

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Sumter is an Entitlement City. The main purpose of the Entitlement status is to provide funds to carry out programs and activities that will benefit low-moderate-income citizens.

These programs can be housing and non-housing initiatives. The Entitlement status provides an opportunity for receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) without making formal application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development on an annual basis.

All programs mirror the input from citizens with the approval of the City Council. The type of programs may change from year to year, or they may remain the same depending on the input received from citizens and the approval received from City Council.

The City has addressed how it will work with other entities to accomplish housing development and non-housing community development activities throughout the city to include the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA), located in South Sumter.

The City hopes to tear down some of these barriers with training and orientation regarding credit issues and proper planning and budgeting for successful homeownership and retention. Homeless prevention is one of the City's greatest challenges. Many homeless persons are accustomed to a certain lifestyle -- living on the street. Obtaining and maintaining a permanent residence has to be a process. Through the Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization the City will work with member agencies to obtain funds for a continuum of care for the Sumter area that will be large enough to serve a large number of homeless individuals and families with children. It may take some time for this to come to fruition; however, it will materialize in the not too distant future. The Economic Development component of the Community Development Department encompasses a wide range of initiatives. Money circulates throughout the community for insurance on new homes, taxes on repaired and new homes, and labor and materials for construction and repair of homes for LMI citizens, permit fees from contractors, hotel/motel accommodation for contractors and their workers plus food. The same can be said for Downtown Revitalization, Street Paving and Drainage and other projects. The Anti-Poverty Strategy is an effort embedded in everything we do. Other agencies assist with implementation of programs such

as Early Head Start, Regular Head Start, Success-By-Six, First steps, Youth Build and others. All of these programs have life skill components that cater to the entire family. Generations to come will benefit from the services, training and follow-through provided by these and other such programs.

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.

The city made an effort to broaden public participation by advertising the public meetings and public hearings, and by holding these meetings at a time convenient for working and non-working people. The location of these meetings was central to where people usually gather for other activities. The plan is built around a strong institutional structure that has been in place for decades. The city pledges its support in maintaining files for periodic monitoring and as an internal measuring stick, provides an annual monitoring itself in the form of the CAPER – Comprehensive Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. The public expressed concern for housing, drainage, demolition, rehabilitation, and street paving issues during community meetings in preparation for the development of the Plan. The city pledges to step up its housing programs, housing repair, especially to provide more decent and sanitary housing for the elderly, disabled and LMI citizens. Home Ownership is an important part of the Community Development Department's initiative.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The Lead Agency for developing the Five- Year Consolidated Plan is the City of Sumter. The direct responsibility has been delegated to the Community Development Department. Consultation and coordination with area agencies, organizations, citizens, low-income citizens, especially the homeless, elderly, handicapped and disabled was intentional. The jurisdiction met with and consulted with several agencies, organizations and community groups in preparation of this plan. Low-income citizens were invited to all meetings and public hearings. Persons who are HIV/AIDS positive were not excluded from the planning process, nor were the elderly, handicapped and disabled. Four community meetings were held to provide citizens' input into the planning process. The City of Sumter will continue to participate in the Interagency quarterly meetings. These meetings provide an opportunity for people to become familiar with programs and services that are in the area for low-moderate-income people. This is a place where most of the service agencies, including some health care providers, housing providers, and Public Housing Authority representatives meet and share information and ideas about services and care to low-income, special needs and the elderly, including HIV/AIDS victims. The City will continue to work

closely with the Housing Authority to make information available to its residents on Fair Housing issues and tenants' rights and responsibilities. Affordable Housing opportunities and credit counseling alone will continue to be included in the curriculum the city will share with the residents. The city made an effort to broaden public participation by advertising the public meetings and public hearings, and by holding these meetings at a time convenient for working and non-working people. The location of these meetings was central to where people usually gather for other activities.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The city tried to broaden public participation by advertising the public meetings and public hearings, and by holding these meetings at a time convenient for working and non-working people. The location of these meetings was central to where people usually gather for other activities.

