



Franklin County  
Board of Commissioners

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING**

### **FY 2024 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment**

February 13, 2026

Draft for Public Display

Display Period February 13, 2026, and ending on March 16, 2026

**Comments due by 4:00 p.m. on March 16, 2026**

10/9/2025 substantial amendment to transfer a total of \$971,860.51 from completed or canceled projects and unobligated CDBG funds to be transferred to be used toward new CDBG eligible activities.

2/13/2026 substantial amendment to correct administrative errors and reallocate funds to CDBG eligible activities.

## **Executive Summary**

### **AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)**

#### **1. Introduction**

The 2024 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan provides a summary of the actions, activities, and programs Franklin County will implement during the fifth year (2024) of the Consolidated Plan (2020-2024) 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, homeless persons, and other non-homeless special needs populations in Franklin County.

Franklin County is proposing a substantial amendment to the 2024 Annual Action Plan to reallocate CDBG funds from previously planned activities to fund new CDBG eligible projects and ensure timely expenditures. Through this amendment, \$306,019.45 from existing projects will be transferred to new eligible activities. These changes are reflected in AP-35 of this Annual Action Plan substantial amendment draft.

Franklin County is proposing a substantial amendment to the 2024 Annual Action Plan to reallocate CDBG funds from previously planned activities to fund new CDBG eligible projects and ensure timely expenditures. Through this amendment, \$550,000.00 from existing projects will be transferred to new eligible activities. These changes are reflected in AP-35 of this Annual Action Plan substantial amendment draft.

#### **Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

See attachment labeled "Additional Characters"

The draft 2024 Substantial Amendment is available for review and comment for a 30-day public comment period beginning on October 15, 2025 and ending on November 14, 2025. Additionally, Franklin County will conduct a public hearing for the substantial amendment to the 2024 Annual Plan to

solicit comments on the draft plans and proposed activities. The hearing is 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. Oral and written comments can be submitted during the hearing.

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## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The projects to be undertaken to address the priority housing and community development needs of Franklin County include home repair, affordable housing development, infrastructure, homelessness services, and administration.

Franklin County conducted the most recent Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in 2018, and will be completing a new review and adopting an updated Fair Housing Plan as part of the 2025 Consolidated Plan to be developed. The projects selected for 2024 which address the fair housing goals from the 2018 plan include the HOME funds designated to support the creation of new affordable rental housing through LIHTC tax credit projects.

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#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	MORPC Home Repair
3	Infrastructure Projects
4	ESG 24 Franklin County
5	Rebuilding Lives CoC Project
6	Tax Credit Projects

#	Project Name
7	CHDO Operating and Technical Assistance
8	CHDO Project
9	ETSS Supportive Services
10	Lifecare Alliance Nutritional Support
11	CSB Emergency Shelter
12	Upwards Care, Boost and Build
13	Homes on the Hill Housing Counseling
14	Microenterprise Development

**Table 1 - Project Information**

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

Allocations of CDBG and HOME funds for projects are prioritized based on the goals and objectives identified in the strategic plan. The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is limited resources to meet the competing demands. The County will continue to seek additional funding sources to address underserved needs.

## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

3	<b>Project Name</b>	Infrastructure Projects
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$961,261
	<b>Description</b>	Improvements to public infrastructure.
	<b>Target Date</b>	3/31/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 1,000 LMI persons will benefit
	<b>Location Description</b>	Franklin County, including overlaps with the City of Columbus
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Projects to improve infrastructure in CDBG eligible low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, including but not limited to street improvements, sidewalk improvements, water/sewer improvements, ADA improvements, and public facilities.
12	<b>Project Name</b>	Upwards Care Boost and Build
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Foster Business Expansions in Areas of Need
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$0
	<b>Description</b>	For-profit microenterprise business development for childcare – project was cancelled, and funds reallocated.
	<b>Target Date</b>	

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Microenterprise Development
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Foster Business Expansions in Areas of Need
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Foster Business Expansions in Areas of Need
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$322,000
	<b>Description</b>	Coaching and technical assistance for small businesses including small business childcare providers
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	