordability and Accessibility

Factors impacting cost and availability of affordable housing

How changing demographics impact housing needs

Most prevalent fair housing issues in today's housing market

Healthy neighborhoods: walkability (sidewalks, lighting, curb cuts), amenities located within neighborhoods (parks, playgrounds, stores, jobs, etc.)

Homeless and Special Need Housing and Services

Discussion Topics

Identifying Special needs populations

Housing needed

Challenges to housing these populations

Underserved subpopulations

Supportive services

Challenges accessing services

Missing services

Community & Economic Development

Discussion Topics

Significant Developments/Changes

Workforce Development Initiatives

Small Business Development

Economic Empowerment

Opportunities and Barriers to Business Attraction

Housing Implications

Broadband Access

Natural hazard resilience

Next Steps

Please participate in our survey and provide additional information on the priority needs in the community.

Follow Link or use QR Code.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FranklinCountyOH>



- **April:** Stakeholder sessions, public hearing, and an online survey will be conducted to gather information and public feedback on the existing needs.
- Online Survey through **May 5, 2025**
- **June:** Draft Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan Available for Public Review
- **June:** 2nd Public Hearings Conducted in County during 30-Day Public Comment Period
- **July:** Submission of the Consolidated Plan to HUD

For More Information

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