Guided by the Citizens Participation Plan, staff from the Community Development Office conducted outreach through a series of public meetings, public hearings, phone calls and mailings. Staff held meetings were held at the three HOPE Centers and the South Sumter Resource Center. Many homeless people congregate in the southern part of the city; so, staff visited two of their sites where they eat and fellowship. Inputs from both the meetings and sites visit was a part of an effort to encourage low and moderate income citizens to provide input on the development of the one year Annual Plan. The City of Sumter Housing Authority assisted with the development of the plan by sharing information from their Annual Action Plan and providing their residents with information about the services of the City's Community Development Department. They included public housing residents in the development process by disseminating information, providing notification of public meetings and public hearings and encouraging resident participation. The Citizen Participation Plan also provides an opportunity for interpreters for non-English speaking persons if the number of potential beneficiaries exceeds 10%. Currently the number is below 10%. However, the Community Development Department staff has the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two Spanish-speaking persons who will assist with interpretation at meetings when needed. Staff met and talked with these people.

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 citizens expressed interest in better drainage system, street paving, code enforcement, housing repair, more affordable housing, demolition, street lightening, sidewalks, more police presence, speed bumps and a homeless shelter for single parent females and their kids. Specific input from the public is attached to this Annual Plan.

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

All comments were reviewed and accepted.

7. Summary

The staff advertised the community meetings in advance through local media and churches. Flyers were placed in public places where some citizens who are low-income congregate. All service agencies were invited to have their clientele participate in the meetings. The locations of meetings were at the HOPE Centers that are in the central parts of the city and the South Sumter Resource Center twice on the south side of town. Homeless people were not excluded from these meetings.

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	SUMTER	
CDBG Administrator		City of Sumter
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
ESG Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Sumter carries out federal programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Consolidated Plan is the document that Sumter County collaboratively with City of Sumter submits to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an application for funding for the following program:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - City of Sumter

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

The city have 4 community meetings and a Public Hearing to get inputs for the Consolidated Plan from the public. All of the community meetings and public hearing is posted at least two to three weeks before the first meeting. The city post online drafts of the plans on the city

website to enable more citizens to provide inputs. Additionally, the city runs an ad in the local papers giving citizens thirty days to provide comments. Also, when possible the city have local news networks interviews to get the information out to the public.

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

1. Introduction

Guided by the Citizens Participation Plan, staff from the Community Development office conducted outreach through a series of public meetings, public hearings, phone calls and mailings. Staff also visited two homeless sites where they congregate to eat and fellowship. As part of these efforts, low and moderate income was encouraged to provide input on the development of this plan.

The City of Sumter consulted with other public and private agencies to identify and prioritize community needs, develop strategies and action plans, identify community resources and promote the coordination of resources. The following agencies were consulted as part of this process:

Santee Lynches Council of Governments

Santee Lynches Community Development Corporation

Sumter County Community Development Corporation

Wateree Community Actions Trans-Aid Homeless Initiative

Wateree District Health Department

Wateree Community Actions, Inc.

City of Sumter Housing Authority

Alston Wilkes Society

Sumter County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Any Length Recovery

Sumter City/ County Planning Office

Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization

City of Sumter Housing and Economic Development Corporation

South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department

Wateree District Mental Health

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)).

The Lead Agency for developing the Five-Year Consolidated Plan is the City of Sumter. The direct responsibility has been delegated to the Community Development Department. Consultation and coordination with area agencies, organizations, citizens, low-income citizens, especially the homeless, elderly, handicapped and disabled was intentional. The city staff made an effort to broaden public participation by advertising the public meetings and public hearings, and by holding these meetings at a time convenient for working and non-working people. The location of these meetings was central to where people usually gather for other activities. The plan is built around a strong institutional structure that has been in place for decades.

