

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

Citizens were advised on May 2, 2026, through an advertisement published in *The Sumter Item* that the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) would be available for public review from May 22, 2026, through June 22, 2026. Citizens were encouraged to come to review the report and provide input regarding how the City utilized Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds during the fiscal year *April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026*.

Sewer Improvements including plumbing repairs, were completed for six Low to Moderate Income (LMI) homeowners during this fiscal year.

Historic Preservation efforts continue to foster partnerships with businesses and property owners. The Façade Grant Program allots funding to improve the facades of buildings located within the downtown business district. Since the inception of the current Façade Grant program in 1995, more than \$13 million in historic building renovations have been completed in the downtown historic district while utilizing less than \$400,000 in CDBG funding. During this CAPER period, façade grant assistance was provided for two downtown businesses.

Housing Repairs were completed using CDBG funding. A total of six owner-occupied homes were rehabilitated for LMI occupants during the fiscal year. Under the housing repair program, City used funds to compensate inspectors for lead-based paint assessments and to construction advisory services, including for project write-ups, inspections, and bid preparation. Each home was inspected before construction and again upon completion to ensure proper lead-based paint removal.

Through the United Ministries Housing Repair Program, 13 owner-occupied homes had minor repairs, which included roof repairs, toilet replacements, and door replacements, done for LMI occupants.

The Youth Employment Program benefited 61 students during the summer, and 35 participants were enrolled in the Co-Op program for youth ages 14 and 15, while 26 participants were enrolled in the Youth Corps Program for high school students ages 16 and older.

YMCA of Sumter funding provided five LMI youth to receive a variety of services (participating in camp, learning how to swim classes, and strengthening life skills workshops), provided by the YMCA.

H.Y.P.E. funding enabled 157 students to participate in a summer camp field trip to the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, Georgia. Funding also supported the purchase of 157 backpacks and school supplies for upcoming school year.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Administration	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		80	94	117.50%

Administration	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	350	94	26.86%			
Demolition	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	30	0	0.00%	6	0	0.00%
Historical Preservation	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	5	2	40.00%			
Housing Repair	Housing Repair	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	30	6	20.00%	6	5	83.33%
HYPE	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0			50	157	314.00%
HYPE	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	250	157	62.80%			
United Ministries	Housing Repair	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	45	13	28.89%	9	13	144.44%
YMCA Youth Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0			13	5	38.46%
YMCA Youth Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	65	5	7.69%			

Youth Employment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	40	69	172.50%	40	69	172.50%
Youth Employment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	250	69	27.60%	60	0	0.00%

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

There is still a need for affordable rental properties that meet housing codes. Much of the affordable rental stock tends to be substandard, but the efforts of the City Codes Enforcement Department have drastically improved the rental stock. There will always be a need for continuous enforcement of the zoning ordinance throughout the City of Sumter to ensure compliance. Also, the foreclosure economic crisis is steadily being turned around, through partnerships, homeowners are being counseled and provided financial assistance in some cases, so they can continue to be homeowners. The interest rate is becoming a main impediment for home ownership. Hopefully sooner versus later that situation can turn around. The local Housing Authority has a Resident Services Program dedicated to empowering the residents in the community to develop goals and encourage them with support and resources to achieve these goals. Resident Service programs are only as supportive as their primary resource, the community partnerships. The City’s Community Development office is an essential member of the partnership through the natural progression of empowerment and education. Community Service has allowed Public Housing clients the opportunity to work with community leaders and management, to become oriented to housing opportunities through the various affordable housing programs in the community. Programs currently available to our residents include lease refresher classes, housekeeping classes, and a finance class. Affordable housing that is not located in high crime, high poverty areas of the Sumter community are made affordable to Voucher holders because of tax credits. The Authority currently utilizes a number of tax credit properties to provide decent affordable housing to the Housing Choice voucher participants in

the community.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	4
Black or African American	342
Asian	0
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	346
Hispanic	0
Not Hispanic	346

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

Included in the total of family members is the make-up of the total household make up for rehab and the number of people assisted by educating citizens about fair housing and conducting four community meetings, annual housing month event in June, and two public hearings.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	333,755	391,131

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

In assessing the relationship of the use of CDBG funds to the priorities, needs, goals and specific objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan, the City of Sumter implemented and executed the following projects during the reporting period: **(1) Administration, \$66,751.00**, (2) Housing Repair, \$187,604.00, (3) Youth Employment, \$43,500.00 (4) YMCA Youth Services, \$2,500.00, (5) Demolition, \$30,000, (6) HYPE \$3,000.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
NRSA	80	99.75	

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

Over 99 percent of non Administration funding was distributed within the City of Sumter NRSA, which consist of the lowest income households, Census Tracts 13, 15, 11, and 16.

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

The Summer Youth Co-op program where the city partner with local business to hire 16 and up high school students, the city and local businesses pays half of the hired student salary. The city currently has anywhere from 9 to 10 local businesses participating in the youth summer program.

Publicly owned land was not used in leveraging

Other private and public resources are tapped to address needs identified in the Consolidated Plan such as local banks, service agencies, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, the Eastern Carolina Homeless Organization for the twelve-county area, Sumter Housing Authority, Sumter Board of Realtors, Churches, Schools, Consumer Credit Counseling, and other service organizations. These partnerships provide easy access to services for Low-Moderate-Income citizens.

The city through the penny sale tax is upgrading and creating new public parks and facilities throughout the City Limits; with special emphasis in LMA. This will go far as not only beautifying LMA but stabilizing and increasing the desire to live in these areas.

The Summer Youth Employment Co-Op Program is successful because local businesses leveraged their funds with CDBG funds to make the program work. The partnership with local businesses is due partly to the Chamber of Commerce agreeing to market the summer program for free in the late winter edition of their newsletter and the local newspaper running the article daily for about eight weeks free of charge.

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	15	19
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	15	19

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

The city goal a year is to provide owner occupied housing rehabilitation for six households. A total of seven owner-occupied houses were rehabilitated using CDBG funds, during the fiscal year of April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026. Under the housing repair line item, the City used funds to pay inspectors for lead based paint work and the construction advisor for work write-ups, inspections and bid preparation. Each unit is inspected prior to construction, and again after construction is completed for clearance of Lead-Based Paint.

