City of Birmingham
Community Development
PY2026 Annual Action Plan Draft

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City's Action Plan-One Year Use of Funds is an annual description of the City's Federal and other resources that are expected to be available to address its priority needs and how the Federal funds will leverage other resources. The description includes activities for Plan Year (PY) 2026 (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027) for the city to address its priority needs. The Action Plan explains where the assistance will be directed by geographic area during PY 2026.

The Proposed Action Plan also includes a narrative and tables that identify the geographic areas in which it will direct assistance, a description of homeless and other special needs activities, as well as a description of other actions to foster affordable housing, public housing improvements, and resident initiatives, evaluation and reduction of lead-based hazards, reducing the number of persons below the poverty line, development of the City's institutional structure, efforts to enhancing coordination between housing and service agencies, and assistance to public housing.
While HUD allocations are critical, they are not sufficient to overcome the barriers and address the community needs that low-income individuals and families face in attaining self-sufficiency.
Birmingham anticipates receiving the following grant amounts in fiscal year 2026. Projections for the entire five-year period follow in parentheses; however, these projected amounts are simply five times this year's allocation, and future amounts are expected to change based on federal allocations made annually.

- CDBG: $5,796,698.00 (28,668,550.00)
- HOME: $1,189,537.83 ($5,694,232.80)
- HOPWA: $1,945,320.00 ($8,976,635.00)
- ESG: $503,933.00 ($2,531,590.00)

The City of Birmingham shall not use grant funds to promote "gender ideology," as defined in Executive Order (E.O.) 14168, Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

While Birmingham continues to experience a declining population, the number of households has not decreased at the same rate. Between 2010 and 2023, the population declined by 8 percent, while the number of households declined by only 2 percent. This disparity suggests that household characteristics and average household size have shifted, resulting in a slower decline in the total number of households than in the overall population. As such, a declining population does not necessarily translate into an abundance of housing—particularly housing that is safe, decent, and affordable. More than half of households with children aged six and under are considered low income, earning below 50 percent AMI. These families face heightened risks of housing instability and potential homelessness due to rising housing costs, the high price of childcare, and barriers to stable employment while caring for young children. The limited availability of affordable housing further constrains options for families and individuals exiting homelessness who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance. According to input from the Continuum of Care, Jefferson County faces a shortage of approximately 17,000 affordable and available rental units for individuals who are extremely low income. Because most individuals served by the CoC are single adults, there is a critical need for a diverse mix of housing options and unit types beyond traditional single-family homes. Additionally, accessible housing for older adults and persons with disabilities remains limited. Individuals nearing the end of their rapid re-housing assistance also encounter challenges related to transportation access, proximity to medical care, and connections to essential support services.

In response to these needs, the City of Birmingham has established proactive and dynamic goals for the strategic use of its federal entitlement grant resources. The City's priority needs include affordable housing, non-housing community development, and homelessness. To address these priorities, the City will focus its resources on the following activities:

- Promotion of Jobs and Business Creation;
- Affordable Housing Supply and Quality;
- Services and Housing for the Homeless Population;
- Development and Implementation of Public Services; and
- Housing and Services for Special Needs Populations.

This Annual Action Plan serves as a component of the City's broader strategic framework for allocating and leveraging entitlement grant funding. The Plan incorporates both qualitative and quantitative data collected through citizen participation, market analysis, and a comprehensive assessment of community needs to identify the highest-priority areas for investment. The City's objectives and intended outcomes to address these priority needs, in no particular order of ranking, include:

- Enhancing the City's economic stability and prosperity by investing in economic development programs that encourage business development, revitalization, and promotion activities within targeted

commercial districts;
• Expanding and preserving affordable rental and homeowner housing opportunities located near transit, employment centers, and community services;
• Assisting individuals and families in stabilizing in permanent housing following a housing crisis or episode of homelessness through client-centered housing and supportive service solutions;
• Strengthening community services and nonprofit facilities to maximize impact by increasing access to programs serving youth, seniors, and other vulnerable populations; and
• Addressing the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS and other special needs populations and their families through the provision of housing, health, and supportive services.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The summary of past performance reported below was taken from Birmingham's most recently completed Consolidated Annual Performance Plan (CAPER) completed for the program year 2024.
CDBG CV funding was used to assist individuals with: Education-Child Care/Summer Camp, Tuition for job training, Rental Assistance, COC/Coordinated Entry Assessment, Adult Care, Provide meals for seniors, Homeownership Counseling/Foreclosure Prevention, and Fair Housing/Housing Counseling.
Affordable Housing: Housing assistance was provided to 105 homeowners.
Improved Public Services: Assisted 14,186 persons with improved public services that were non-housing and non-homeless.
Economic Development/Commercial Revitalization: Technical assistance was provided to 200 businesses throughout the city with a focus on Woodlawn, Ensley, and the 4th Avenue Business District. Eleven (8) low-moderate income jobs were created and/or retained. We also assisted in creating/retaining four additional jobs.
HOPWA/Non-Homeless & Special Needs Services: AIDS Alabama assisted 564 households using HOPWA funds. There were 114 people assisted with non-homeless services such as case management, meals/nutritional services, and transportation.
Homelessness Prevention/Rapid Re-housing: CDBG homeless service agencies assisted 51 people. A total of 2,428 homeless people were assisted with ESG funding. Combining both funding sources, 2,479 homeless persons were served in PY 2024.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City held 5 public meetings both in person and virtually, to ensure meaningful citizen participation in the development and propose use of funds for the PY2026 Action Plan, allowing residents and stakeholders the opportunity to provide input on community needs and funding priorities. The public was notified of the public meeting two weeks in advance, with postings on the City's website as well as

in the newspaper.
The City of Birmingham also coordinated the outreach process for its Consolidated Plan with the outreach activities for the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The City began this effort by establishing a schedule of interviews to be conducted with community partners, including housing services providers, City employees, and social service organizations. The City reached out to 36 participants and conducted 20 interviews. During each 45-minute individual interview, participants were asked a series of questions designed to gather information about their client and organizational experiences, challenges, and perceptions of the City of Birmingham.
The City of Birmingham engaged stakeholders throughout the report development process to gather input on strategies, goals, and funding priorities. Recognizing the essential role of community feedback, staff implemented a comprehensive approach that collected insights from both internal and external stakeholders regarding public services, affordable housing, and community/economic development initiatives.
During these informal conversations, participants were encouraged to engage with the interviewer through a series of questions covering topics such as transportation, city assets and deficiencies, housing, and community services. The conversations were participant lead to allow for candid input. These interviews highlighted common themes across all participants regardless of their organization's area of focus.
Interviews with Local Housing and Community Development Practitioners and City Departments included:

- AIDS Alabama, Inc.
- Birmingham Urban League
- Bridge Ministries, Inc.
- Christian Service Mission
- City of Birmingham, Department of Community Development
- City of Birmingham, Department of Innovation and Economic Opportunity
- City of Birmingham, Department of Planning, Engineering & Permits, Planning Division
- City of Birmingham, Department of Transportation
- City of Birmingham, Mayor's Office, Governmental Affairs
- Disability Rights and Resources
- Fair Housing Center of North Alabama
- Faith Chapel Christian Center
- First Light, Inc.
- Girls Inc. of Central Alabama
- Hispanic and Immigrant Center of Alabama
- HouseProud
- Housing Authority of the Birmingham District
- Neighborhood Housing Services
- One Roof
- REV Birmingham
- YWCA Central Alabama

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The Annual Action Plan was made available for official public review and comment from April 10, 2026 to May 14, 2026. The City also held a public meeting on April 8 and 9, 2026 to provide an opportunity for community members to attend, review draft and provide comments or feedback. The public was notified of the public meeting two weeks in advance, with postings on the City's website as well as in the newspaper.
During the public comment period, no comments were received on the draft.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

N/A

7. Summary

According to the 2019-2023 American Community Survey (ACS), there were 108,903 housing units in Birmingham in 2023, of which 88,527 were occupied households. Single-family detached houses are the most available housing, as they comprise 57 percent of Birmingham's housing stock. Multi-unit housing, ranging from 5 to 19 units, are the next most available housing, comprising 19 percent of Birmingham's housing stock. Large multi-family housing complexes with at least 20 units comprise 14 percent of Birmingham's housing, Mobile homes and other housing structures are limited in Birmingham, making up about 1 percent of Birmingham's housing stock. Since 2017, there has been a 3 percent decrease in single-family housing stock and a 3 percent increase in 20 or more unit multi-family housing complexes. Both the median contract rent, and median home value have increased dramatically since 2010. The median home value was $138,600 in 2023, which is a 61 percent increase from 2010. Rental housing has also gotten more expensive, as the median contract rent went from $683 to $1,047, which is an increase of 53 percent over the thirteen-year period.
At the same time, Birmingham has aging housing stock, with 81.5 percent of owner housing and 62.7 percent of renter housing built before 1980. Aging housing stock may be in greater need of repair and rehabilitation and low income and moderate households who are more likely to be cost burdened may lack the funds to maintain aging housing stock.
Single-family detached homes comprise 57 percent of housing units in Birmingham, which limits housing stock options, particularly for those looking to own. Seventy-five percent of owner-occupied housing has 3 or more bedrooms, which affects affordability. Birmingham's rental housing stock is slightly more diverse with a wider range of accommodations, with 2-bedroom units being the most prevalent at 41 percent. These limitations in variety of housing types pose challenges for households at varying income levels and family sizes to comfortably afford housing within Birmingham. Currently, based on 2021 CHAS

data, about 36 percent of households are cost burdened. Overall, the city needs more affordable housing, especially for lower income households and single householders and additional programs to support and assist households with securing housing.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	BIRMINGHAM	Community Development
HOPWA Administrator	BIRMINGHAM	Community Development
HOME Administrator	BIRMINGHAM	Community Development
ESG Administrator	BIRMINGHAM	Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

While primary responsibility for the management and administration of the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan resides with the City's Community Development Department (CDD), Consolidated Plan funded activities are carried out by numerous City departments and sub-recipient grantees. The knowledge, experience, and expertise of these partner organizations are critical in developing an effective and comprehensive Consolidated Plan that addresses the City's community development needs.