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.

Homelessness prevention is one of the City's greatest challenges. Many homeless people are accustomed to a certain lifestyle -- living on the street. Obtaining and maintaining a permanent residence must be a process. Through the Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization (ECHO) and Total Care Homeless Coalition (TCHC) the City will work with member agencies to obtain funds for a continuum of care for the Sumter area that will be large enough to serve many homeless individuals and families with children. The city has made progress in this area for HIV/AIDS homeless citizens through the Department of Social Services.

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

Homeless prevention is one of the City's greatest challenges. Many homeless people are accustomed to a certain lifestyle -- living on the street. Obtaining and maintaining a permanent residence has to be a process. Through ECHO and TCHC, the City as a group will work with many agencies to obtain funds for a continuum of care for the Sumter area that will be large enough to serve a large number of homeless individuals and families with children.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development 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 agency is a part of the local housing task force. Through meetings, email, and telephone conversation this agency was consulted. The anticipated outcome of consultation is to share ideas about the local area as a hold, be it community development or economic development.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	SANTEE-LYNCHES AFFORDABLE HOUSING & CDC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development 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 agency is a part of the local housing task force. Through meetings, email, and telephone conversation this agency was consulted. The anticipated outcome of consultation is to share ideas about the local area as a hold, be it community development or economic development.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	WATEREE COMMUNITY ACTIONS, INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	This agency was consulted by phone calls and email. This agency is the primary agency for transitional housing in our grantee area. The anticipated outcomes for both the city and the agency are to gain knowledge of what each other is doing to curb homelessness.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	Alston Wilkes Society
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Veterans Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted by telephone. This agency plays a vital role in the local area by providing transitional housing facilities, job training and placement services to veterans and released federal prisoners, along with substance abuse and therapeutic counseling; and mentoring to help homeless veterans and ex-prisoners regain self-sufficiency
5	Agency/Group/Organization	SUMTER COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Other government - County

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development 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?	This agency is a part of the local housing task force. Through meetings, email, and telephone conversation this agency was consulted. The anticipated outcomes of consultation are to share ideas about the local area as a hold, be it community development or economic development.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF SUMTER HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis 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 agency is a part of the local housing task force. Through meetings, email, and telephone conversation this agency was consulted. This agency specializes in both building and providing down payment assistance for affordable LMI citizens. The anticipated outcome of consultation is to share ideas about the local area as a hold, be it community development or economic development.

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

The agencies the city consulted with encumbers all aspects of services within the City Limits that primary goals are to provide services to all citizens. This along with public meetings throughout the year hearing directly from citizens enable the city to get a handle on the needs of it citizens; especially low to moderate income citizens.

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	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	The Five-Year Goal. Provide more transitional housing and supportive services for the homeless. The plan is to work with existing agencies and organizations, including non-profit to access funds to develop programs and services for the homeless and eventually have a continuum of care service. The strategy is to do site visits where homeless people congregate. Staff will perform needs assessment and coordinate and collaborate with existing agencies to get the medical, social and housing needs met by locating the service for the homeless and letting them know where and how to access these services. Additionally, staff will work with ECHO to provide technical assistance to non-profits, faith-based organizations, government agencies and private citizens that seek opportunities for funding to establish homeless initiatives. Provide grant writing technical assistance upon request. Additional information the City of Sumter has fostered a partnership between the ECHO and the Consultant for HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) installed the system at United Ministries of Sumter County

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

Homeless prevention is one of the City's greatest challenges. Many homeless people are accustomed to a certain lifestyle -- living on the street. Obtaining and maintaining a permanent residence must be a process. Through the Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization (ECHO) the City will work with member agencies to obtain funds for a continuum of care for the Sumter area that will be large enough to serve many homeless individuals and families with children. Also, city staff is on the board of ECHO. The city has made progress in this area for HIV/AIDS homeless citizens through the agency Sumter United Ministries free medical clinic and by providing transitional housing.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 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

Guided by the Citizens Participation Plan, staff from the Community Development Office conducted outreach through a series of public meetings, public hearings, phone calls and mailings. Staff held meetings at the three HOPE Centers and the South Sumter Resource Center. Many homeless people congregate in the southern part of the city; however, only a few showed up for the meetings this year. Input from them is included in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, as well as the Annual Action Plan.

