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2026 Annual Action Plan: Public Hearing on Draft Plan

May 6, 2026

Welcome and Introductions

- **Ruchelle L. Pride**, Chief of Economic Innovation & Development
- **Anthony Redic, PhD.**, Chief Operating Officer
- **Walter Dillard**, Assistant Director
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Agenda

- Overview of HUD Programs
- Overview of Anticipated Resources
- Projects Proposed in the 2026 Annual Action Plan
- Public Comment
- Next Steps



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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)
- Our jurisdiction is Franklin County, excluding the City of Columbus
- Our 2026 CDBG, HOME, and ESG projects are designed to benefit a majority Low- and Moderate-Income Persons



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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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HOME Eligible Activities

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

For Homelessness and
Special Populations

Additional ~\$3million,
outside the scope of
the 2026 AAP process

ESG Eligible Activities

Street Outreach

Emergency Shelter

Homeless Prevention;

Rapid Re-Housing Assistance

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

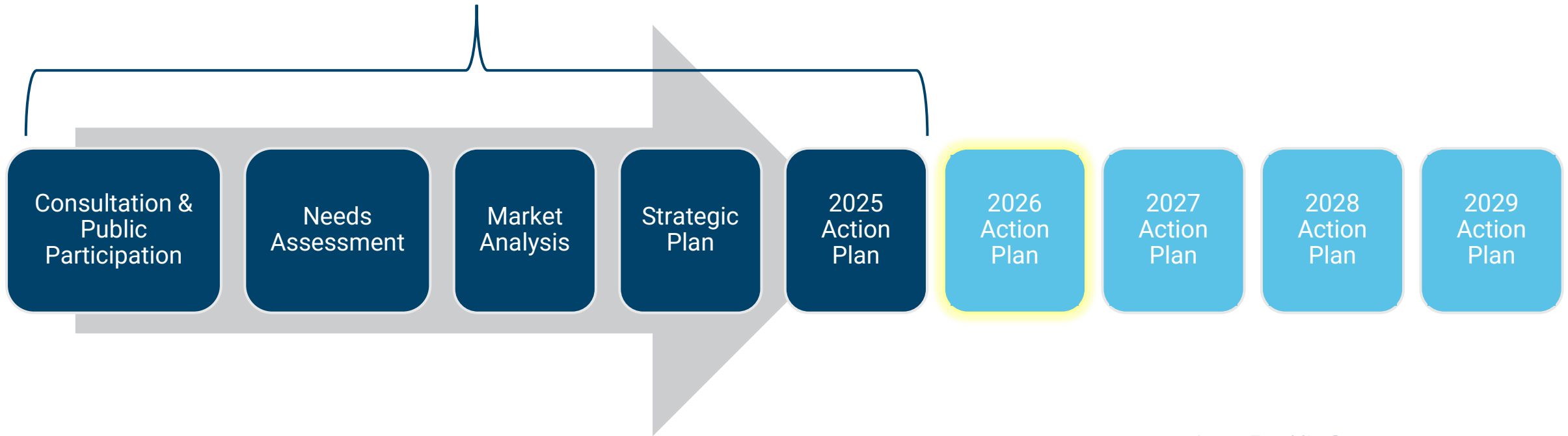


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Consolidated Planning Process

2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 AAP



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2026 Resources Available

Funding Source	2026 Allocation
CDBG	\$2,199,705
HOME	\$1,500,053 \$891,916 2026 grant + \$608,137 2025 program income
ESG	\$178,133
Total 2026	\$3,877,872



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Franklin County Goals (From our Consolidated Plan 2025-2029)

Preserve and
Expand Affordable,
Safe, Accessible
Rental Housing

Expand
Homeownership
Opportunities

Improve Access to
Public Services

Improve Public
Facilities and
Infrastructure

Support
Sustainable
Economic Growth

Support
Homelessness
Prevention and
Services

Provide for Planning
and Administration



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Proposed Projects for 2026: Summary

Con Plan Goals		2026 CDBG \$2,199,705.00	2026 ESG \$178,113.00	2026 HOME \$1,500,053.56
Preserve and Expand Affordable Rental Housing				
Rental Rehab and Construction	All non-CHDO			\$1,216,261.08
Expand Affordable Homeownership Opportunities				
CHDO Reserve Project	15% of HOME			\$133,787.48
Owner Occupied Housing Repair	35% of CDBG	\$769,896.75		
Downpayment Assistance	10% of CDBG	\$219,970.50		
Improve Access to Public Services				
Public Services Projects	15% of CDBG	\$329,955.75		
Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure				
	0% this year			
Support Sustainable Economic Development				
Microenterprise Technical Assistance	20% of CDBG	\$439,941.00		
Support Homelessness Prevention and Services				
ESG Support of CSB	100% of ESG+		\$178,113.00	
Provide for Planning and Administration				
Franklin County Program Administration	20% of CDBG, 10% of HOME	\$439,941.00		\$150,005.00

Public Comment



Next Steps:

- 2026 Annual Action Plan
 - Public comment period remains open through May 21, 2026
 - Incorporate comments into final 2026 Annual Action Plan
 - Obtain approval from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners
 - Submit final plan to HUD
- Anticipated 2026 Award Cycles
 - Competitive CDBG Award Cycle: Summer 2026
 - Competitive HOME-ARP Awards for Permanent Supportive Housing and Services (~\$3million, outside the scope of the 2026 AAP process)
 - Rolling HOME Applications



For More Information

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