



Franklin County
Board of Commissioners

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

FY 2018 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment

July 22, 2025

Draft for Public Display

Display Period July 23, 2025 and ending on August 22, 2025

Comments due by 4:00 p.m. on August 22, 2025

7/22/2025 substantial amendment to transfer \$134,780.18 in unobligated HOME funds are proposed to be transferred to Homeownership Assistance projects.

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The 2018 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 fourth year (2018) of the Consolidated Plan (2015-2019) 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 2018 Annual Action Plan to allocate previously unobligated HOME funds toward new HOME eligible projects. Through this amendment, \$134,780.18 in unobligated HOME funds are proposed to be transferred to Homeownership Assistance projects.

These changes are reflected in AP-35 of this Annual Action Plan substantial amendment draft.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Public participation is an essential part of the consolidated planning process because it helps ensure that decisions are made with careful attention to community needs and preferences. Moreover, the input of stakeholder and community members generates additional public awareness about the consolidated planning process. Involvement allows more perspectives to be featured during the decision-making process, which gives Franklin County more information to consider in the development of the Consolidated Plan priorities and goals. Receiving input and buy-in from planning officials, stakeholders, and residents of Franklin County plays a significant role in helping the plan take shape.

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 the provision of a technical assistance workshop, multiple public hearings, a public comment period during which the draft plan could be reviewed, and the ongoing provision of staff support.

The draft 2018 Substantial Amendment is available for review and comment for a 30-day public comment period beginning on July 23, 2025 and ending on August 22, 2025. Additionally, Franklin County will conduct a public hearing for the substantial amendment to the 2018 Annual Plan to solicit comments on the draft plans and proposed activities. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 3:30p.m. 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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Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
17	Assist low/moderate income home owners	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Affordable Housing Preservation and Development	HOME: \$134,780.18	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 9 Households Assisted

Table 1 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

17	Goal Name	Assist low/moderate income home owners
	Goal Description	The purpose of this goal is to assist low and moderate income owner-occupied homes to remain in their homes in a safe and sound environment. Funds will be used to assist low and moderate income owner-occupied households to remain in their homes in a safe and sound environment, including increased funding for housing rehabilitation programs.

Projects

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. Needs were prioritized in a Strategic Planning session during which the results of the Needs Assessment and Market Analysis were shared. This information was used to determine priority needs and develop the Strategic Plan Goals. Through the county's budgeting process the following projects were funded to implement the Strategic Plan Goals.

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Projects

#	Project Name
26	Homeownership Assistance

Table 2 - Project Information

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

The allocation priorities are a product of communities priorities, analysis and citizen input. Generally speaking, the CDBG, HOME and ESG funds will continue to fund the same category of programs as in 2016. There is a great need for the rehabilitation of both owner and renter-occupied housing in Franklin County. The county has a large and growing inventory of vacant and abandoned housing units that could be returned to the market if they were rehabilitated. Along with the need for large-scale intensive rehabilitation, there is a large demand for repair assistance. In terms of obstacles, the demand for housing rehabilitation and repair services far outpaces available funding.

AP-38 Project Summary26	Project Name	Homeownership Assistance
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Assist low/moderate income home owners
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Preservation and Development
	Funding	HOME: \$134,780.18
	Description	Projects to provide homeownership assistance to eligible households in Franklin County.
	Target Date	9/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers 9 households assisted
	Location Description	Activities will be undertaken Countywide in Franklin County, excluding the City of Columbus jurisdiction.
	Planned Activities	These funds will support homeownership assistance including, but not limited to, downpayment assistance.