In addition to funding subrecipients and other implementation partners, the City of Birmingham Consolidated Plan operates within the broader context of the full City government, a metropolitan planning organization, and various local, state, and federal agencies.

These organizations operate under multiple overlapping jurisdictions with a variety of responsibilities that contribute to the goals of the Consolidated Plan. In order to ensure that Consolidated Plan activities maximize the impact and leverage potential of each federal dollar spent, it is critical that the activities of these organizations coordinate and align with the City of Birmingham's community development goals. During the development of this Consolidated Plan, Community Development Department staff consulted with individual agencies, groups, and organizations as described below.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

Coordination efforts with the agencies, organizations, and groups that participate in the implementation of activities and programs funded under this Consolidated Plan were comprised of four (4) major initiatives: 1) City departmental meetings and outreach; 2) housing and social service agency meetings; 3) theme-based follow-up focus group meetings, and 4) interviews with local housing and community development practitioners. A detailed description of each initiative is provided below:

City Departmental Meetings & Outreach

· Community Development Department
· Department of Public Works
· Citizen Advisory Board
· Housing Authority of the Birmingham District

Housing and Social Service Agency Meetings

· United Way of Greater Birmingham
· Fair Housing Center of Northern Alabama
· One Roof (Homeless Continuum of Care)
· Firehouse Shelter
· Birmingham Urban League

Theme Based Focus Group Meetings and Interviews with Local Housing and Community Development

Practitioners
· Social/Human Services Focus Group
· Affordable Housing Focus Group
· Fair Housing Focus Group
· Homeless Services Focus Group
In the development of the proposed Action Plan One Year Use of Funds, the City also took into consideration the public comments and participation received during the extensive outreach process undertaken for the City's Five-Year (2025–2029) Consolidated Plan. The outreach process for the City of Birmingham's Consolidated Plan was conducted in conjunction with the outreach of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. During this process, ongoing partnerships among public service, infrastructure, and assisted housing providers served as a foundation. To facilitate this process, the city hosted and began to receive input from these stakeholders on community priorities and opportunities to coordinate and align efforts to maximize the future impact of activities and community development investments.
Further, every year the City's draft Annual Action Plan and budget are presented at NA meetings for comment (every five years for the Consolidated Plan), and citizens are encouraged to comment directly to the City's Community Development Department. Through this Institutionalized process, public notifications, online surveys, and access via email or phone, opportunities to comment on the Consolidated Plan and the Action Plan One-Year Use of Funds were afforded to all citizens.
The City will continue to maintain, strengthen, and expand these collaborative partnerships with public and private organizations, non-profit organizations, economic development and corporate entities, private lenders, health-care institutions, educational institutions, and housing development groups. The City of Birmingham will remain open to grassroots and other advocacy groups as community concerns are voiced and opportunities to expand partnerships arise.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

One Roof is the leading agency for the coordination of the homeless Continuum of Care system of Central Alabama. As a continuum organization, One Roof coordinates services provided by homeless agencies regionally. Together, One Roof and the CoC member agencies collaborate to provide services and projects to homeless families and individuals in Birmingham. In the last few years, member agencies have become even more efficient in preventing duplicate services and helping other agencies identify and fill gaps in services. One Roof advocates for people experiencing homelessness by providing internal and external education and working on a national level to bring HUD-supported housing programs and services to the region.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate

outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The Community Development Department works closely with the local CoC board and its' members in coordinating homeless issues locally and at the state level. The Community Development Department also reviews the State ESG allocation and provides comments as necessary to ADECA.
The City follows the following steps:
1. The Community Development Department prepares a written request for proposals that is published in local newspapers of general circulation. Notices are also made available through the City's Citizen Participation mailings and mailings to CDBG and ESG subrecipients.
2. Community Development Department staff review all proposals according to how each can best address the homeless priority needs identified in the City's Consolidated Plan.
3. After proposals are reviewed, the Community Development Department makes its recommendations based on program objectives to the Mayor for review and approval. The Mayor's recommendations are then reviewed through the appropriate City Council sub-committee and full City Council for approval.
4. Upon approval, ESG subrecipients are informed as to the disposition of their proposal. Contracts are prepared for execution by the City and ESG subrecipients approved to provide services.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	**Agency/Group/Organization**	AIDS ALABAMA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City conducted interviews with key stakeholders to prioritize community needs and strategies. This consultation informed the development of the Consolidated Plan. The City of Birmingham in partnership with AIDS Alabama uses HOPWA funding for the following programs: rental assistance, supportive services including case management and transportation, resource identification, and continued operation of existing housing within the City of Birmingham.
2	**Agency/Group/Organization**	BIRMINGHAM URBAN LEAGUE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City conducted interviews with key stakeholders to prioritize community needs and strategies. This consultation informed the development of the Consolidated Plan. Birmingham Urban League is a member of the Continuum of Care; the City continues to work with the CoC to implement a citywide strategy to prevent homelessness, address the needs of people living on the street, and aid in the transition to permanent housing.
3	**Agency/Group/Organization**	BRIDGE MINISTRIES, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City conducted interviews with key stakeholders to prioritize community needs and strategies. This consultation informed the development of the Consolidated Plan. Bridge Ministries is a member of the Continuum of Care; the City continues to work with the CoC to implement a citywide strategy to prevent homelessness, address the needs of people living on the street, and aid in the transition to permanent housing.
4	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Christian Service Mission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City conducted interviews with key stakeholders to prioritize community needs and strategies. This consultation informed the development of the Consolidated Plan. Consultation identified a need for housing and homeownership support and education. The agency continues to work with local churches and nonprofits to identify resources and make connections with partners.
5	**Agency/Group/Organization**	City of Birmingham Community Development Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City conducted interviews with key stakeholders to prioritize community needs and strategies. This consultation informed the development of the Consolidated Plan. The Community Development department administers HUD funding and continues to work with subrecipients on the prioritization and management of resources.
6	**Agency/Group/Organization**	City of Birmingham Department of Innovation and Economic Opportunity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City conducted interviews with key stakeholders to prioritize community needs and strategies. This consultation informed the development of the Consolidated Plan. The economic development department focuses on business recruitment, retention, and workforce development. The consultation identified a need to continue working with community and philanthropic organizations to seek non-traditional funding sources.

7	**Agency/Group/Organization**	City of Birmingham Planning, Engineering and Permits Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Resilience
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Hazard Mitigation
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City conducted interviews with key stakeholders to prioritize community needs and strategies. This consultation informed the development of the Consolidated Plan. The Planning department provides planning, development, and code enforcement services to the city. Under the Floodplain Management Division, it also works with Jefferson County on its Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The department was consulted for the Hazard Mitigation section of the Consolidated Plan and for related needs for input into the plan.
8	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Disability Rights and Resources
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City conducted interviews with key stakeholders to prioritize community needs and strategies. This consultation informed the development of the Consolidated Plan. Disability Rights and Resources continues to work with the City to provide eligible housing rehabilitation services to low-and moderate-income homeowners through the Critical Repair Program.
9	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Central Alabama Fair Housing Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Service-Fair Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City conducted interviews with key stakeholders to prioritize community needs and strategies. This consultation informed the development of the Consolidated Plan. The City continues to work with the Fair Housing Center to provide outreach and education on fair housing and housing discrimination.
10	**Agency/Group/Organization**	FIRST LIGHT, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City conducted interviews with key stakeholders to prioritize community needs and strategies. This consultation informed the development of the Consolidated Plan. First Light is a member of the Continuum of Care; the City continues to work with the CoC to implement a citywide strategy to prevent homelessness, address the needs of people living on the street, and aid in the transition to permanent housing.
11	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Girls Inc. of Central Alabama
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City conducted interviews with key stakeholders to prioritize community needs and strategies. This consultation informed the development of the Consolidated Plan. Girls Inc. provides leadership development to girls in central Alabama. The consultation identified a need for continued outreach and support for mental health services and academic support for children.

12	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Housing Authority of Birmingham District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Broadband Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City conducted interviews with key stakeholders to prioritize community needs and strategies. This consultation informed the development of the Consolidated Plan. HABD consultation provided insight on public housing properties, administration, and needs. HABD also works with households to provide discounted internet services and were consulted to identify broadband needs.
13	**Agency/Group/Organization**	ONE ROOF
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City conducted interviews with key stakeholders to prioritize community needs and strategies. This consultation informed the development of the Consolidated Plan. One Roof provides coordinated entry and homeless prevention assistance for Birmingham's CoC. Consultation with One Roof provided data and details on homelessness services and housing needs for people experiencing homelessness.