The City of Sumter Housing Authority assisted with the development of the plan by sharing information from their Annual Action Plan and providing their residents with information about the services of the City's Community Development Department. They included public housing residents in the development process by disseminating information, providing notification of public meetings and public hearings and encouraging resident participation. The Citizen Participation Plan also provides an opportunity for interpreters for non-English speaking persons if the number of potential beneficiaries exceeds 10%. Currently the number is below 10%. However, the Community Development Department staff has the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two Spanish-speaking persons who will assist with interpretation at meetings when needed. Staff met and talked with these people.

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 Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The average attendees at the five public meetings and the public hearing were between 10 to 15 people.	Citizens expressed their concern about streets needing repaving throughout low-income neighborhoods, clogged sewage systems, more demolition were needed in some neighborhoods, sidewalks on all streets, speed bumps for areas where there is a high concentration of kids, and better lightening in neighborhoods throughout the city.	All comments were accepted	

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)
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	There were about 45 citizens attending the public hearing in the City Council Chamber. Most of the attendees stated they saw the advertisement for the public hearing in the local newspaper.	There were no comments received via the AD in the newspaper per say. All comments were made at the Public Meetings and Public Hearing.	All comments were accepted.	
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Approximately 45 citizens attended the Public Hearing on November 18, 2025.	Reallocating funds from the facade grant program to support those in need of assistance. Also, the Airnasium needs a better drainage system.	All comments were accepted.	
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community		No comments were received	N/A	https://www.sumter.gov/

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The city of Sumter uses over 70% of its CDBG funds for direct benefit through housing rehabilitation and community development activities, such as youth employment, YMCA services and HYPE summer program, that are limited to low to moderate income residents citywide.

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	305,378.00	0.00	0.00	305,378.00	916,134.00	The city of Sumter uses the majority of its CDBG funds for direct benefit through housing rehabilitation and community development activities that are limited to low to moderate income residents citywide.

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 funds of \$44,900 for United Ministries minor rehab is match private funds from local churches within the jurisdiction which normally is a 3 to 1 match so for every one dollar of federal funds it is match by three dollars of private local church funds. Additionally, qualified church member provide free labor for the minor repair projects. Additionally, for the Youth Program allotted \$40,000, local business pays half of the 40 youth hired and federal funds are used to pay the other half of the minimum wage salary of youth hired.

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 jurisdiction current lease out on a yearly basis for \$1 annually public owned property for Emanuel Soup Kitchen for feeding of the Homeless, United Ministries for financially assisting LMI citizen with needs and providing free medical service for LMI citizens--along with providing a bedding facility for the homeless. Additionally lease out on a yearly basis winter facility, when tempature fall below 45 degrees at night for \$1 annually.

Discussion

The Emanuel Soup Kitchen feeds on an average of 100 to 125 Homeless LMI citizens lunch daily. Unit Ministries provides free medical service, dinner, and bedding for up to 35 homeless citizens daily. Both programs are instrumental in improving the life of our homeless citizens. Also, the winter facility manned by United Ministries benefits the homeless citizens during severe weather.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Administration	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	NRSA	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$61,075.00	Other: 75 Other
2	Demolition	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	NRSA	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$30,000.00	Buildings Demolished: 5 Buildings
3	United Ministries	2025	2029	Housing Repair	NRSA	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$44,900.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 9 Household Housing Unit
4	Housing Repair	2025	2029	Housing Repair	NRSA	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$123,903.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit
5	YMCA Youth Services	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	NRSA	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$2,500.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 8 Persons Assisted
6	Youth Employment	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	NRSA	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$40,000.00	Jobs created/retained: 60 Jobs
7	HYPE	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	NRSA	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$3,000.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 80 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Demolition
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	United Ministries
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Housing Repair
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	YMCA Youth Services
	Goal Description	
6	Goal Name	Youth Employment
	Goal Description	
7	Goal Name	HYPE
	Goal Description	

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Sumter FY 2026 approved CDBG projects by City Council are listed below.