Worse case needs are the affordability and the availability of rental units publicly and privately. The Housing Authority of the City of Sumter is currently has dedicated vouchers to houses purchased by the Authority through the Neighborhood Stabilization funds. Project based vouchers has been defined since the 2008 Annual Plan; this will enhance the Authority's goal of removing "older" mobile homes from the voucher program. The community has benefited from the five three-bedroom houses from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program funded for acquisition, rehabilitation with providing affordable units. The housing authority programs provide low-income citizens and citizens with disabilities safe and secure housing. The voucher is an excellent program, but more funding is needed.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The city exceeded their yearly goal of rehabilitating nineteen existing houses. The nineteen this year exceeded to the current Consolidated Plan five-year goal for rehab of existing houses of 15 total rehab houses a year with housing repair and United Ministries housing repair goals on a yearly basis.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	6	0
Low-income	7	0
Moderate-income	6	0
Total	19	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

Nineteen existing households were rehab under the affordable housing activity during program year 2025.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

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

In the City of Sumter Homeless and emergency assistance are provided by Alston Wilkes Society (Sumter Office), United Ministries, Christian Charities, Trinity Place and the Salvation Army. These programs continue to provide funds for food and shelter for persons who are homeless or close to becoming homeless. The United Ministries also provides free medical care and free pharmacy for the homeless and extremely low-income citizens of Sumter. The elderly and people with disabilities, those who test positive for HIV/AIDS are included in these service opportunities.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Sumter United Ministries has a homeless shelter that provides up to 3 nights' stay for homeless persons and several small single transitional homes for homeless individuals where they can live in a safe, clean and secure environment. The stay can be extended provided an extension is requested and granted. The YWCA has a homeless shelter for abuse women and their children. Housing is provided as well as job skills and job referrals. Some of the housing is provided through the Housing Authority's Section 8 program. When possible, these women are also encouraged to participate in the FSSP.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

Wateree Community Actions, Inc. Trans Aid Program reports that they provided services to several families during this reporting period. They provided a turnkey approach to homelessness by providing housing, education, counseling, job referral, etc., so that clients will have all the services needed that will cause them not to return to their former state of homelessness. The Sumter United Ministries provides clothing and free health care for extremely low income along with free prescriptions. Additionally, the Housing Authority plays a big role in keeping low-income individuals from becoming homeless. There is also an agency who house abuse and run away kids, thus providing them a safe and secure environment.

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

A ministry for the homeless is operated on Sunday afternoon at 3:30pm. A group of volunteers bring a hot meal to the Gazebo located off Calhoun Street. These volunteers have a bible study and serve the meal in a loving outside atmosphere. Their ministry is unique in that it is outside winter and summer regardless of weather conditions. People from the street feel very comfortable participating in this ministry. This group has formed a bond, and they take each other as family.

In concluding this narrative, Wateree Community Actions and Sumter United Ministries are the only local agencies that has a turnkey homeless initiative in Sumter. This, however, does not begin to serve the needs of the community.

The United Ministries of Sumter County continue to aid homeless people and to others to prevent homelessness. They aid with rent, mortgage, utility, medical, hotel/motel accommodation and food and clothing, along with counseling. Additionally, United Ministries are in the process of building up to several transitional housing units until citizens can become self-sufficient.

Obstacles to meeting underserved needs continue to include the need for an agency or organization that aids an almost unidentified population: people who are under or unemployed, lack skills to market with potential employers, and who also need medical care with follow-up as well as housing. These people often feel left completely out of the system and are also alienated from family and friends. South Carolina Works has a new program designed to retrain employees to enable them to become self-sufficient, while also paying them a stipend during training. This program run by South Carolina Works is invaluable to meeting underserved needs in the community.

The city is also leasing a big abandon building with partnership of United Ministry staff to provide homeless citizens shelter during inclement weather.

The key to all of this is to make homeless individuals self-efficient and become productive citizens.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The local Housing Authority has a Resident Services Program dedicated to empowering the residents in the community to develop goals and encourage them with support and resources to achieve these goals. Resident Service programs are only as supportive as their primary resource, the community partnerships. The City's Community Development office is an essential member of the partnership through the natural progression of empowerment and education. Community Service has allowed Public Housing clients the opportunity to work with community leaders and management, to become oriented to housing opportunities through the various affordable housing programs in the community. Programs currently available to our residents include lease refresher classes, housekeeping classes, and a finance class. The Housing Authority recently completed new HVAC replacements at 3 sites: Rast Street, Hampton Manor, and Pinewood Gardens. We are now using 2023 Capital Funds to remove and replace all existing roofs at all 6 apartment complexes which will total 327 units. Pinewood Gardens' laundry facility has been well received; it has been a huge convenience to our residents. Affordable housing that is not located in high crime, high poverty areas of the Sumter community are made affordable to Voucher holders because of tax credits. The Authority currently utilizes a number of tax credit properties to provide decent affordable housing to the Housing Choice voucher participants in the community. Fair Market rents for 2024/2025 were not keeping up with the "increasing rental amounts in the MSA of Sumter. The Authority continued to support the elected payment standard of 120% of the FM retained active rents. However, due to funding the agency elected to adopt the Small Area Fair Market rent, allowing market rents to be evaluated based on the surrounding area specifically contained by the zip code and again electing to utilize 110% of the Fair Market Rents for that area. The Sumter rental market, as did many others experienced (a) substantial rent increases and (b) a tremendous reduction of landlords willing to participate with the HCV program. At the present time, the agency has experienced shortfall, we have stopped issuing vouchers and are tightly monitoring portability because of funding. Public Housing is currently at 99% utilization and continues to offer flat rents, which were determined by market rates.

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

The Authority has currently opted out of Asset Management since FY 2008 in Public Housing. This program maintains utilization between ninety-seven to ninety-nine percent. This program was a standard performing agency for 2023 and 2024. Identification of the need for additional one-bedroom units has been driven by the waiting list. The application period for one-bedroom units normally exceeds one year or longer prior to being housed; while two, three, four-and five-bedroom units wait time average three and six months to be assisted. The Authority has determined that the modified scattered site process is the most effective for the location and size of the Public Housing Authority.

Based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and other generally available data, the Housing Authority of the City of Sumter will make a reasonable effort to identify the housing needs of the low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families who reside in the jurisdiction served by the PHA, including elderly families, families with disabilities, and households of various races and ethnic groups, and other families who are on the public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location.