14	**Agency/Group/Organization**	REV BIRMINGHAM, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City conducted interviews with key stakeholders to prioritize community needs and strategies. This consultation informed the development of the Consolidated Plan. Rev Birmingham was consulted to coordinate and leverage resources related to economic development.
15	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Spectrum / Charter Communications
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City conducted interviews with key stakeholders to prioritize community needs and strategies. This consultation informed the development of the Consolidated Plan. Spectrum provides internet services and was consulted to share insights on broadband access and delivery needs.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

N/A

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	One Roof	The COC's planning process help to inform the needs of the homeless population in Birmingham. Moreover, the CoC coordinated PIT count ensures the level of assistance needed for residents of the jurisdiction.
The Blue Print: The Woodfin Way	Strategic Plan, City of Birmingham	Goals of this plan include healthy, thriving, and diverse neighborhoods and safe, secure, and sustainable communities for residents.
HABD Strategic Plan	Housing Authority of the Birmingham District	This plan focuses on a guide for serving residents and communities as the organization transitions from public to affordable housing.
Comprehensive Plan	City of Birmingham	The Comprehensive Plan provides an overview of the City housing policies, programs, and needs. Key goals include the need for increased services for populations with special needs, HIV/AIDS, and chronic homelessness.
Community Framework Plans	City of Birmingham, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB)	The City is collaborating with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) to develop nine framework plans. These plans are extensions of the Comprehensive Plan and address issues and opportunities at a community level thereby providing a more refined and responsive approach to specific community needs than the Citys Comprehensive Plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

N/A

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The City conducted a total of five (5) Public Hearings and two in-person meeting, and three virtual meetings on its Proposed Program Year 2026 – Action Plan One Year Development and Use of Funds. Generally, hearings were well attended with a total of one hundred and two (102) citizens. Participants were allowed to speak and/or ask questions verbally, in the Q&A or in the Chat features. Many representing community-based non-profit entities expressed gratitude for the previous support provided by the City, making it possible to leverage these funds with other available resources to address a myriad of critical housing and community development needs of low-income communities and citizens within the City of Birmingham. Beneficiaries represented included at-risk youth, the elderly, persons receiving various levels of homelessness prevention and/or rapid re-housing assistance, and important support services designed to assist eligible citizens in securing and maintaining stabilized housing. Comments were also received stating the need for a youth shelter, more emergency shelters, and accessible infrastructure within the City of Birmingham.

In the development of the proposed Action Plan One Year Use of Funds, the City also took into consideration the public comments and participation received during the extensive outreach process undertaken for the City's Five-Year (2025 – 2029) Consolidated Plan. The outreach process for the City of Birmingham's Consolidated Plan was conducted in conjunction with the outreach of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. During this process, ongoing partnerships among public service, infrastructure, and assisted housing providers served as a foundation. To facilitate this process, the city hosted and began to receive input from these stakeholders on community priorities and opportunities to coordinate and align efforts to maximize the future impact of activities and community development investments.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Approximately 85 individuals attended the meetings for the development of Action Plan.	The minutes of the public hearings are provided in the appendix.	There were no comments that were not accepted.	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	The 2026 proposed Action Plan was published on December 17 and 18, 2025. Allowing the 14-day notice before the Public Hearing.	There were no comments received.	There were no comments that were not accepted.	

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3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Community input was requested to help identify housing, homelessness, neighborhood revitalization, and public service priorities, and to help guide the proposed use of funds.	There were no comments received.	There were no comments that were not accepted.	https://www.birminghamal.gov/government/city-departments/community-development/community-development-block-grant
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	There were a total of 17 attendees at the public hearings on the use of funds.	The minutes of the public hearings are provided in the appendix.	There were no comments that were not accepted.	

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5	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	The 2026 proposed Use of Funds Action Plan Public Hearings was published on March 18 and 19, 2026. Allowing the 14-day notice before the Public Hearing.	There were no comments received.	There were no comments that were not accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The City of Birmingham receives federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the following annual allocation programs.

- The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG),
- The HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME),
- The Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG), and
- The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA).

These entitlement program funds are received by the City based upon formula allocation and administered by the City's Department of Community Development. The City's federal funds are used to leverage other sources of federal, state, local and private funding. The City is projecting allocation amounts to remain consistent from 2025 to 2029 for CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA. As resources are announced from

year to year, estimates will be adjusted to better reflect actuals for activities carried out in annual action plans.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	5,796,698.00	50,000.00	0.00	5,846,698.00	0.00	Block grant from US Department of Housing and Urban Development to address housing, community development, and economic development needs.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,189,537.83	100,000.00	0.00	1,289,537.83	0.00	Grant from US Department of Housing and Urban Development to address affordable housing needs.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	1,945,320.00	0.00	0.00	1,945,320.00	0.00	Grant from US Department of Housing and Urban Development to address needs and services for persons with HIV/AIDS.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	503,933.00	0.00	0.00	503,933.00	0.00	Grant from US Department of Housing and Urban Development to address needs and services for homeless persons or persons at risk of becoming homeless.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Federal resources are leveraged through the City's affordable housing and economic development activity programs to maximize the impact of investments made. For example, the City uses HOME funding to support the Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), Historic Tax Credits, and various affordable housing loan and grant products from the Federal Home Loan Bank to develop affordable housing. Leveraging varies from activity to activity depending on the project scope, and the City strongly encourages CDBG subrecipients to leverage funds for the CDBG activities that they propose to undertake. The City's federal funds are leveraged against numerous other sources of federal, state, local and private funding.

There are no matching requirements associated with the CDBG, or HOPWA programs in Birmingham. The City of Birmingham has received a waiver for the HOME match requirement for many years. The City of Birmingham was determined to be in severe fiscal distress and receives a 100 percent reduction of match per the regulations at 24. CFR. It is not anticipated to change. However, Match Reductions for PY 2026 have not been provided. There are matching requirements associated with the ESG program. Funding under the ESG programs requires that each grant recipient supplement its grant with an equal amount of matching funds from other sources. ESG match requirements are monitored as expenses are incurred by each ESG service provider awarded funding during the FY2026.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The Birmingham Land Bank Authority was established pursuant to the Alabama Land Bank Authority Act and by City Council resolution in 2014, the Land Bank was created to acquire eligible tax delinquent properties to rehabilitate land, which is not generating revenue, not producing taxes, in disrepair, vacant and overgrown and turn those properties into a community asset by providing opportunities for housing, green space, industry and jobs.

Data collected over the past several years through windshield surveys estimated a total 5,591 vacant units in the jurisdiction, with about 3,536 of those units suitable for rehabilitation. Though data has been collected for a large percentage of the City, it does not encompass the entire City, thus highlighting the continued need to identify and address vacancy and potential blight throughout the jurisdiction. The City will continue to work through the Birmingham Land Bank Authority to identify opportunities and address the needs identified in this Plan through the acquisition or rehabilitation of vacant land or properties.

Discussion

The City owns several acres of land and properties across Birmingham. The Consolidated Plan includes strategies to repurpose properties, encourage businesses to invest in Birmingham, and redevelop City-owned properties to improve the overall character of the area's neighborhoods. The Birmingham Land Bank Authority complements this strategy as it has an ownership interest in approximately 1,000 properties across the City and intends to make these properties available for home ownership opportunities, commercial development, community gardens, green spaces, and side lots. The Land Bank has cleared title to over 800 properties in the City of Birmingham and sold over 600 properties to individuals, nonprofits and for-profit organizations for maintenance and development. The Birmingham Land Bank stands at a critical intersection, becoming the City's source for residential and commercial land development.

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
1	Economic Development and Commercial Revitalization	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development Economic Development	Birmingham, AL	Promotion of Jobs and Business Creation	CDBG: $1,239,185.50	Jobs created/retained: 12 Jobs Businesses assisted: 12 Businesses Assisted
2	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Birmingham, AL	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality	CDBG: $3,020,127.70 HOME: $1,289,537.83	Rental units constructed: 20 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 100 Household Housing Unit
3	Improve Public Services	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Birmingham, AL	Development and Implementation of Public Services	CDBG: $1,268,199.30	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3200 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing	2025	2029	Homeless	Birmingham, AL	Services and Housing for Homeless Population	CDBG: $319,185.50 ESG: $503,933.00	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 20 Households Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 2500 Beds Homelessness Prevention: 100 Persons Assisted
5	HOPWA and Non-homeless Special Needs Services	2025	2029	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Birmingham, AL	Housing and Services for Special Needs Populations	HOPWA: $1,945,320.00	HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 200 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	**Goal Name**	Economic Development and Commercial Revitalization
	Goal Description	The City's support of small, local businesses helps stimulate jobs and expand economic opportunities for the business owners, employees, and the neighborhoods businesses serve.
2	**Goal Name**	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality
	Goal Description	Addressing aging housing stock across the City is a priority need to prevent unsafe and unsanitary living conditions, neighborhood blight, and potential homelessness. The number of safe, affordable housing units for low-income households is also a priority, as rents and the cost of living for residents increases.

3	**Goal Name**	Improve Public Services
	Goal Description	Building service provider capacity and coordination helps address service gaps and provides better case management and care to clients. The City will continue its support of nonprofit and service organizations based on the needs determined in this Consolidated Plan to improve the capacity of services across the jurisdiction.
4	**Goal Name**	Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing
	Goal Description	Reducing homelessness and providing opportunities for housing for low-income individuals and households remains a priority need for the City to support.
5	**Goal Name**	HOPWA and Non-homeless Special Needs Services
	Goal Description	The City will continue its partnership with AIDS Alabama to administer HOPWA funding to support the needs of the HIV/AIDS community. The City anticipates opportunities to serve special needs populations that were demonstrated to have an increased need in the jurisdiction, such as homeless youth and the elderly.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This strategic plan outlines the City's plans for allocating the HUD entitlement grants. It utilizes qualitative and quantitative data gathered through citizen participation, market analysis, and an assessment of need to identify the highest priority needs in which to direct entitlement dollars. In order to meet goals, Birmingham has established a set of priorities to continue successful investments during the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan period.

- Promotion of Jobs and Business Creation,
- Affordable Housing Supply and Quality,
- Services and Housing for Homeless Population,
- Development and Implementation of Public Services, and
- Housing and Services for Special Needs Populations.