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Demolition
3	United Ministries
4	Housing Repair
5	YMCA Youth Services (Public Service)
6	Youth Employment (Public Service)
7	HYPE Program (Public Service)

Table 7 – Project Information

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

The allocation priorities were determined by City Council after receiving both public comments from citizens and input from other agencies

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	NRSA
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$61,075.00
	Description	Administer the entitlement program
	Target Date	3/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimate of the number of people that will benefit from public meetings and public hearings are 75.
	Location Description	Throughout the city limits
	Planned Activities	Make information available to citizens so they will have knowledge of what's available to them.
2	Project Name	Demolition
	Target Area	NRSA
	Goals Supported	Demolition
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000.00
	Description	Eliminate slum and blight in residential and commercial areas
	Target Date	3/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimate of number of families to be assisted 5
	Location Description	Mostly in the lower income areas of the city to eliminate blight and slum.
	Planned Activities	Demolish at least 5 structures during this period.
3	Project Name	United Ministries
	Target Area	NRSA
	Goals Supported	United Ministries
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$44,900.00

	Description	Provide minor home repairs for LMI citizens
	Target Date	3/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 9 families should benefit from this program.
	Location Description	Throughout the city limits but majority repairs will be done in the NRSA
	Planned Activities	Do minor repairs for at least 9 LMI homeowners
4	Project Name	Housing Repair
	Target Area	NRSA
	Goals Supported	Housing Repair
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$123,903.00
	Description	Housing repair for LMI homeowners within the city limits
	Target Date	3/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	six LMI household families will benefit from this activity
	Location Description	Majority of all rehabilitation will be done in the NRSA
	Planned Activities	Rehab six LMI household families homes
5	Project Name	YMCA Youth Services (Public Service)
	Target Area	NRSA
	Goals Supported	YMCA Youth Services
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,500.00
	Description	Provide vouchers for LMI youth to participate in activities.
	Target Date	3/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Eight families should benefit from this service.

	Location Description	Within the city limits
	Planned Activities	Provide vouchers for at least eight LMI families to take advantage of the programs offered by the YMCA
6	Project Name	Youth Employment (Public Service)
	Target Area	NRSA
	Goals Supported	Youth Employment
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000.00
	Description	Hire at least 60 LMI youth during the summer months when they are out of school.
	Target Date	3/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 60 families will benefit from this activities
	Location Description	Most of student hired are from the NRSA, which are low income areas.
	Planned Activities	Hire at least 60 LMI youth during the summer months when they are out of school.
7	Project Name	HYPE Program (Public Service)
	Target Area	NRSA
	Goals Supported	HYPE
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$3,000.00
	Description	Grant to provide school supplies, field trips and certified teachers for at least 80 LMI during the summer
	Target Date	3/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 80 families will benefit from this activity
	Location Description	Throughout the City Limits

	Planned Activities	Provide funding to assist in purchasing school supplies, field trips, and certified teachers for LMI youth.
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AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

For more than 20 years, the City has concentrated a portion of its CDBG funds in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (Sumter NRSA Map inserted in plan) showing the greatest needs and opportunities for revitalization, as determined by income and other socio-economic criteria and trends. NRSA designation is limited to areas where at least 51% of the residents are low and moderate income, making the areas eligible under Federal regulations for “area benefit” CDBG activities. The City uses over 80% of its annual CDBG funds on “area benefit” activities in its Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). Additionally, about 15% of the annual allocation is made to public service activities that serve residents of the NRSAs. The City of Sumter NRSA includes four Census tracts, 11, 16, 13, and 15.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
NRSA	80