The Authority strives every day of operation to provide quality, affordable housing to the Sumter community. We also have strong partnerships that are utilized as a way to help our families achieve self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives. The Authority had elected to contract with an outside source to conduct a Physical Needs Assessment to provide the necessary information to prepare for the Disposition of Public Housing. This Assessment was conducted in February 2026, and we are waiting on the final report. Once received this information will determine which path is available to convert through the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program or if the Section 18 program needs to be considered. We are trying to include work that does assist with the curb appeal when addressing the Physical conditions of Public Housing.

Some of our current goals are:

- Providing energy efficient, quality housing within our community, both in the Public Housing and HCV Programs.
- Increasing Affordable housing stock in the community: The Authority currently operates 327 Public Housing Apartments, we are budgeted for 941 HCV vouchers, 10 VASH Voucher and 5 Neighborhood Stabilization Houses. The overall goal is to have the staff trained and capable of providing efficient, effective, and professional quality services at every level in the agency. Again, as with many others, the increase in rents has had a big impact.
- Our desired goal is to build better communities through outreach and the NON-Profit Network monthly meetings. We seek to improve the quality of housing for the families we assist, through outreach, meetings, education and opportunities with residents and landlords about the implementation of NSPIRE. The greater the buy-in we have especially with our landlords will only benefit the Authority and the community we serve.

We are proud to say that we had our first NSPIRE INSPECTION in September 2025, and we achieved a

score of 98 at Friendship and Harmony Court and a score of 90 at Rast, Hampton Manor, Southside, and Pinewood Gardens. This could not have been achieved without the buy-in from our residents and the hard work and dedication from our staff.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

This Public Housing Agency is not designated as “troubled”.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

In compliance with 24 CFR 91.520(a) City staff is working through the Fair Housing Task Force in an ongoing process to rid the city of Impediments: The City updated Area Impediment was completed during September 2017. The City adopted a Property Maintenance Code which gives additional guidance to property owners and provides penalties for violations. In its current form there is a duty to the advisement of a 30-day notice of any substandard citing. Such notice is posted with property title in the Courthouse. Property owners will have a duty to repair property before sale or follow through with any prior citing. Sales will be subject to repair within time allotted. The Fair Housing Task Force is working closely with the Codes Enforcement Department to accomplish this. The City Council also passed an ordinance that is called an Appearance Code. The code does require that property owners keep their property is always in good appearance. New to the ordinance Landlords are now included in this group in that if they rent, the person residing in the property is required to keep the appearance up to par.

The city hired additional Codes Enforcement Officers. Part of their work involves issuing citations for property not being in a good state of appearance from the outside.

The City, in partnership with the Housing Authority, is continually working this issue as funding becomes available. Due to the in foreclosures in the City, the City in partnership with the Housing Authority has identified the need for additional affordable housing in the Sumter Community. The Authority applied for and received funding through a partnership of Neighborhood Stabilization Program in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 for acquisition of foreclosures and rehabilitating for affordable rentals. All partners are purchasing foreclosed homes and have rehabilitated eleven units. The Sumter community is benefiting from more than 25 foreclosed homes being converted to rental properties.

The Fair Housing Task Force partnered up with the Sumter Board of Realtors and Local Housing Providers to inform the public, low-moderate-income persons, especially, about Predatory Lending practices and affordable housing opportunities. To celebrate Fair Hosing Month and the 30th Anniversary of the HOME Program the City put on a Housing Seminar with emphasis on Available Housing Opportunities in the City and County. Rural Development also participated in this event. Many people in attendance wanted and needed their information because not all people desire to live inside the City Limits.

Local housing providers presented their programs visually and verbally. Display tables provided an opportunity for attendees to gain access to information about banking, finance and affordable housing. Surveys are completed each year by local attendees which agencies what their communities are in need

of.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Obstacles to meeting underserved needs continue to include the need for an agency or organization that aids an almost unidentified population: people who are under or unemployed, lack skills to market with potential employers, and who also need medical care with follow-up as well as housing. These people often feel left completely out of the system and are also alienated from family and friends. South Carolina Works has a new program designed to retrain employees to enable them to become self-sufficient, while also paying them a stipend during training. Additionally, several agencies are providing transitional housing to help this population until they get on their feet.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

All rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes requires a lead inspection prior to any work being done on the home. If lead is found in a location where work is to be done, it would be removed by a license lead qualified extraction contractor prior to rehabilitation being performed.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Reduce the number of people living below the poverty level. This is an awesome task. Training and education are accomplished through the Adult Education Department of both School Districts. They offer basic reading and writing as well as GED training and preparation for a High School Diploma. Additional training is provided in the areas of Computer Skills at all levels, from basic to advanced. Teacher Certification classes are also offered by the Adult Education Department. The Literacy Program is a part of Adult Education. This program teaches English as a second language along with other pertinent classes.

The Technical College are currently offering free courses to local citizens and the two 4-year colleges have programs that prepare individuals for upward mobility. As people avail themselves to training and education their opportunity for living above the poverty level is greater. The initiative, however, must come from the person who is the victim of poverty. Children are assisted when they are employed in our Summer Youth Employment Programs. They could earn money for needed items that include school supplies and clothes. Some students use their money to help parents with household bills.

Contractors who build houses and do housing repairs are encouraged to comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low-Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135.

Seniors who are at least 55 years old are referred to Santee-Lynches Council of Governments to participate in the Title V Older American Act of 1965 Title V Section that established the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). The program accommodates people who make low

retirement incomes. Work assignments increase the income by a large enough margin that they do not live below the poverty level. Some of the job assignments lead to permanent work, although they are often part-time jobs.

During the orientation and training of students for the Summer Youth Employment Co-Op Program staff make a strong point of letting students know that they can decide now how they will spend their life in the future. Summer jobs can be the start of a career that can build into a livelihood. We often use the example of the KFC's Executive who has helped with the orientation. He started working at KFC when he was in high school. He worked during college breaks. After graduation he came back into a management training slot at KFC. Now he owns three KFCs and is Vice President for all Kentucky Fried Chickens and Arby's in the 6-county area. There also was a former student who went on to play professional football.

These are examples of how people can be elevated above the poverty level, thereby reducing the number of people living below the poverty level. It is a slow process.