Entitlement program funds are received by the City based upon formula allocation. Upon receipt, the funds are administered by the City's Department of Community Development and are utilized for a variety of purposes that meet the intent of the funding for each specific program. The City's federal funds are leveraged against numerous other sources of federal, state, local and private funding.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	One Roof - Planning
3	Repayment of Section 108
4	Economic Development
5	Housing Rehab - Program Cost
6	Housing Rehab - Single Family Rehabilitation Programs
7	Acquisition
8	Public Services
9	HOME Program Administration
10	HOME Program CHDO Activities
11	Down Payment Assistance
12	HOME Program Homebuyer and Rental Activities
13	ESG26 Birmingham
14	HOPWA - AIDS Alabama, Inc

#	Project Name
15	HOPWA Administration - Grantee
16	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
17	Broadband

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The City of Birmingham intends to direct assistance during the program year on a city-wide basis so as to provide widespread benefit from the limited federal and other resources anticipated to be available to the city's very low, low and moderate income population. By investing resources on a city-wide basis, the city expects to be able to pursue its basic community development goals. The City anticipates that this distribution of resources will achieve an appropriate balance that places the resources where they can meet community needs without promoting areas of low-income concentration.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	**Project Name**	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	Economic Development and Commercial Revitalization Affordable Housing Supply and Quality Improve Public Services Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality Services and Housing for Homeless Population Promotion of Jobs and Business Creation Development and Implementation of Public Services Housing and Services for Special Needs Populations
	Funding	CDBG: $1,129,339.60
	Description	These funds provide CDBG support for planning and administration of the City's Consolidated Formula Allocation grants and activities including CDBG, ESG, HOME, HOPWA, CDBG-R, and any other Community Development Activities assisted in whole or in part with CDBG funds. Supportive funds will be allocated towards general program administration, legal services, planning, environmental reviews, public information, and fair housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	710 20th Street North Birmingham, AL 35203
	Planned Activities	Program Administration
2	**Project Name**	One Roof - Planning
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing
	Needs Addressed	Services and Housing for Homeless Population
	Funding	CDBG: $40,000.00

	Description	Administration of Continuum of Care for homeless persons and Coordinated Assessment Systems. Maintains the Homeless Management Information System to the extent costs are necessary to meet the new HMIS participation requirement under the McKinney Vento Act and provide other activities and services.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	1515 6th Avenue South, 5th Floor Birmingham, AL 35233
	Planned Activities	As the Continuum of Care will maintain the Homeless Management Information System and Coordinated Assessment
3	**Project Name**	Repayment of Section 108
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	Economic Development and Commercial Revitalization
	Needs Addressed	Promotion of Jobs and Business Creation
	Funding	CDBG: $235,000.00
	Description	Repayments of Section 108 Loan to be administered by the Community Development Department. Principal and interest payments due in August 2024 and principal-only payments due in February 2025 to The Bank of New York Mellon.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	710 20th Street North Birmingham, AL 35203
	Planned Activities	Principal and interest payments due in August 2026 and Principal only payments due in February 2027 to The Bank of New York Mellon.
4	**Project Name**	Economic Development
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL

	Goals Supported	Economic Development and Commercial Revitalization
	Needs Addressed	Promotion of Jobs and Business Creation
	Funding	CDBG: $650,000.00
	Description	Provide technical and financial assistance to entrepreneurs who are committed to creating or retaining jobs for low- to moderate-income families within the City of Birmingham. This assistance will be targeted toward small businesses located in Birmingham to create or retain at least 12 jobs. By offering both financial resources and technical support, the program aims to boost local economic growth, foster entrepreneurship, and promote job stability, particularly for families in need, while contributing to the overall development of the city. Our sub-recipients will be Rev Birmingham and Urban Impact. Facilitating access to capital through small business loans and revitalizing commercial corridors in low to moderate income neighborhoods through infrastructure enhancements with our Facade Improvement Program.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Creating or retaining jobs for low- to moderate-income families within the City of Birmingham. This assistance will be targeted toward small businesses located in Birmingham, to create or retain at least 12 jobs, 2 small business loan, and 5 Facade improvements.
	Location Description	Small business within the City of Birmingham such as Woodlawn, downtown, 4th Avenue business district
	Planned Activities	By offering both financial resources and technical support, the program aims to boost local economic growth, foster entrepreneurship, and promote job stability, particularly for families in need, while contributing to the overall development of the city. Our sub-recipients will be Rev Birmingham, Urban Impact, and The Wellness Bridge. Facilitating access to capital through small business loans and revitalizing commercial corridors in low to moderate income neighborhoods through infrastructure enhancements with our Facade Improvement Program.
5	**Project Name**	Housing Rehab - Program Cost
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality

	Funding	CDBG: $1,500,000.00
	Description	Cost associated with the rehabilitation services, including the preparation of work specifications, loans/application processing, inspections, and other services related to assisting owners, tenants, contractors, and other entities participating or seeking to participate in rehabilitation activities. Includes staff salaries, legal services, mortgage services, and other related costs.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 100 homes of low to moderate families will benefit from the proposed activities associated.
	Location Description	710 20th Street North Birmingham, AL 35203
	Planned Activities	Cost associated with the rehabilitation services, including the preparation of work specifications, loans/application processing, inspections, and other services related to assisting owners, tenants, contractors, and other entities participating or seeking to participate in rehabilitation activities. Includes staff salaries, legal services, mortgage services, and other related costs.
6	**Project Name**	Housing Rehab - Single Family Rehabilitation Programs
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality
	Funding	CDBG: $1,265,942.20
	Description	Provides for the rehabilitation of single-family owner-occupied homes on a City-wide basis.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 100 units of low to moderate income families will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Single-family homeowners in the City of Birmingham.

	Planned Activities	Provide eligible housing rehabilitation services to low-and moderate-income homeowners through our Critical Repair Program, Volunteer Rehab Program, and contracts with Titusville Development, PowerUp, Disability Rights & Resources, and Christian Service Mission.
7	**Project Name**	Acquisition
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality
	Funding	CDBG: $50,000.00
	Description	Acquisition of properties for eligible activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimate of 1 property will be acquired for eligible activities benefiting low to moderate-income families.
	Location Description	Low-moderate census tract within the City of Birmingham.
	Planned Activities	Acquire properties for eligible housing and/or infrastructure projects.
8	**Project Name**	Public Services
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Services and Housing for Homeless Population Development and Implementation of Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: $877,004.70
	Description	Provision of public services (including labor, supplies, and materials) including, but not limited to those concerned with employment, crime prevention, homeless services, child care, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, senior services, etc.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3200 Low to moderate income individuals.
	Location Description	Services will be within the city of Birmingham eligible areas.

	Planned Activities	Employment services will include job training, placement, and workforce development to help individuals gain new skills, with additional support for small businesses and entrepreneurs. Crime prevention efforts will focus on community policing, neighborhood watch programs, and youth initiatives aimed at preventing crime and gang involvement. For homelessness, funding will be allocated to emergency shelters, transitional housing, and programs that provide rent and utility assistance to prevent homelessness. Rapid re-housing services will help people transition into permanent housing quickly. Child care services will ensure affordable options for working families, along with youth programs that provide education, recreation, and mentorship. Early childhood education will help prepare young children for school success. Health services will include low-cost medical and mental health care, substance abuse prevention and treatment programs, and mental health counseling for those in need. Fair housing and counseling efforts will educate residents on housing rights and work to prevent discrimination. There will be mediation services between tenants and landlords to prevent evictions, along with homeownership counseling for potential buyers. Senior services will include meal programs, transportation assistance, and home care services to help seniors maintain independence. Education and literacy programs will offer adult education, English language classes, and financial literacy education, including homeownership counseling. Drug abuse prevention programs will focus on community education about the dangers of substance abuse and will offer counseling and treatment options for those affected by addiction. The program budget for public services is capped at 15% of the total CDBG allocation, and all activities will be monitored to ensure compliance with HUD regulations and community needs.
9	**Project Name**	HOME Program Administration
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality
	Funding	HOME: $128,953.78

	Description	HOME Administrative costs for PY 2026. Costs include general management, monitoring and evaluation, staff and overhead related to carrying out of the project, including relocation services, the provision of information to residents and citizen groups, fair housing activities, and indirect costs, consultation and publication costs associated with the submission of the Consolidated Plan.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	710 20th Street North Birmingham, AL 35203
	Planned Activities	Program Administration
10	**Project Name**	HOME Program CHDO Activities
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality
	Funding	HOME: $193,430.67
	Description	Provide decent and affordable housing to low-to-moderate income persons.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimated to serve 4 low to moderate-income individuals.
	Location Description	Within the city limits of Birmingham, AL
	Planned Activities	HOME Program CHDO activity direct homebuyer assistance will be used to support homebuyer activities that assist low- to moderate-income households in purchasing affordable homes.
11	**Project Name**	Down Payment Assistance
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality

	Funding	HOME: $500,000.00
	Description	Provisions to provide down payment assistance to eligible purchasers for buying homes in the City of Birmingham.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 low to moderate families will benefit from homebuyer assistance.
	Location Description	Services will be within the city limits of Birmingham, AL
	Planned Activities	Provisions to provide down payment assistance to eligible purchasers for buying homes in the City of Birmingham.
12	**Project Name**	HOME Program Homebuyer and Rental Activities
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Supply and Quality
	Funding	HOME: $467,153.38
	Description	Provide HOME funds for the acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction of substandard or aging single/multi-family housing units that are suitable for rehabilitation.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 low-income families will be assisted.
	Location Description	Services will be within the city limits of Birmingham, AL
	Planned Activities	Provide HOME funds for the acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction of substandard or aging single/multi-family housing units that are suitable for rehabilitation.
13	**Project Name**	ESG26 Birmingham
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing
	Needs Addressed	Services and Housing for Homeless Population
	Funding	ESG: $503,933.00