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

For more than 20 years, the City has concentrated a portion of its CDBG funds in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (Sumter NRSA Map inserted in plan) showing the greatest needs and opportunities for revitalization, as determined by income and other socio-economic criteria and trends. NRSA designation is limited to areas where at least 51% of the residents are low and moderate income, making the areas eligible under Federal regulations for “area benefit” CDBG activities. The City uses over 80% of its annual CDBG funds on “area benefit” activities in its Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). Additionally, about 15% of the annual allocation is made to public service activities that serve residents of the NRSAs. The City of Sumter NRSA includes four Census tracts, 11, 16, 13, and 15.

Discussion

The City of Sumter conducts a variety of city-wide and neighborhood-specific housing and community development activities that benefit low- and moderate-income households using federal, state and local resources. The City relies on housing partners with HOME funds annually with local resources to create the Affordable Housing Investment Fund. These funds are used citywide for new construction, acquisition and/or rehabilitation projects to preserve and improve the supply of affordable housing. The City of Sumter uses the majority of its CDBG funds for “direct benefit” housing rehabilitation and

community development activities that are limited to low- and moderate-income residents citywide.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

The City of Sumter conducts a variety of city-wide and neighborhood-specific housing and community development activities that benefit low- and moderate-income households using federal, state and local resources. The City housing partners combine its HOME funds annually with local resources to create the Affordable Housing Investment Fund. These funds are used citywide for new construction, acquisition and/or rehabilitation projects to preserve and improve the supply of affordable housing. The City of Sumter uses the majority of its CDBG funds for “direct benefit” housing rehabilitation and community development activities that are limited to low- and moderate-income residents citywide.

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

Fair Housing – Santee Lynches COG completed the City of Sumter Impediments to Fair Housing in September 2017. A survey was conducted to gather public input on the progress of the nine impediments which were identified in 2012. The input received from the public identified still six significant previous impediments. The significant impediments are listed below:

- Family and individuals make insufficient income to obtain their desired housing
- There is a need for more home ownership opportunities
- Predatory lending practices is a problem
- There is a need for housing and facilities for persons with special needs
- More affordable housing needs to be placed throughout the community
- Lack of gainful employment opportunities

The City of Sumter and our fellow housing partners are striving on a continual basis to ease or eradicate these impediments by:

- Ensuring that all citizens are aware of fair housing rights and available fair housing activities and programs via brochures, newspaper ads, flyers, community meetings, and by sending correspondence to neighborhood association presidents.
- Increase the affordable home ownership opportunities for low-moderate income households when financially feasible, in particular

protected classes, when feasible.

- Increasing lending institutions involvement in minority and low-income communities corresponding and coordination
- Working with adult education, technical schools, and higher education facilities to form a partnership in training low-moderate citizens needed skill sets to make themselves marketable for higher income jobs
- The economy is on a positive trend upward with the new hiring numbers and the known industrial facilities which will be up and running within the next couple of years. This should greatly enhance employment opportunities soon.

The housing partners always discuss and try to come up with new ideals and solutions at our annual Fair Housing event and at the annual Housing month event to eradicate the impediments which were identified.

1. Develop new affordable housing units for low-income homeowners and promote the utilization of tax credit programs for construction of units concentrated in low-income areas. Target a percentage of HOME funds for construction of new single family housing units for low-income individuals and families. Promote effective self-help opportunities requiring homebuyers to participate in construction of their homes, decreasing labor costs.