Another example is the Family Self Sufficiency Program at the Housing Authority. These participants receive training and get help with their finances. Gradually they learn how to leave Public Housing. Their income increases with new initiatives, information and training, and they live above the poverty level.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City of Sumter has made vast improvements in overcoming the gaps in institutional structures and enhance coordination. There are not only various agencies who provide services to assist homeless individuals and families; they all have formed a partnership to coordinate the assistance for homeless and low-income citizens. The partnership of the agencies has increased follow up on clients on a regular basis to help alleviate clients continually needed the same services over and over. The goal of the current actions is to make beneficiaries of these program self-sufficient in the long run, by providing training, education, housing assistance, daycare assistance, and other programs to give clients the best chance to succeed in all aspects of life. Also, providing a larger inclement weather facility for homeless individuals has been accomplished during the past year which definitely is vast improvement in the lives of the homeless.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Improvement in public housing and residents' initiatives are ongoing with the City of Sumter Housing Authority. That agency has a Resident Initiatives Coordinator who also carries the title of Self Sufficiency Coordinator. The coordinator works closely with the residents to provide activities at the housing complexes for adults and children while at the same time providing an opportunity for adults to register for the Family Self Sufficiency Program. The program has several active people listed who have agreed

to work towards self-sufficiency within a certain period, usually five years. There were 33 people initially; of the initial participants, six have become homeowners. Some left the program since its inception due to transfers and dropouts. This program was at a standstill during the hardest months of the pandemic, but, starting in March 2022, the program is back to normal. Improvements are made to public housing as the director makes upgrades to the units. The Authority has completed HVAC Installation, currently addressing cabinets, electrical and water heaters. The upgrades are continuing. Additionally, the Fair Housing Task Force bring both private and public entities together to handle all sorts of issues involving our citizens, especially when it comes to affordable housing.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

In compliance with 24 CFR 91.520(a) City staff is working through the Fair Housing Task Force in an ongoing process to rid the city of Impediments: The City updated Area Impediment was completed during September 2017.

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Local housing providers presented their programs visually and verbally. Display tables provided an opportunity for attendees to gain access to information about banking, finance and affordable housing. Current interest rates are also a hinderance but hopefully they will start trending down shortly.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

The grantee pursued all the resources it said it would in the Consolidated Plan. This is referenced earlier in this report under Public Housing Initiatives and Leveraging of Resources. (2) The grantee supported efforts by other service agencies by providing letters of support, supplemental funding, and working with agencies to advance their programs. (3) The grantee did not hinder the implementation of the Consolidated Plan by any action or willful inaction. Additionally, each sub-recipient on a yearly basis provides source documents they used for each citizen they assist in determining their eligibility for use of CDBG funds (below 80% median income and reside in the city limits). Also, all sub-recipients are following the proper record keeping requirements of HUD, because this is checked on an annual basis when grantee hand carry sub-recipient agreement for signature by the sub-recipient. The grantee went to the YMCA and conducted monitoring in March 2019. The grantee reviewed the files from 2017 and 2018. The files were immaculate, and the YMCA are following the signed sub-recipient agreement. The procedures the sub-recipient uses for providing services to low-modern clientele meet CDBG requirements. An in-house review and general oversight of all sub recipient documentation are reviewed on a yearly basis.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

This document was on display inside the Community Development Department from May 22, 2026, to June 22, 2026.

There were no citizens' comments.

The Public Hearing was held May 19, 2026, at 6:00 in the evening. The Notice to The Public was released through *The Item*, a local newspaper, on May 2, 2026, in the non-legal section.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

There are no proposed or significant changes required by the jurisdiction at this time.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

There are no proposed or significant changes required by the jurisdiction at this time.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours	0				
Total Section 3 Worker Hours	0				
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours	0				

Table 8 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers	146				
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.					
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).					
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).	72				
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.					
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.	132				
Held one or more job fairs.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.	106				
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.	64				
Assisted residents with finding child care.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.					
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.	64				
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.	153				
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.					
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.					

Other.					
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Table 9 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

On a yearly basis, the city targets public housing kids for our youth employment program, but ever since the pandemic kids in public housing are not applying for the jobs in our youth program at the level of pre pandemic. There has been a continuous downward trend of applicants applying for summer jobs. The city contacts school counselors to pass on the information about the job opportunities which is available every summer. Also, the city contacts the public housing office to pass this information on. Additionally, the city advertises in the local newspaper every day for about eight weeks prior to the program about the available jobs each summer and on the city website. The city has three centers with computer labs for all citizens with instructors in writing resumes.

CR-60 - ESG 91.520(g) (ESG Recipients only)

ESG Supplement to the CAPER in *e-snaps*

For Paperwork Reduction Act

1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Complete

Basic Grant Information

Recipient Name	SUMTER
Organizational DUNS Number	088106554
UEI	
EIN/TIN Number	576000246
Identify the Field Office	COLUMBIA
Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or subrecipient(s) will provide ESG assistance	

ESG Contact Name

Prefix	Mr
First Name	Deron
Middle Name	
Last Name	McCormick
Suffix	
Title	City Manager

CAPER

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ESG Contact Address

Street Address 1	PO Box 1449
Street Address 2	
City	Sumter
State	SC
ZIP Code	-
Phone Number	8034362570
Extension	
Fax Number	
Email Address	dmccormick@sumter-sc.com

ESG Secondary Contact

Prefix
First Name
Last Name
Suffix
Title
Phone Number
Extension
Email Address

2. Reporting Period—All Recipients Complete

Program Year Start Date	04/01/2025
Program Year End Date	03/31/2026

3a. Subrecipient Form – Complete one form for each subrecipient

Subrecipient or Contractor Name
City
State
Zip Code
DUNS Number
UEI
Is subrecipient a victim services provider
Subrecipient Organization Type
ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount

Attachment

PR 26 2025

	Office of Community Planning and Development	DATE:	06-11-26
	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	TIME:	15:35
	Integrated Disbursement and Information System	PAGE:	1
	PR25 - CDBG Financial Summary Report		
	Program Year 2025		

SUMTER , SC

PART I: SUMMARY OF CDBG RESOURCES

01 UNEXPENDED CDBG FUNDS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	145,171.30
02 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	333,755.00
03 SURPLUS URBAN RENEWAL	0.00
04 SECTION 108 GUARANTEED LOAN FUNDS	0.00
05 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	0.00
05a CURRENT YEAR SECTION 108 PROGRAM INCOME (FOR SI TYPE)	0.00
06 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LINE-OF-CREDIT	0.00
06a FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LOCAL CDBG ACCOUNT	0.00
07 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AVAILABLE	0.00
08 TOTAL AVAILABLE (SUM, LINES 01-07)	478,926.30