	Description	The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program will support nonprofit partners in delivering housing stability and emergency services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	400 extremely low to moderate individuals experiencing homelessness or facing eviction.
	Location Description	Within city limits of Birmingham, AL
	Planned Activities	The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program for PY2026 will fund several key activities to prevent and reduce homelessness in Birmingham. Emergency shelter operations will provide support to local shelters, including staffing, utilities, operations, and essential services for individuals experiencing homelessness. Rapid rehousing assistance will offer short- to medium-term rental assistance, housing search support, and case management to help individuals and families transition into stable housing. Homelessness prevention efforts will focus on households at risk of eviction by providing rental assistance and supportive services to maintain housing stability. Funding will also support the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to ensure accurate data tracking, reporting, and compliance with HUD standards. A portion of ESG funds will be allocated to program administration for oversight, subrecipient monitoring, and reporting.
14	**Project Name**	HOPWA - AIDS Alabama, Inc
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	HOPWA and Non-homeless Special Needs Services
	Needs Addressed	Housing and Services for Special Needs Populations
	Funding	HOPWA: $1,886,960.40
	Description	Provide housing and access to support services to low-income persons living with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and their families.
	Target Date	6/30/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 low income households living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
	Location Description	Within city limits of Birmingham, AL
	Planned Activities	Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance payment, tenant-based rental assistance. Provide permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds. Provide transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds.
15	**Project Name**	HOPWA Administration - Grantee
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	HOPWA and Non-homeless Special Needs Services
	Needs Addressed	Housing and Services for Special Needs Populations
	Funding	HOPWA: $58,359.60
	Description	HOPWA Administrative costs for PY 2025. Costs include general management, monitoring and evaluation, staff, and overhead related to carrying out the projects.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	710 20th Street North Birmingham, AL 35203
	Planned Activities	HOPWA Administrative costs for PY 2026. Costs include general management, monitoring and evaluation, staff and overhead related to carrying out the projects.
16	**Project Name**	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Development and Implementation of Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: $89,411.50

	Description	This project will support the design, repair, and improvement of public infrastructure and community facilities located in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods throughout Birmingham. Eligible improvements may include street repaving, sidewalk installation or repair, stormwater drainage upgrades, street lighting, ADA-compliant curb ramps, park enhancements, and improvements to public buildings that provide community services.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Improve public facilities access for 40 low to mod individuals, including seniors, youth and persons with disabilities.
	Location Description	Within city limits of Birmingham, AL
	Planned Activities	Planned activities for PY2026 include the renovation and retrofitting of the former Powderly Elementary School, now known as the West End Hills Community Development Center.
17	**Project Name**	Broadband
	Target Area	Birmingham, AL
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Development and Implementation of Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: $10,000.00
	Description	The broadband project will provide low to moderate income level families with access to broadband internet services within the Birmingham city limits.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 2 Low-to-moderate familes will benefit from the services.
	Location Description	Services will be provided within the city limits of Birmingham.
	Planned Activities	The city plans to research where access to broadband internet services will benefit low to moderate-income level families within the Birmingham city limits. The city is looking to partner with public housing agencies, recreation centers, libraries, churches, and other sites to identify areas that will best benefit from these services.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The City of Birmingham intends to direct funding from anticipated federal and local resources throughout the jurisdiction to provide the greatest benefit to low-income households and individuals. The City may also allocate funding to eligible areas in census block groups or R/ECAP areas as priorities are identified and services are needed. These areas tend to have high housing cost burdens and elevated unemployment rates. Efforts within a targeted block group or R/ECAP area would be made with community input and by working closely with subrecipients and citizen advisory boards.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Birmingham, AL	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

By setting the geographic priority area as the city, Birmingham can identify those with the greatest need, and support agencies and services according to the needs determined in the Consolidated Plan throughout the jurisdiction.

Discussion

Approximately 60% of the city is considered low-mod. Funding will be provided in one of the 99 neighborhoods within the 23 communities in the City of Birmingham.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Birmingham remains committed to increasing access to safe, decent, and affordable housing for low- to moderate-income residents. Through its federal entitlement programs, the City will prioritize housing activities that expand affordable rental and homeownership opportunities, preserve existing housing stock, and support individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Efforts will align with identified needs and strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan to promote housing stability, reduce cost burdens, and improve quality of life for vulnerable populations.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	2,500
Non-Homeless	200
Special-Needs	200
Total	2,900

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	20
Rehab of Existing Units	100
Acquisition of Existing Units	1
Total	121

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The goals listed above represent the City's plans for its 2026 allocations. The City currently has ongoing housing-related activities (utilizing prior years' resources) that will bring affordable units on-line throughout the 2026-2027 program year.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Housing Authority of the Birmingham District (HABD) mission is to be the leader in making available excellent, affordable housing for low and moderate-income persons through effective management and the wise stewardship of public funds. The HABD will also partner with the residents and others to enhance the quality of life in the communities. HABD is the leading developer of affordable housing in the greater Birmingham area with over 5,000 units of public and mixed income multi-family housing developments within the portfolio.

HABD will seek to reduce high concentration of poverty, develop open space and green space, and mixed-income communities. This includes improving the overall look and quality of public housing, demolishing outdated complexes and replacing them with modern homes. He will also declare a new era of transparency and community engagement on every level such as greater collaboration between the City of Birmingham, public housing residents and the general public.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The City of Birmingham partners with HABD to enhance the quality of life in public housing communities. The City cooperates in providing resident programs, services and activities with regard to local drug elimination, crime prevention and neighborhood improvement programs to achieve comprehensive community development goals. HABD is currently implementing its plans for Loveman Village (new Villas at Titusville, Southtown, Collegeville Center, North Birmingham Homes, Marks Village, Tom Brown Village, Kimbrough Homes, Roosevelt City, Morton Simpson Village, Tuxedo Terrace and Freedom Manor. Other initiatives are described below.

Central Office Redevelopment

HABD will began planning activities to redevelop its central office location at 1826 3rd Avenue south. The proposed mixed use/ mixed finance development will consist of retail, commercial office space and multi-family units.

Force Account Labor Crews

HABD will utilize the most recent annual UPCS inspection to evaluate and assign condition status to each unit for interior tasks and assign FAL crew renovation tasks. Configuration of crew will vary depending on volume and complexity of all tasks identified to correct non-industry standard deficiencies.

Homeownership Initiatives

In an effort to increase the supply of affordable housing, HABD has partnered with the NCRC to

construct up to 250 homeownership units over the next 5 years. Currently HABD

Ownership Program with the purpose of providing affordable home ownership opportunities for working class families. The program currently has an inventory of thirty-five (35) units to repurpose into homeownership. In addition, HABD has procured Barnes & Associates and Sil-loh Properties as realtors to assist in marketing and the sale of existing and future homeownership units owned by HABD.

Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)

RAD (selected sites) – HABD will utilize RAD at its Collegeville, North Birmingham Homes, Marks Village, Morton Simpson and Tom Brown communities. RAD allows public housing agencies to leverage public and private debt and equity to reinvest in the public housing stock.

In early 2020 that HABD will seeked developer partner(s) to assist with the redevelopment of Tom Brown Village, North Birmingham Homes, Collegeville Center, Marks Village and Morton Simpson.

Energy Performance Contract (EPC) - EPC improvements for energy efficiency are being installed at various sites. Currently new HVAC systems, electrical panel upgrades and exterior meter banks, are being installed at Marks Village. HVAC upgrades are to be completed by Summer 2020.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The Housing Authority of the Birmingham District (HABD) offers a HUD approved (5H) Lease-Purchase Homeownership Program. This program is designed to provide affordable homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income families. The program builds new homes on selected HABD-owned sites or acquires existing homes in targeted neighborhoods.

The HABD is building its Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program. This program allows eligible first-time homeowners to use voucher subsidy to meet monthly homeownership expenses. The assisted housing family locates an eligible unit to purchase instead of rent. The HABD will make monthly homeownership assistance payment on behalf of the new homeowner. The HABD may make payment to lender. The family is responsible for all homeownership expenses not covered by the Housing Assistance Program payment.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

HABD is a designated agency. It is funded through U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(HUD) under the listed public housing programs. HABD is not designated as troubled.

- Capital Funds provides funds to housing authorities to modernize public housing developments.
- Public Housing Operating Subsidy provides operating subsidies to housing authorities to assist in funding the operating and maintenance expenses of the dwelling and help to maintain services and provide minimum operating reserves.
- Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) allow very low-income families to choose and lease or purchase safe, decent, and affordable privately-owned rental housing.
- Resident Opportunities & Self-Sufficiency Grant Program (ROSS) links services to public housing residents by providing grants for supportive services, resident empowerment activities and activities to assist residents in becoming economically self-sufficient.