2. Provide opportunities for financial assistance to first-time homebuyers: 1. Promote the American Dream Downpayment Initiative 2. Target a percentage of HOME passed through to CHDO's for direct housing subsidies. Advocate for modular and panelized constructed factory-built units to be built to the National HUD code. 3. Promote the replacement of older units not meeting HUD code and factory certifications. 4. Educate low-income homebuyers on the pros and cons of purchasing an older used mobile home i.e.: depreciation values, leased land dangers and risks, costs involved in moving units, costs involved in repair, replacement, and resale. 5. Strengthen the role of the manufactured home industry and building codes 6. Increase the number of safe, decent, and suitable manufactured homes available to low-income families.

Discussion

This will be an ongoing process by the city and our housing partners to decrease the barriers of affordable safe, decent, and suitable housing for

low-income families.

Identified Barriers

- Bad Credit
- Insufficient Credit
- Low Income

Applicants for affordable housing will be referred to Consumer Credit Council if they have bad credit problems. The City of Sumter no longer has free consumer credit counseling service. Those with insufficient credit will be encouraged to establish credit with utility companies and landlords. Applicants with incomes so low that they do not have enough income to meet the guidelines will be encouraged to attend training sessions, go to Adult Education programs and Central Carolina Technical College to become better trained for job advancement or a better job with another employer. While homeownership rates are increasing annually for higher income families, lower income families continue to struggle with affordable housing issues. Only 48 percent of very low-income households live in owner-occupied homes as opposed to 67 percent of all households and 88 percent of high-income households. There are substantial gaps in homeownership attainment between races and areas of the various communities. Among the barriers to homeownership are the following:

Income Barriers

- A high percentage of rental households cannot afford to purchase a modestly priced home using a 30-year fixed rate mortgage. Prudent towards the payment of housing costs, including hazard insurance and property taxes. As a result, potential buyers are limited in the amount they can afford to pay by their housing to debt income ratio.

Wealth Barriers

- Mortgage loans typically require borrowers to make some cash investment in the deal and limit borrower total debt load, including non-housing consumer debts. Because renters are typically lower-income and must spend much of their earnings for rent, health care and food, they often use consumer debt, credit cards and installment loans. The result is that many rental families are strapped with high

debt loans and little savings.

Credit History Barriers

- Credit bureau depositories have developed over the past several years offering extensive details on how individuals' access and use credit cards, lines of credit, installment loans and other extensions of credit. While an individual's credit score depends on several factors, high risk scores tend to be associated with a history of late payments, maximized credit lines, and repeated applications for additional credit. Credit scores are now commonly used to assess mortgage applicants. The reason most cited for the denial of a single-family mortgage home purchase loan is a poor credit history. Lower income and minority households tend to have reduced job security, lower levels of savings and higher debt that disqualify them from obtaining a prime priced home mortgage loan.

Information Barriers

- There is a significant segment of potential low-income buyers who self-select out of homeownership due to fear of rejection, confusion about the complexities of the process or misunderstandings about their financial status.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

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Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

For more than 20 years, the City has concentrated a portion of its CDBG funds in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (Sumter NRSA Map inserted in plan) showing the greatest needs and opportunities for revitalization, as determined by income and other socio-economic criteria and trends. NRSA designation is limited to areas where at least 51% of the residents are low and moderate income, making the areas eligible under Federal regulations for “area benefit” CDBG activities. The City uses over 80% of its annual CDBG funds on “area benefit” activities in its Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). Additionally, about 15% of the annual allocation is made to public service activities that serve residents of the NRSAs. The City of Sumter NRSA includes four Census tracts, 11, 16, 13, and 15. The City of Sumter will continue to make these census tracts a focal point for CDBG funding due to the fact they are the most underserved needs in the city.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