PART II: SUMMARY OF CDBG EXPENDITURES

09 DISBURSEMENTS OTHER THAN SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS AND PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	324,380.20
10 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT	0.00
11 AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT (LINE 09 + LINE 10)	324,380.20
12 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	66,751.00
13 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS	0.00
14 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0.00
15 TOTAL EXPENDITURES (SUM, LINES 11-14)	391,131.20
16 UNEXPENDED BALANCE (LINE 08 - LINE 15)	87,795.10

PART III: LOW/MOD BENEFIT THIS REPORTING PERIOD

17 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD HOUSING IN SPECIAL AREAS	0.00
18 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD MULTI-UNIT HOUSING	0.00
19 DISBURSED FOR OTHER LOW/MOD ACTIVITIES	323,583.20
20 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT	0.00
21 TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT (SUM, LINES 17-20)	323,583.20
22 PERCENT LOW/MOD CREDIT (LINE 21/LINE 11)	99.75%

LOW/MOD BENEFIT FOR MULTI-YEAR CERTIFICATIONS

23 PROGRAM YEARS(PY) COVERED IN CERTIFICATION	PY: 2025 PY: PY:
24 CUMULATIVE NET EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT CALCULATION	0.00
25 CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES BENEFITING LOW/MOD PERSONS	0.00
26 PERCENT BENEFIT TO LOW/MOD PERSONS (LINE 25/LINE 24)	0.00%

PART IV: PUBLIC SERVICE (PS) CAP CALCULATIONS

27 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES	52,000.00
28 PS UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
29 PS UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	3,000.00
30 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL PS OBLIGATIONS	0.00
31 TOTAL PS OBLIGATIONS (LINE 27 + LINE 28 - LINE 29 + LINE 30)	49,000.00
32 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	333,755.00
33 PRIOR YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	0.00
34 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP	0.00
35 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP (SUM, LINES 32-34)	333,755.00
36 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PS ACTIVITIES (LINE 31/LINE 35)	14.68%

PART V: PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION (PA) CAP

37 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	66,751.00
38 PA UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
39 PA UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
40 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL PA OBLIGATIONS	0.00
41 TOTAL PA OBLIGATIONS (LINE 37 + LINE 38 - LINE 39 +LINE 40)	66,751.00
42 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	333,755.00
43 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	0.00
44 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP	0.00
45 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP (SUM, LINES 42-44)	333,755.00
46 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PA ACTIVITIES (LINE 41/LINE 45)	20.00%



LINE 17 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 17

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LINE 18 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 18

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LINE 19 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 19

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2024	7	396	7045371	HYPE Program	050	LMC	\$3,000.00
2025	5	400	7144680	YMCA Youth Services	050	LMC	\$2,500.00
2025	6	401	7094062	Youth Employment	050	LMC	\$43,500.00
2025	7	402	7144680	HYPE Program	050	LMC	\$3,000.00
					050	Matrix Code	\$52,000.00
2024	4	392	7045371	Housing Repair	14A	LWH	\$44,210.00
2024	4	392	7094062	Housing Repair	14A	LWH	\$30,244.95
2024	4	392	7144680	Housing Repair	14A	LWH	\$57,716.35
2025	3	398	7144680	United Ministries	14A	LWH	\$44,900.00
2025	4	399	7144680	Housing Repair	14A	LWH	\$94,511.90
					14A	Matrix Code	\$271,583.20
Total							\$323,583.20

LINE 27 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 27

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus	Activity Name	Grant Number	Fund Type	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2024	7	396	7045371	No	HYPE Program	B24MC450011	EN	050	LMC	\$3,000.00
2025	5	400	7144680	No	YMCA Youth Services	B25MC450011	EN	050	LMC	\$2,500.00
2025	6	401	7094062	No	Youth Employment	B25MC450011	EN	050	LMC	\$43,500.00
2025	7	402	7144680	No	HYPE Program	B25MC450011	EN	050	LMC	\$3,000.00
								050	Matrix Code	\$52,000.00
					No	Activity to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus				\$52,000.00
Total										\$52,000.00

LINE 37 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 37

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2025	1	396	7094062	Administration	21A		\$66,751.00
					21A	Matrix Code	\$66,751.00
Total							\$66,751.00

CAPER 2025 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

City of Sumter
Community Development Department
As Amended 03/10/09

Beginning in 1994, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban development (HUD) required the City of Sumter to develop a consolidated plan affecting all of its community planning and development and housing programs. This new plan replaced all individual application requirements with a single submission. The four programs affected by the consolidated plan are: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). As such, to incorporate the four programs within the Citizens Participation Plan, "CDBG Programs" are now referred to as "the Consolidated Plan Programs."

The laws governing the grant programs established three basic goals. They are to:

- Provide decent housing
- Provide a suitable living environment, and
- Expand economic opportunities

Further, each of these goals must primarily benefit low- and very low-income persons.

The benefit of having a consolidated plan ensures a collaborative and comprehensive process to establish a unified vision for community development actions.

To insure that citizens are involved in (1) planning, (2) implementation, and (3) assessment of Consolidated Plan Programs, U.S. HUD requires a written plan to show how citizens will be involved in the three areas cited.

Community involvement in the Consolidated Plan Programs shall include, but is not limited to, public notices in the local newspapers for citizen participation, and the public hearings process.

Assessment of Performance – There will be a public notice to allow citizens and community organizations to assess activities and submit comments on all aspects of the Consolidated Plan Programs. This notice will be published in local newspapers at least 30 days prior to the start of planning for the next program year. Copies of the Annual Performance Report, Proposed Statements of Objectives, and Final Statements of Objectives will be distributed to all public libraries for public review. Copies and information concerning all activities will also be available at the Community Development Office located at 12 W. Liberty Street, Office H..

All comments submitted by citizens, along with the City's responses and a summary of any action taken will be included in the Grantee Performance Report (GPR).

Public Hearings

The City will hold a minimum of two (2) public hearings during the fiscal year (April 1 – March 31). Announcements for the public hearing will be published in *The Item* at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. Notices will be prominently displayed in the non-legal section of the local newspaper.