Discussion

There are units in need of renovation and units that are severely distressed at the above discussed public housing neighborhoods which need demolition, disposition, and redevelopment. There is no doubt that redevelopment of these public housing sites will help to make housing affordable and more accessible for low and moderate-income households.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

Goal: Assist individuals and families to stabilize in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness by providing client-appropriate housing and supportive service solutions. ESG funds will be used to provide homeless households with financial and other assistance to move them as quickly as possible into permanent housing. The City and the CoC will address this goal by completing the following activities:

- Develop and/or expand housing options for homeless people.
- Use abandoned or vacant housing units in a way that reduces slum or blight & improves appearance of community without concentrating homeless individuals.
- Provide Decent & Affordable Housing for Low & Very Low-Income Households.
- Rehab existing houses, products & services in neighborhoods where housing rehab contributes to revitalization
- Build affordable homes on vacant lots
- Provide Housing & Supportive Services for Homeless
- Provide permanent supportive housing for homeless
- Strengthen & provide better access to support services for people to obtain & remain in permanent housing
- Provide Housing & Services for Special Needs Populations
- Provide assistance to modify homes of disabled persons to removing barriers preventing accessibility
- Provide housing for the elderly & for HIV/AIDS people

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

In compliance with HUD requirements, the Birmingham Continuum of Care (CoC) has developed a Coordinated Assessment System that integrates homeless and mainstream service providers to assess the needs and barriers to housing stability at the earliest possible point. This system is designed to divert individuals from shelter entry when possible, provide prevention services when appropriate, and objectively match individuals and families with the level and duration of services that best meet their needs. The overarching goals are to house youth, families, Veterans, and chronically homeless individuals efficiently and effectively. The system streamlines access to homeless services, allowing for coordinated referrals and prioritization of resources. It enhances intake, assessment, and referral processes while reducing duplication of efforts and conserving limited resources. It also strengthens

connections between the CoC and mainstream community partners, ensuring clients receive comprehensive, client-centered support. Through the City of Birmingham's implementation of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, street outreach has been identified by community partners as a critical intervention, especially for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. The City leverages a combination of CDBG Public Services funds and ESG funds—including Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, Housing Stabilization, Emergency Shelter, and Transitional Housing—to support outreach and wraparound services. These resources help to expand the capacity of community-based efforts and align with federal and local strategies to reduce homelessness. The Birmingham CoC supports a robust outreach network that includes several targeted programs. The Street Outreach Program (STOP) deploys dedicated outreach teams that collaborate with providers and local authorities, including the Mayor's Office Liaison and Community Policing units, to identify and engage unsheltered individuals. The HOPE Mobile team focuses specifically on unaccompanied youth, partnering with the Alabama Department of Human Resources and other youth-serving organizations. For individuals with serious mental illness (SMI), Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) and its evaluation component, REACT, provide specialized outreach and engagement. A faith-based medical team supplements these efforts by delivering street medicine, connecting clients to services, and providing housing information. All outreach teams work together to identify and support individuals living with HIV, referring them to appropriate AIDS service organizations for care and housing assistance. Additionally, the CoC organizes Project Homeless Connect, an annual event that connects unsheltered individuals to a wide array of services in one location, and conducts outreach efforts leading up to the event to pre-register participants. The CoC also coordinates the annual HUD-mandated Point-In-Time (PIT) Count each January. This effort provides a snapshot of homelessness across the city on a single night, capturing demographic and housing data that inform both local planning and HUD's national homelessness reports.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Addressing the needs of its homeless population (homeless individuals, homeless families with children, and the related sub-populations) continues to be a priority for the City of Birmingham. The City and CoC have identified the need for emergency shelter and transitional housing services to the homeless as a high priority needs to be addressed as a part of the City's five-year strategic plan. Sub-populations include the severely mentally ill, alcohol or drug addicted, domestic violence victims, homeless youth, and persons diagnosed with HIV/AIDS as well as their families. The City and the Continuum are focusing on the following to address emergency and transitional housing needs:

- **Emergency Shelter/Services** – Emergency shelter, food, counseling and other supportive services will continue to be provided to the chronically homeless, the homeless, and the homeless sub-populations. The City of Birmingham fully anticipates the continued funding of applications during the coming year for programs specifically designed to benefit these populations.
- **Housing & Services For Transition To Permanent Housing & Independent Living** – Housing and services for transition to permanent housing and independent living will continue to be provided

to homeless and homeless sub-populations. Efforts will be made to increase the time that homeless individuals remain in permanent housing and to encourage more individuals to move from transitional to permanent housing. Emphasis will also be placed on creating greater self-sufficiency by increasing the percentage of persons employed.

- **Permanent Housing & Services For Those Incapable Of Achieving Independent Living** – The City and CoC will continue its practice of providing emergency shelter, food, counseling and supportive services to those incapable of achieving independent living.
- **Permanent Affordable Housing Opportunities For Persons Who Successfully Complete A Transitional Housing Program** – Transitional housing opportunities and related services will be provided to those individuals who successfully complete a transitional housing program.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

Addressing the needs of the homeless population—individuals, families with children, and sub-populations—continues to be a priority for the City of Birmingham. Sub-populations include persons with severe mental illness, substance use disorders, victims of domestic violence, homeless youth, and individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS. The City and the Continuum of Care (CoC) are focused on strategies that address both immediate and long-term needs. Emergency shelter, food, counseling, and supportive services will continue to be provided to the homeless, including chronically homeless and vulnerable sub-populations. The City anticipates continued support for programs specifically designed to serve these groups. In addition, transitional housing and related services will be used to support the shift toward permanent housing and independent living. These programs aim to improve housing retention and increase employment and self-sufficiency. Permanent housing and support services will be provided for individuals who are unable to live independently due to physical or mental health conditions. For those completing transitional programs, access to affordable permanent housing will be expanded, along with connections to wraparound services to ensure long-term stability. Prevention efforts remain essential. The City and CoC will continue to assist low-income individuals and families to avoid homelessness by offering rental and utility assistance, legal services, counseling, job training, credit and life skills education, and childcare support. These services are paired with outreach and assessments to ensure effective targeting and service delivery, with a particular emphasis on reducing homelessness among families with children. Finally, the City and the CoC will continue to seek funding for permanent housing units and advocate for prioritizing chronically homeless individuals in publicly supported housing programs to meet the growing demand for sustainable housing solutions.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely

low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The City of Birmingham's "Discharge Coordination Policy" includes policies, strategies, and protocols for the discharge of individuals from publicly funded institutions. Publicly funded institutions are defined as health care facilities, youth facilities, correctional facilities, mental facilities, and/or foster care. The Continuum has strategic meetings with officials from publicly funded institutions in order to be aware of anticipated discharge dates of individuals along with the actual scheduled release dates. The City's policy requires that housing units along with the required supportive services be readily available to individuals in need before they are discharged from publicly funded institutions.

In the area of Foster Care, the CoC shares that all youth in the care of the State of Alabama through the Department of Human Resources are evaluated by case managers at high school graduation or upon aging out of the system, whichever comes first, for placement in transitional housing programs managed by partners supported by a non-McKinney Vento funded program. The State's Human Resource Policy states "The purpose of discharge planning is to identify and begin implementing steps to successfully finalize a youth's discharge from the system of care based on the established permanency goal. Placement in the permanent living situation shall occur within a timeframe that allows at least six (6) months of post foster care supervision. Discharge planning shall begin no later than twelve (12) months prior to the anticipated date that youth will be discharged from the system of care." Finally, the City of Birmingham supports non-profit organizations and for-profit developers in their efforts to develop affordable supportive housing units for individuals facing discharge from publicly funded institutions."

As it relates to health care and mental health, Continuum providers work closely with hospital staff and social work staff to determine housing options for those who frequently require hospital services. Discussions continue with the partners to seek ways to be more responsive in addressing housing issues. With regards to mental health, the Alabama Department of Mental Health policy for all state operated facilities is that discharge planning is done by case workers with consumer involvement and input. The policy further states that patients may go home to family or they may be released ONLY into certified group homes or permitted boarding homes. Protocol is understood by the Continuum and the State of Alabama Department of Mental Health that supervised placements are followed up with a case worker and patients are not discharged into homelessness or into any McKinney-Vento funded program. Similarly, there are very specific discharge policies for local HIV/AIDS housing providers and

patients.

Discussion

In addition to its partnership with One Roof, Inc; the City will allocate its ESG funds to agencies who serve the homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (l)(3)

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	60
Tenant-based rental assistance	55
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	70
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	20
Total	205

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

The City has completed an Analysis of Impediments to identify barriers to affordable housing within the community and through city policy. The recent analysis has outlined recommendations and goals for the City to address over the next five years. As seen in the Needs Assessment, the Analysis of Impediments also identifies housing quantity and quality within neighborhoods as a key challenge to households accessing affordable housing. Lack of affordable housing for low-income residents, and quality of aging housing, coupled with uneven development and access has left areas within Birmingham experiencing greater social and economic gaps compared to others.

Additionally, local policies may impact affordable development opportunities through land use, zoning, and building code policies that set limits on site selection, alternative housing, minimum floor space requirements, and a lack of a local accessibility building code. Reasonable accommodation policies and limited fair housing education and enforcement efforts are also areas that may create additional hurdles to housing choice and access for protected classes

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The City of Birmingham will work to address the recommendations and goals of the Analysis of Impediments through its annual programs and ensure the goals of this Action Plan are in alignment.

Owner-occupied Home Rehabilitation

The City of Birmingham provides rehabilitation programs to low-income residents for home repairs to maintain safe living environments, keep homes up to code, reduce the risk of foreclosure, and maintain the quality of the housing stock. This program allows low-income residents to maintain their homes and addresses the issue of aging housing across the jurisdiction.

Slum and Blight Remediation

With aging housing comes likely increases in slum and blight as properties become too costly to maintain for low-income or elderly homeowners. The City will continue its relationship with the Birmingham Land Bank Authority to identify and acquire properties that have succumbed to blight. The Land Bank Authority rehabilitates properties to sell as affordable housing, returning the property to

livable conditions and increasing the affordable housing supply.

Addressing Neighborhood Safety Concerns

The City of Birmingham heard from citizens and stakeholders that neighborhood safety is a deep concern. Blighted or abandoned properties pose increased risks to the community and residents begin to feel less safe in their neighborhoods. This is connected to the aging housing stock, lack of supply of affordable housing and uneven development that limit growth. The City of Birmingham will use this Consolidated Plan period to not only continue addressing home rehabilitation and blight but seek opportunities to increase investments in neighborhoods with safety concerns to help with growth and development.

Housing Unit Development through CHDOs and Private Developers

The limited supply of affordable housing for renters and owners puts too many households at risk. The City will build relationships with Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and private developers, through incentives and other opportunities, to increase housing targeted for low-income families and individuals. The City will consider long-term goals for housing accessibility and development beyond the five-year Consolidated Plan period to establish a smart path for development that meets the needs of residents.

