



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#26-0460

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 16, 2026

TITLE: Public Hearing Approving the City of Fort Lauderdale's 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan for Entitlement Grant Programs Provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development– (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

City staff recommends the City Commission approve the City of Fort Lauderdale's 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan for entitlement grant programs provided by the City from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and authorize the City Manager to execute all sub-recipient agreements and necessary HUD certifications.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale engages in a comprehensive planning process with community stakeholders to strategically address housing, economic, and community development needs. The comprehensive planning process is a requirement of the City as a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS/HIV (HOPWA) federal entitlement grants. In total, the City receives approximately \$10,518,344 in funding through these programs.

The development of the Annual Action Plan follows a structured, community-driven framework. This process is designed to ensure that identified housing and community development priorities and the use of funding aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan and with HUD's national objectives for key grant programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): Supports a wide range of community development activities aimed at providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for low and moderate-income people as defined by HUD. Federal regulations permit jurisdictions to use fifteen percent (15%) of their CDBG award to carry out public service activities that meet the needs of low- to moderate-income individuals or households.

- Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA): Provides housing assistance and supportive services for low-income people, as defined by HUD, living with AIDS/HIV and their families.
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program: Helps to expand the supply of decent, affordable housing for low and very low-income families as defined by HUD.

The federal grant awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 are listed below and in Exhibit 1.

Program	Allocation
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,561,741.00
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)	\$8,316,890.00
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)	\$639,713.93

The 2026–2027 Draft Annual Action Plan, attached as Exhibit 2, serves as the proposed second-year implementation strategy of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan that was approved by the City Commission on June 30, 2025, and is attached as Exhibit 3.

On January 12, 2026, the City held a public planning meeting to engage residents in the development of the 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan. On February 2, 2026, the City opened the application process for nonprofit organizations seeking Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services funding. Ten (10) nonprofit organizations submitted applications.

Ordinance No. C-12-01, Section 4, assigns the Community Services Board (CSB) the responsibility of reviewing and recommending applications to the City Commission for CDBG Public Services allocations and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA) funding for housing related services. Ordinance C-12-01 is attached as Exhibit 4. On April 20, 2026, the CSB conducted its review and ranking of the ten (10) CDBG Public Services applications.

At the time of the review, the Board had nine (9) appointed members. Board member Sharon Major- Hughes recused herself due to a conflict of interest, as her employer, the YMCA, was an applicant for CDBG funding. The CSB also voted to exclude the scores submitted by board member Latrinsha Greaves after determining the scores materially deviated from the established scoring methodology and approved evaluation criteria. The Board discussed the scoring methodology during the April 20, 2026, meeting and ultimately voted to proceed with the recommendations based on the remaining eligible scoring submissions. The approved meeting minutes are included as Exhibit 5.

The CSB’s CDBG Public Services funding recommendations are shown below and are listed based on the board’s ranking of the organizations. There was a tie between Dr. Stanley and Pearl Goodman Jewish Family Services (JFS) of Broward and Broward

Partnership for the Homeless for third position.

1. Boys and Girls Club	\$45,000
2. Rotary Connection	\$40,000
3. Dr. Stanley and Pearl Goodman JFS	\$35,000
4. Broward Partnership for the Homeless	\$35,000
5. Broward House	\$20,000
6. Jack and Jill Children's Center	\$15,000
7. YMCA of South Florida	\$12,500
8. Oasis of Hope Community Development	\$12,500
9. South Florida Institute on Aging	\$11,761.15
10. Harmon Kids	\$ 7,500

The total CDBG fund awarded for public service activities is \$234,261.15. Should the City Commission approve the CSB's recommendation, or approve as amended, funding will be made available to the organizations after October 1, 2026, and upon execution of grant agreements.

Additionally, in FY 2024-2025, the CSB recommended HOPWA funding to the City Commission, which was approved with up to three (3) annual renewals based on performance. The allocations in the 2026-2027 Draft Annual Action Plan reflect these original recommendations, adjusted for City actions in FY 2025-2026 and a minor increase from the City's FY 2026 HUD allocation.

Federal regulations require a thirty (30)-day public comment period for the City's Draft Annual Action Plan ahead of the public hearing to adopt the plan. The public notice was published in the Sun Sentinel on May 8, 2026. A copy of the public notice announcing the public comment period is attached as Exhibit 6.

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Resource Impact

There is no long-term fiscal impact on the General Fund. The federal grants will reimburse the City for the funding expended on eligible activities.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Housing Focus Area, Goal 2: Enable housing options for all income levels.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
Goal 2: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – HUD Fiscal Year 2026 Allocation Notice

Exhibit 2 – Draft 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan

Exhibit 3 – 2025 - 2029 Consolidated Plan

Exhibit 4 – Ordinance C-12-01

Exhibit 5 – Approved CSB Minutes, April 20, 2026

Exhibit 6 – Public Notice

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