The hearings will be held to address housing and community development needs and receive suggestions for proposed activities. Following the public hearing, a 30-day comment period will allow citizens and interested parties additional time to submit their concerns.

After the development of the CP plan, application for funding and prior to the submission of the application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a public hearing will be held to review and solicit public comment upon the proposed activities.

If ten (10%) percent or more of potential beneficiaries of the project are non-English speaking, provisions will be made at the appropriate public hearings for translation of comments and documents into the native language of the majority of non-English speaking residents present. It has been determined, however, that at present, less than ten (10%) percent of the City's residents are non-English speaking.

Soliciting Participation

The City will, to the extent determine necessary by its governing body, make direct efforts in soliciting the participation of the residents and other interested parties in the areas in which funds are to be expended. Methods may include, but are not limited to, request appropriate community leaders and other agencies to inform their constituents about the proposed use of funds; distributing notices in very-low and low-income neighborhoods, posting of notices at post offices and neighborhood businesses, radio and television announcements, South Sumter Resource Center, organized Neighborhood Groups, City of Sumter Housing Authority, HOPE Centers, as well as social service agencies.

Meetings

All public meetings and hearings concerning the CP plan program will be held at times and places convenient to city residents, particularly those who are potential beneficiaries. No meetings will be held before 6:00 p.m. on weekdays or 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. No meetings will begin after 8:30 p.m.

The location of such meetings will be selected to provide access for physically challenged persons, and held in a convenient location for actual beneficiaries,

and be accessible to accommodate those citizens with special needs. Requests for special assistance should be made by calling 774-1649.

Provisions for Persons with Disabilities – Upon advance notification, appropriate provisions will be made to accommodate persons with mobility, visual or hearing impairments. Persons requiring said accommodations will be directed to contact the Community Development Office.

Housing And Community Development Needs

Prior to the development of the Consolidated Plan application for funds, the City will assess its housing and community development needs particularly those of very low and low-income persons. The citizens of the City of Sumter are encouraged to participate in the assessment process and the realities of this Needs Assessment will be documented and presented to the citizens of the City at one or more advertised public hearings where citizens' comments will be considered.

Needs Assessment

At the public hearing(s) where the Needs Assessment is presented, the City will also present information concerning the funding, guidelines, and the range of activities that may be undertaken with such funds, particularly in relation to identified needs contained in the Needs Assessment.

Technical Assistance

The City will provide technical assistance to representatives of persons of very low and low income that request such assistance in developing proposals for funding. This assistance shall be limited to the provision of information concerning the CP program, and shall be provided on the condition that activities to be addressed by any such proposal are consistent with identified community development and housing needs, federal program guidelines, that funds are available for funding such activities as may be involved, and that the City Council give its approval for providing such technical assistance. The City will consider any proposals developed by representatives of very low to low income persons, following all the requirements of public participation; however, the determination to submit the proposal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding consideration is the prerogative of the City, since the submission of the application requires approval by City Council.

Comments

The City will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing, or orally at the public hearings, in preparing the final consolidated plan, amendment of the plan, or performance report. A summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons shall be attached to the final consolidated plan, amendment of the plan, or performance report. The City of Sumter will publish a summary of the proposed consolidated plan in *The Item* and copies will be made available at various public agencies throughout

Substantial deviation requiring an amendment to the consolidated plan would be any individual or group of projects totaling more than 15% of the annual allocation. Public notices and called meetings will provide citizens reasonable notification and an opportunity to examine and submit comments on amendments. A period of not less than 30 days will be allowed to receive comments before any amendment is implemented.

Regular Meeting - 05/19/2026, 5:30PM

Introduction

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor David P. Merchant

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Pro Tempore Blessingame

Approval Of Minutes

May 5, 2025 – Regular Meeting

May 12, 2025 – Special Meeting

PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Receive comments from the public regarding the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the period from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. The CAPER is a report on the City's utilization of the Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$333,755.00 for the period of April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026.

 [Public Hearing for CAPER Notice for 2025.pdf](#)

PD-26-02, 609 WEST OAKLAND AVENUE

Receive comments from the public and consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to rezone approximately 4.07-acres of property from Residential-6 (R-6) to Planned Development (PD-26-02). The property is located at 609 West Oakland Avenue and is identified by Tap Map Numbers 228-14-07-002, 228-14-07-014, 228-14-07-015, 228-14-07-016, 228-14-07-017, 228-14-07-019, 228-14-07-020, and 228-14-07-022.

 [PD-26-02 - 609 W Oakland Ave \(City\) - Staff Report 1ST RDG.pdf](#)

BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Receive comments from the public on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

 [Budget Legal Ad.pdf](#)

OLD BUSINESS

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consider appointments set to expire June 30, 2026, and other vacancies.

BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Receive an updated draft for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

NEW BUSINESS

PROCUREMENT RESOLUTIONS

PROCUREMENT RESOLUTION

Consider **Resolution Number 1028** authorizing a contract for storm drain repair on Wactor Street.

[!\[\]\(240c12821e227464ff6b7614924c0018_img.jpg\) Resolution 1028 Storm Drain Repair on Wactor Street.pdf](#)

PROCUREMENT RESOLUTION

Consider **Resolution Number 1029** authorizing a contract for sanitary lining in downtown Sumter.

[!\[\]\(82d87ab60ad44c4e802da81612cdea49_img.jpg\) Resolution 1029 Sanitary Sewer Lining in Downtown Sumter.pdf](#)

COUNCIL REPORTS

Receive comments from Councilmembers concerning matters of interest to the Council and the City of Sumter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Receive comments and/or reports from the City Manager.

COMMENTS BY CITY CITIZENS

Citizens of the City desiring to speak must notify the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting by completing the sign-in sheet located at the entrance to the Council Chambers. Comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss contractual matters, personnel matters, and appointments to Boards and Commissions, and/or to receive legal advice relating to matters covered by attorney-client privilege, if necessary, in accordance with Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

The public is hereby notified that if Sumter City Council holds an Executive Session, the Council may take official action on the above-listed matters following the conclusion of the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Item
May 4, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Sumter will be conducting a Public Hearing, Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall, Fourth Floor, City Council Chambers, 21 North Main Street, Sumter, SC, to receive comments from citizens on its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER is a report on how the City utilized its Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$333,755.00, for the period of 4/1/25-3/31/26. This report will be available for review from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, May 22, 2026, through June 22, 2026, in Suite 4 of the Liberty Center, 12 W. Liberty Street, Sumter, SC. Handicapped and/or disabled individuals needing transportation are encouraged to call the Community Development Office at 774-1649 or our Voice Line for hearing impaired persons which is the same number. Persons needing Spanish or other interpretation may have someone call the same telephone number on their behalf in advance of the hearing. Entrance to the Opera House is handicapped accessible. Citizens may direct questions to Clarence Gaines at 774-1649.