Discussion:

The City will continue to pursue strategies designed to make housing affordable and accessible. In its efforts to decrease barriers to the development of more affordable housing, the City of Birmingham is working diligently to address areas that create barriers to all residential development.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Birmingham is committed to addressing the challenges that may hinder its ability to meet the needs of low- to moderate-income residents and achieve the goals outlined in this Consolidated Plan. In addition to funding allocations and program implementation, the City will take strategic actions to reduce lead-based paint hazards, improve institutional coordination, strengthen service delivery, and remove barriers to affordable housing. These efforts are designed to maximize the impact of available resources, enhance administrative capacity, and promote long-term community development.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary obstacles to meeting underserved needs are lack of financial and human resources in the public and private sectors, and a growing gap between housing costs and incomes. The City will continue to use its resources carefully and strategically, emphasizing leveraging, as evidenced in this plan to reduce the effects of the cost/income gap. During PY 2026 the City will continue its efforts to meet the needs of the underserved through all of its PY 2026 Action Plan programs. Examples are below.

The City of Birmingham proposed to fund such agencies as the YWCA, Pathways, First Light and Changed Lives. To meet the need of providing affordable housing the City proposes to fund Christian Service Mission, Neighborhood Housing Services of Birmingham and Titusville Development Corporation. Bridge Ministries and Food for our Journey are proposed to receiving funding to provide medical services and food to low-income persons. Employment and housing assistance for the low income are proposed via funding to Birmingham Urban League, Childcare Resources, Legal Services and Jefferson State Community College. The City proposes to aid low-income children, senior citizens and individuals with special needs by funding agencies such as Rose Garden Adult Day Services, Positive Maturity, Children's Village, etc.

Our efforts to provide access to LEP population include the following:

- Partnering organizations representing LEP groups and put them on the active mailing list to receive program information.
- Recruit volunteers that will provide language assistance when necessary.
- Upon request, publish flyers in languages other than English.
- Attend LEP group meetings to discuss available programs and how to access them, including

soliciting their input on consolidated planning process and other related plans and projects.

Provide referral services to other service agencies that may be of benefit to LEP persons.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Given local market conditions, homeownership costs remain high, although they have diminished somewhat during the recent economic downturn. Even with funding limitations and cutbacks, the City will continue to focus its HUD Community Planning and Development (CPD) funds to support activities across the housing needs spectrum; seeking to increase and improve affordable housing stock, including modifications to housing for persons with disabilities through housing rehabilitation programs, preserve existing affordable rental housing, rehabilitate existing single and multi-family housing, and to affirmatively further fair housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Birmingham is actively addressing lead-based paint (LBP) hazards to ensure safe housing for residents, particularly low-income families. In collaboration with the Jefferson County Health Department, the City facilitates surveys, referrals, education, and testing to identify and mitigate LBP risks. The Health Department plays a key role in conducting home assessments and providing resources to property owners for lead remediation. The City also adheres to HUD and state regulations, ensuring that all lead abatement and remediation work is conducted by certified lead contractors. This approach helps protect public health and prevent lead exposure, particularly in older homes built before 1978.

The City's home rehabilitation program is a vital initiative for repairing aging homes and removing LBP hazards in low-income households. Through this program, homeowners receive assistance in addressing lead risks as part of broader home improvement efforts. Ensuring that LBP hazards are eliminated from older housing units improves safety and long-term housing stability for residents. The City also enforces strict compliance with federal and state lead abatement requirements to guarantee that remediation efforts are effective. By integrating lead hazard reduction into its housing programs, the City is working to create a healthier living environment for families.

To further increase access to housing without LBP hazards, the City explores funding opportunities to support new development. HOME funds, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), and other financial resources are leveraged to create affordable, lead-free housing options. New housing construction provides safer alternatives to older homes with potential lead risks, expanding opportunities for low-income families. By prioritizing new affordable housing developments, the City aims to reduce reliance on older housing stock that may contain LBP. These combined efforts enhance both the quality and

availability of safe, lead-free housing for Birmingham residents.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City's anti-poverty strategy ties together its housing, homeless, public housing and non-housing community development strategies as one comprehensive plan for reducing the number of extremely low- and low-income families. The goals and objectives outlined in this strategic plan are designed to promote self-sufficiency and empowerment of residents.

The City recognizes that not a single program or strategy can be used to alleviate poverty across the jurisdiction, as the root causes of poverty vary widely (including education, employment, and access to affordable housing) as do the required actions to reduce the number of extremely low- and low-income households. As such, the goals, programs and policies described in this plan are intended to contribute to the reduction of the number of families earning less than 50 percent AMI in the City of Birmingham in coordination with other strategic plans and efforts.

The Department of Community Development, as the lead agency in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan, will coordinate efforts among its many partner organizations to ensure that the goals outlined in the strategic plan are met. These partners include neighborhood residents, state and local health and human service agencies, businesses, churches, nonprofit developers, lenders and for-profit entities.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Birmingham collaborates with a diverse set of public, private, and nonprofit institutions to implement its housing, homeless, and community development plans. These organizations play vital roles in supporting Birmingham's low- and moderate-income populations, addressing homelessness, and revitalizing communities. The institutional structure includes: Birmingham Housing Authority: Provides affordable housing and housing choice vouchers for low-income residents and assists with the development of affordable housing. Private Developers and Real Estate Firms: These entities collaborate with the city in the development of affordable housing units, as well as the rehabilitation of existing housing stock. Nonprofit Organizations and Community-Based Organizations: HouseProud & Faith-Based Organizations: Christian Services Mission: Focuses on building and rehabilitating homes for low-income families. Continuum of Care (CoC) One Roof: One Roof coordinates homeless services and resources, manages the homeless management information system (HMIS), and works with the city to ensure comprehensive planning for homeless populations. Homeless Service Providers: Organizations like First Light Shelter, Pathways, and Firehouse Shelter participate in the CoC to provide emergency shelter, supportive services, and long-term housing options for homeless individuals and families.

The City of Birmingham benefits from a well-established partnership between public, private, and nonprofit organizations. Collaborative efforts between the City’s Department of Community Development, the CoC, and nonprofits ensure a coordinated response to homelessness, housing, and

community development.

Affordable Housing Shortage: Despite ongoing efforts, there remains a shortage of affordable housing units in Birmingham, particularly for extremely low-income households and those transitioning out of homelessness.

Leverage Public-Private Partnerships: The city will continue to work with private developers, real estate firms, and financial institutions to expand the availability of affordable housing and encourage the development of affordable units.

Utilize Land Bank Authority: Partner with the Birmingham Land Bank Authority to acquire and rehabilitate vacant and blighted properties for affordable housing development.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The Department of Community Development staff members will continue to work with key departments to carry out housing and community development strategies. These departments include: Department of Planning, Engineering and Permits; Parks and Recreation Board; Innovation and Economic Opportunity; Police Department; and other city departments.

Other key public entities are many and varied and include, but are not limited to, the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District, non-profit community housing development organizations (CHDOs), community development corporations (CDCs), community and neighborhood associations and organizations, non-profit human services and shelter providers and non-profit organizations that work with special needs populations served by the mental health, disabled and substance abuse care provider systems.

The Department of Community Development has developed and maintained a very good working relationship with the Alabama Housing Finance Authority, which administers several below market-rate mortgage programs and allocates the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program for the state of Alabama.

Public agencies, for profit and nonprofit private organizations all play a part in the provision of affordable housing, social services, capital improvements, and economic development in partnership with the City of Birmingham. However, the lack of financial resources for development, operations, and support services is a huge gap to overcome. Addressing these gaps will be a high priority for the City. The City will follow up and build on the robust citizen participation process implemented during the development of this Consolidated Plan, and continue to work to provide stronger coordination between agencies and local organizations and increase outreach activities to identify additional

partners.

Discussion:

As mentioned above, the city has outlined strategies to foster and maintain affordable housing, evaluate, and reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination.
As the city work through these strategies, they will identify obstacles in meeting underserved needs and propose actions to overcome those obstacles. Such as lack of landlord's participation in rental assistance and rental rehabilitation programs, and lack of homebuyer programs.
The city will focus on efforts to preserve affordable housing units that may be lost from the assisted housing inventory. The city has licensed staff that will focus on reducing the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards.
The city focuses on efforts to reduce the number of poverty-level families by using proven strategies.
The city will continue to foster jurisdiction's institutional structure by identifying gaps and weaknesses.
And finally, the city will continue and grow upon coordination to implement the consolidated plan. The city plans to continue to collaborate with the continuum of care, public and assisted housing providers, Health care agencies, mental health providers and any state and local government partnership.
The city continues to grow it economic development services by enhancing coordination with private industry, businesses, developers, and social services agencies.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

The City of Birmingham will comply with all program specific requirements at 91.220(I)(1,2,4). In accordance with federal regulations, this Action Plan describes the CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA activities proposed to be undertaken with 2026 allocations. Program specific requirements for CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA are addressed below.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	50,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	**50,000**

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	70
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income.Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	0.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is

as follows:

No other forms of investment are currently being used.

Participation in the HOME Program is open to nonprofit and for-profit organizations as well as individuals to build or rehab affordable housing that will be made available to families whose income is at or below 80% of LMI. Applications/proposals were taken until January 30, 2026 for the PY 2026 Action Plan-One Year Use of Funds. Copies of the notice and application/proposal guidelines were posted on the City's website at www.COBCD.com. Application/proposal guidelines were also available in the office of Community Development.

The City of Birmingham did not limit the beneficiaries or give preference to a particular segment of the low-income population. All segments of the low-income population from 0-80% of the household income limits may benefit from investments.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

There is not a direct homebuyer program. Applications from developers are accepted during our Action Plan process or via request for proposals (RFP). Developers are responsible for the sale of the homes. The City ensures that the purchasers are income eligible (80% of medium income or below) and at the time of closing underwrite to provide a gap in the form of a second mortgage.

- Must be low/low moderate income: that is, the purchaser must have a gross annual income that does not exceed 80 percent of median income for the area.
- Must occupy the property as a principal residence.
- Principal Residence: The purchaser household must use the property as its principal residence.