David P. Merchant, Mayor

Clarence Gaines, Community Development
Director



ORDINANCE NUMBER 2878

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2879
WHICH ADOPTED A BUDGET FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT FUNDS
FOR THE CITY OF SUMTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

WHEREAS, the Budget for Community Development Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$368,392.00 for the Federal Fiscal Year 2025-2026 was adopted by City Council on January 18, 2025, based on the amount of funds allocated to the City of Sumter for the previous budget year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sumter received a letter dated May 14, 2025, from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development (attached), announcing an actual allocation of \$333,755.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to the City of Sumter for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and

WHEREAS, the Sumter City Council therefore finds it necessary to amend its Community Development Entitlement Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as shown on the attached amended budget to reflect the official allocation from HUD. The amended 2025-2026 CDBG Budget in the amount of \$333,755.00 is hereby made a part hereof as fully as it incorporated herein and a copy thereof is attached hereto.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 22ND DAY OF JUNE 2025, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAME:

Section 1. That the amended Budget for Community Development Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$333,755.00 for the Federal Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is hereby adopted by City Council and is hereby made a part hereof as fully as it incorporated herein, and a copy thereof is attached hereto.

Section 2. That the City Manager shall administer the Budget and may authorize the following to achieve the goals of the Budget.

- 1) Authorize the transfer of appropriated funds within and between Departments and budgeted accounts as necessary.
- 2) Designate continuing projects from surplus funds in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.
- 3) Follow City Purchasing Ordinance in procurement and awarding of contracts.

Section 3. Encumbrances will be carried over to the next year as a reserve to the Fund Balance; and Expenditures approved by Council shall automatically carry amendments to Fund Appropriation where necessary.

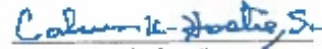
Section 4. If for any reason any sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof.

ADOPTED IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED THIS 17th DAY OF JUNE 2025.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA


David P. Merchant, Mayor


James B. Blasingame, Mayor Pro Tempore


Calvin K. Hastie, Sr., Councilman

Colin C. Davis, Councilman


Gifford M. Shaw, Councilman


Anthony Gibson, Councilman


Rebecca Lynn Kennedy, Councilwoman

ATTEST:


Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

First Reading: June 3, 2025
Final Reading: June 17, 2025

Attachment to Ordinance Number 2878



HUD Allocation for period April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026
 Public Service Cap (15%)
 Administration Cap (20%)

\$333,755.00
 \$ 50,063.25
 \$ 66,751.00

Name of Project	Amount	Material Code	Regulation Citation	National Objective
Administration (Administer the entitlement program)	\$ 66,751.00	21A	570.206	---
Demolition (Eliminate slum and blight in residential and commercial areas)	\$ 30,000.00	04	570.201(D)	SBS
United Ministries (Provide minor home repairs for LMI citizens)	\$ 44,900.00	14A	570.202	LMH
Housing Repair (Housing repair for LMI citizens)	\$143,104.00	14A	570.202	LMH
YMCA Youth Services (Provide vouchers for LMI youth to participate in activities)	\$ 2,500.00	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*
Youth Employment (Provide summer employment for 40 LMI youth)	\$ 43,500.00	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*
HYPE Program (Provide students supplies for LMI youth)	\$ 3,000.00	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*

Total: \$333,755.00

****Public Service**

LMH - Low-to-Moderate Income
 LMA - Low-to-Moderate Area
 LMC - Low-to-Moderate Clientele
 LMH - Low-to-Moderate Housing
 SBA - Slum/Blight Area
 SBS - Slum/Blight Spot



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
AND OUTREACH

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-3000

May 14, 2025

The Honorable David Merchant
Mayor of Sumter
PO Box 1449
211 N. Main Street
Sumter, SC 29151-1449

Dear Mayor Merchant,

Secretary Scott Turner is committed to improving housing opportunities, reducing regulations to lower housing cost, and expanding housing supply for hardworking Americans. The nationwide shortage of rental and owner-occupied properties and the current rate of construction has not kept pace with the demand. This lack of adequate housing supply leads to higher prices for renters and homebuyers alike, forcing some into homelessness and preventing countless Americans from becoming homeowners. Across the country, partnerships between public and private sectors are providing millions of Americans an opportunity to get ahead. HUD is determined to continue its collaboration with you so programs are responsibly utilized and can spark additional leveraging and partnerships to address the nation's housing crisis.

As authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 119-4) on March 15, 2025, I am honored and excited to announce that your jurisdiction is receiving the following Fiscal Year 2025 allocations for the identified programs:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - \$333,775.00

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) - \$0.00

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) - \$0.00

Housing Opportunities for Persons W/ HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) - \$0.00

Housing Trust Fund (HTF) - \$0.00

Recovery Housing Program (RHP) - \$0.00

In addition, your jurisdiction's CDBG allocation for this year provides you with \$1,533,775.00 in available Section 108 loan guarantee borrowing authority. Section 108 permits you to borrow up to five times of your current CDBG allocation. This loan allows jurisdictions to maximize access to low-interest capital, and provide long-term financing to invest in Opportunity Zones, or further address gap financing for big projects that you envision for your community.

As you are finalizing your Annual Action Plans or Consolidated Plans that are due for submission to our office by August 16, 2025, please be reminded that it is important to align with executive orders and applicable laws. If you or any member of your staff have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your local HUD Field Office in Columbia or CPDGDAS@hmd.gov.

Thank you for your interest in CPD programs and for ensuring that these dollars are responsibly achieving outcomes as intended by law. When people have a safe and stable place to call home, they can focus on contributing to the economy and be productive members of their respective communities.

Sincerely,



Claudette Fernandez
General Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Community Planning and Development

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET
FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT FUNDS
FOR THE CITY OF SUMMIT, SD WITH CAPITAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Attachment to Ordinance Number 2020



WUP allocation for period April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2026
 Public Service Cap (15%)
 Administration Cap (10%)

\$368,382.08
 \$ 85,258.68
 \$ 73,879.40

Name of Project	Amount	Measure Code	Registration Citation	Ordinal Objective
Administration (Administration program)	\$73,673	210	\$70,206	—
Demolition (Demolition and light-in-residential and commercial areas)	\$30,000	06	\$70,201(B)	988
United Ministries (Budgeting and resource support for UMC churches)	\$14,800	146	\$75,302	151*
Housing Repair (Housing repair for UMC churches)	\$165,314	168	\$70,202	UMR
YMCA Youth Services (Provide support for UMC youth to participate in YMCA activities)	\$2,500	050	\$70,203 (C)	UMC*
Youth Ball Playment (Provide summer employment for 40 UMC youth)	\$40,000	050	\$70,203 (E)	UMC*
MYPE Programs (Provide needed support for UMC youth)	\$3,000	050	\$70,203 (F)	UMC*

Total: \$368,382.08

Public Service

UMI - Low-to-Moderate Income
 UMI - Low-to-Moderate Risk
 UMC - Low-to-Moderate Climate
 UMC - Low-to-Moderate Housing
 SMC - Low-to-Moderate Housing
 SMC - Low-to-Moderate Housing

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA } RESOLUTION NUMBER 987
 }
COUNTY OF SUMTER } Designating the Month of April 2025
 } as Fair Housing Month and the 34th
CITY OF SUMTER } Anniversary of the HOME Program

WHEREAS, Sumter City Council desires that its citizens be offered the opportunity to attain a decent, safe, and sanitary living environment and,

WHEREAS, Sumter City Council rejects discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, ancestral status, and disability, and,

WHEREAS, Sumter City Council desires that every citizen be offered the opportunity to live in the home of his or her choice; hence, the City of Sumter does not discriminate in its housing practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the members of Sumter City Council, do hereby designate April 2025, as Fair Housing Month in the City of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and recognize this month as the 34th Anniversary of the HOME Program—Home Investment Partnership Program. The City of Sumter will continue to promote and advocate fair housing for all of its citizens

ADOPTED IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2025.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA


David P. Merchant, Mayor


James B. Blossingame, Mayor Pro Tempore


Calvin K. Hastie, Sr., Councilman


Colin C. Davis, Councilman


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Anthony Gibson, Councilman


Rebecca Lynn Kennedy, Councilwoman

ATTEST:

Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk



2025-2026 CDBG Budget
Community Development Department
Sumter, South Carolina

HUD Allocation for period April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026	\$333,755.00
Public Service Cap (15%)	\$ 50,063.25
Administration Cap (20%)	\$ 66,751.00

Name of Project	Amount	Matrix Code	Regulation Citation	National Objective
Administration (Administer the entitlement program)	\$66,751	21A	570.206	—
Demolition (Eliminate slum and blight in residential and commercial areas)	\$30,000	04	570.201(D)	SBS
United Ministries (Provide minor home repairs for LMI citizens)	\$44,900	14A	570.202	LMH
Housing Repair (Housing repair for LMI citizens)	\$143,104	14A	570.202	LMH
YMCA Youth Services (Provide vouchers for LMI youth to participate in activities)	\$2,500	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*
Youth Employment (Provide summer employment for 40 LMI youth)	\$43,500	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*
HYPE Program (Provide students supplies for LMI youth)	\$3,000	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*

Total: \$333,755.00

***Public Service**

LMI - Low-to-Moderate Income
LMA - Low-to-Moderate Area
LMC - Low-to-Moderate Clientele
LMH - Low-to-Moderate Housing
SBA - Slum/Blight Area
SBS - Slum/Blight Spot



Executive Summary

Citizens were advised on May 2, 2026, through an advertisement published in *The Sumter Item* that the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) would be available for public review from May 22, 2026, through June 22, 2026. Citizens were encouraged to come to review the report and provide input regarding how the City utilized Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds during the fiscal year April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026.

Sewer Improvements including plumbing repairs, were completed for six Low to Moderate Income (LMI) homeowners during this fiscal year.

Historic Preservation efforts continue to foster partnerships with businesses and property owners. The Façade Grant Program allots funding to improve the façades of buildings located within the downtown business district. Since the inception of the current Façade Grant program in 1995, more than \$13 million in historic building renovations have been completed in the downtown historic district while utilizing less than \$400,000 in CDBG funding. During this CAPER period, façade grant assistance was provided for two downtown businesses.

Housing Repairs were completed using CDBG funding. A total of six owner-occupied homes were rehabilitated for LMI occupants during the fiscal year. Under the housing repair program, City used funds to compensate inspectors for lead-based paint assessments and to construction advisory services, including for project write-ups, inspections, and bid preparation. Each home was inspected before construction and again upon completion to ensure proper lead-based paint removal.

Through the United Ministries Housing Repair Program, 13 owner-occupied homes had minor repairs, which included roof repairs, toilet replacements, and door replacements, done for LMI occupants.

The Youth Employment Program benefited 61 students during the summer, and 35 participants were enrolled in the Co-Op program for youth ages 14 and 15, while 26 participants were enrolled in the Youth Corps Program for high school students ages 16 and older.

YMCA of Sumter funding provided five LMI youth to receive a variety of services (participating in camp, learning how to swim classes, and strengthening life skills workshops), provided by the YMCA.



H.Y.P.E. funding enabled 157 students to participate in a summer camp field trip to the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, Georgia. Funding also supported the purchase of 157 backpacks and school supplies for upcoming school year.

IN OBSERVATION OF
HOME OWNERSHIP
MONTH

JOIN US AT OUR

ANNUAL HOUSING - JOB FAIR

ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING



DRAWING CONTEST

ELIGIBLE: AGES 6-12
THEME: "MY DREAM HOUSE"

ENTRY DEADLINE
MONDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2023

JUNE 28, 2025
10AM - 2PM

FUN FOR KIDS!
REFRESHMENTS!
DOOR PRIZES!

South Sumter Resource Center

337 Manning Ave
Sumter, SC 29150

LEGAL, MEDICAL
& OTHER
RESOURCES

(803) 436-2419/2276

FIND OUT IF YOU
QUALIFY FOR A
HOME!