For purposes of the HOME Program, homeownership means ownership in fee simple title or leasehold in a one-to-four-unit dwelling, ownership or membership in a cooperative.

The ownership interest may be subject only to the following:

- Mortgages, deeds of trust or other debt instruments approved by the City.
- Any other encumbrances or restrictions that do not impair the marketability of the ownership interest, other than the HOME Program restrictions on resale.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The method of repayment will be recapture for all current HOME activities. The City will not use sub-

recipients, urban county or consortium members, CHDOs or other entities to provide the homebuyer assistance. Homebuyers are income-eligible families and required to live in the HOME assisted property as their principal residence for the duration of the applicable affordability period. The period of affordability is based upon the direct HOME subsidy provided to the homebuyer that enabled the homebuyer to purchase the unit. Any HOME program income used to provide direct assistance to the homebuyer is included when determining the period of affordability. The following table outlines the required minimum affordability periods.

• Under $15,000 - 5 years period of affordability
• Between $15,000 and $40,000 - 10 years period of affordability
• Over $40,000 - 15 years of affordability

If the homebuyer sales, transfers, exchange, assign, refinance or lease the HOME assisted property, the City will recapture HOME funds. The recapture requirements are reflected in the written agreement, mortgage, and mortgage note. The recapture requirement is limited to the amount of the net proceeds available from the sale of the HOME assisted property. The recapture terms are as follows:

Upon the sale, exchange, assignment, transfer, refinancing or lease during the affordability period of the real estate which is the subject of the mortgage securing this note, the recipient of the second mortgage HOME loan shall be required to pay to the Mortgagee 3% annual simple interest on the second mortgage HOME loan plus the remaining principal amount of said second mortgage HOME loan.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

   The City has no intentions to refinance multifamily loans. However, The City's HOME program refinancing guidelines would follow the guidelines under 24 CFR92.206(b).

   (i) Demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing;

   (ii) Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred, that the long term needs of the project can be met and that the feasibility of serving the targeted population over an extended Affordability period can be demonstrated;

   (iii) State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create

additional affordable units, or both;

(iv) The required period of affordability is a minimum of 15 years.

(v) The investment of HOME funds may be jurisdiction-wide;

(vi) HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any Federal program, including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

   N/A

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

   N/A

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

   N/A

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

   Any sub-grantee receiving ESG funds shall be subject to all of the requirements that apply to the grantee under the HUD Notice.

   Sub-grantees MUST:

- Assess every program applicant for risk of imminent homelessness or verification of current homelessness, and to determine income and program eligibility.
- Use a clear documented process to determine the type, level, and duration of assistance for each

program participant.

- Review and verify documents and payments to ensure compliance with HUD regulations and to avoid and prevent fraud.
- Certify eligibility at least once every 3 months for all program participants receiving rental assistance.
- Provide on-going case management or support services, as needed, to all program participants receiving rental assistance in order to transition them to independence.
- Adhere to all data collection and reporting requirements.

MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE: Sub-grantees are expected to make available all client, financial and program records for periodic review on a schedule established by the City of Birmingham. In addition, Sub-grantees will maintain client files will all of the required documentation from HUD and the City of Birmingham.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Sub-grantees will submit quarterly reports to the City of Birmingham in accordance with contractual obligations, as well as other Quarterly and Annual Performance Reports for E-SNAPS.

Sub-Grantees will submit any additional reporting requirements by the Federal Government or the City of Birmingham, as outlined in the "Welcome Package" included with your fully executed grant agreement.

REALLOCATION AND RECAPTURE: Sub-grantees MUST EXPEND 100% of their funds within one year of the signing of their contract with final draw request submitted no later than 30 days from the end of the contract. The Director of Community Development may grant extensions if the need arises. The City of Birmingham and HUD will closely track sub-grantee expenditures in order to meet requirements and allow for reallocation if sub-recipients have not spent their funds within 2 years. The City of Birmingham reserves the right to review a sub-grantees balance of funds quarterly and reallocate unused funds (per section IV Sanctions).

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS: Payment of administrative costs is not to exceed the administrative award received. Administrative costs may be used for accounting for the use of grant funds; preparing reports for submission to the City of Birmingham; and sub-grantee staff salaries associated with these administrative costs. Administrative costs also include training for staff who will administer the program or case managers who will serve program participants, as long as this training is directly related to learning about ESG. Administrative costs *do not* include the costs of issuing financial assistance, providing housing relocation and stabilization services, or carrying out eligible data collection and evaluation activities, as specified above, such as sub-recipient staff salaries, costs of conducting housing inspections, and other operating costs. These costs should be included under

one of the three other eligible activity categories.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The CoC does not yet have a formal coordinated assessment system due to unavailability of funds. However, the CoC has a 2-pronged informal system that has existed for many years. 2-1-1 Connects Alabama is a statewide regional call center referral system to provide easy access to health and human services. Several CoC's within the State use 2-1-1 Connects Alabama as a coordinated assessment system. One Roof CoC has not been able to implement a partnership with the 2-1-1. However, all people entering an HMIS participating agency are assessed in the same manner, complete the same intake form and appropriate referrals are made, a process that is essentially a decentralized coordinated system. Additionally, One Roof partnered with a local University to beta test a Vulnerability Index which is used by outreach teams to prioritize what housing is available. New HMIS used by the CoC include a Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool, a Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool, and a Family Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool.

The Birmingham CoC provides the following outreach services to homeless individuals:

- Street Outreach Program (STOP) - Dedicated outreach team that collaborates with providers to house street dwellers. Works with a Mayor's Office Liaison & Community Policing/Business Liaison groups to identify "new" people on the street.
- HOPE Mobile: Street outreach team for unaccompanied youth. Works closely with State Department of Human Resources & relevant providers.
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) & Research and Evaluation of Assertive Community Treatment (REACT): Includes serious mental illness (SMI) street outreach.
- A Faith-based medical team provides street medicine, services & housing information to street dwellers.
- All teams collaborate to identify HIV positive individuals and refer them to the AIDS outreach team.
- The CoC hosts annual the Project Homeless Connect and does extensive outreach to pre-register street dwellers.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The City follows the following steps in making ESG sub-awards.

- The Community Development Department prepares a written request for proposals that is published in local newspapers of general circulation. Notices are also made available through the

City's Citizen Participation mailings and mailings to CDBG and ESG subrecipients.

- Community Development Department staff review all proposals according to how each can best address the homeless priority needs identified in the City's Consolidated Plan.
- After proposals are reviewed, the Community Development Department makes its recommendations based on program objectives to the Mayor for review and approval. The Mayor's recommendations are then reviewed through the appropriate City Council sub-committee and full City Council for approval.

Upon approval, ESG sub recipients are informed as to the disposition of their proposal. Contracts are prepared for execution by the City and ESG subrecipients approved to provide

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

One Roof, Inc., the Continuum of Care for the Birmingham area, reserves a position on their board for a homeless or former homeless person. The city also publishes each Action Plan and Action Plan Amendment in an effort to target those that may be affected by the use of funds or lack thereof. The City strives to extend this participation through these existing and any future possible avenue so that the City can better hear from those it is directly affecting. Also, many of the sub-recipients the City uses allow for homeless or former homeless persons to be employed or volunteer with their organization so as to further better the person and allow for experience and input.

To the maximum extent practical, the Subrecipient must involve homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), in providing services assisted under ESG, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under ESG. This involvement may include employment or volunteer services

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The Performance Standards are generally evaluate based on each activity with outputs/outcomes in mind. These outcomes/outputs will also be adapted with the evolution of the grant through further consultation with the Continuum of Care. The outcomes/public benefit/accomplishments are reported quarterly.

Quarterly reports are required from each of its subrecipients measuring performance and output measures. The reports aid in the evaluation of accomplishments in relation to specific established goals and objectives for each agency. Methods of evaluation include the following survey, telephone conversations, periodic meetings, workshop, etc. The roles and responsibilities of each partner and the expected public benefit are specified, measured, and recorded for tracking performance.

HOPWA

Aids Alabama, Inc., a non-profit organization, is the City's Prime Project Sponsor for the administration of the HOPWA program funds and has been so since the City's initial participation in the HOPWA program beginning in 1999. Aids Alabama Inc., was initially recommended by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Birmingham Office to serve as the City's Prime Project Sponsor of HOPWA funding so as to ensure continuity of HOPWA program services within Alabama and to provide for a single point of contact in the administration of HOPWA program requirements and services on a state wide basis. This recommendation was consistent with the provisions outlined in HUD Notice CPD 96-05 Section II item D, and in accordance with 24 CFR 85.36(d)(4). AIDS Alabama Inc., currently is the only agency within the State of Alabama solely dedicated to statewide HIV/AIDS prevention, housing, and services for persons living with HIV and their families and serves as Prime Project Sponsor for both the City of Birmingham and State of Alabama HOPWA Programs.

In an effort to broaden public participation, the City's Prime Project Sponsor selection process is included as a part of the City's Proposed Action Plan Development Process including a Request for Proposal process advertised annually to solicit comments and proposals for the proposed use of HUD funds for the upcoming program year. The steps are below.

1. The Community Development Department prepares a written request for proposals that is published in local newspapers of general circulation. Notices are also made available through the City's Citizen Participation mailings and mailings to CDBG and HOPWA subrecipients.
2. Community Development Department staff review all proposals according to how each can best address the homeless priority needs identified in the City's Consolidated Plan.
3. After proposals are reviewed, the Community Development Department makes its recommendations based on program objectives to the Mayor for review and approval. The Mayor's recommendations are then reviewed through the appropriate City Council sub-committee and full City Council for approval.
4. Upon approval, HOPWA subrecipient is informed as to the disposition of their proposal. Contracts are prepared for execution by the City and HOPWA subrecipient approved to provide services.

N/A