One-Year Goal -- To develop Affordable Housing for LMI citizens, through housing repair and home ownership. The City housing partners will provide downpayment assistance by using HOME funds if funds are available and construct new affordable homes and with CDBG funds rehabilitate six units in 2026. The city will use HUD Program Proceeds for these programs. CDBG funds will be used to repair houses for six homeowners whose income falls to 80% or below the median. Housing repair will provide an increase in the housing stock with the number of units that are up to code and the number of safe, decent and sanitary units for LMI citizens. CDBG Funds will be used to address this need.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Local Health Department officials tell us that the Health Child Program is no longer at their clinic. Physicians, especially pediatric clinics, test children for lead levels in the blood. The case is referred to by the local Health Department for follow-up if a child is tested positive for lead. The Health Department trains the family how to keep the environment safe from lead and teaches the parents how to keep their child(ren) in the care of a physician until the lead levels are in a safe zone. During Housing

Repair, the city will ensure that abatement or encapsulation will take place by the contractor when lead is present. If the regular contractor does not have the proper tools or equipment to work the job and/or if he/she is not certified to do lead-based paint construction work, he/she will sub-contract this part of the work out to someone else who is certified to do lead-based paint work. The above process will decrease the number of housing units that belong to extremely low-income, low-income and moderate-income families living in housing units with lead-based paint.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

One Year Goal: Those people who are laid off should continue to work closely with the Employment Security Commission (One-Stop Job Service) to prepare for re-employment and benefits associated with their specific layoffs. (Note: some companies offer various benefits, and the government offers certain types of benefits.) **Strategy:** The City of Sumter will work with Employment Security Commission to reduce the number of persons who are unemployed due to lay-offs. Market the Youth Employment Program among this group of people to encourage those who live within the City Limits to have their children apply for and obtain summer jobs. To work with those who may want homeownership to apply for downpayment assistance with the city when their income is low enough to qualify for the program. The City of Sumter will work aggressively to reduce the number of individuals and families living in poverty by cooperating and coordinating with other organizations and agencies to access services appropriate for individual and family needs.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The structure in which the CDBG program will be carried out is within a council-manager form of government which was established in 1912. Sumter was the first in the United States to successfully adopt this form of government. Sumter is home to Shaw Air Force Base, a growing industrial base, the world-famous Swan Lake Iris Gardens and a city population of 43,065. The City of Sumter is in the heart of the community with a total City and County population of 103,000. Sumter provides a hometown feel with the conveniences of a large city. The City of Sumter continues the redevelopment of its downtown through an aggressive Downtown Development initiative. Because of its historic significance, many of the structures are, and will be revitalized in a way that they do not lose their historical significance. A multi-million-dollar streetscape project has been completed as well as total renovations of five public parking lots in the City Business **Downtown Sumter:** The City of Sumter continues the redevelopment of its downtown through an aggressive Downtown Development initiative. Because of its historic significance, many of the structures are, and will be revitalized in a way that they do not lose their historical significance. In 2025, Downtown Sumter had a record number of businesses open. We saw three new restaurants (Honey Hive, Confectionary & Co., and Gahnzales) and five shops open, including Silverpaper, a staple in Sumter for years, and Joy Salon & Gallery. A multi-million dollar renovation began on the heart of Downtown, the Sumter Opera House, which will be completed in 2027. There were multiple successful events, including 4th Fridays on Main and SpringFest, that attracted thousands to the Downtown area. Downtown saw over \$5 million dollars in private investment in 2025. Downtown

businesses are increasing as the Downtown Development Office markets the downtown and offers incentives such as façade grants to improve the appearance of existing structures and low interest loans to prospective business developers that come with a plan. This gives Downtown Sumter more foot traffic, which in turn opens more possibilities for prospective developers in both commercial and residential projects. Since 2001, over 80 façade renovation projects have been completed in the downtown area through Façade Grants using CDBG funds and monies from building owners, and thousands have been provided to downtown business owners for signage. We paid out nearly \$1,000 in 2025 in Facade Grants for new signage and received many requests for information for future sign and façade grants. **State of the Local Economy:** Sumter County's Median Income in 2025 was \$56,693.

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

The mission of the Housing Authority of the City of Sumter is to assist low-income families with safe, decent, and affordable housing opportunities, as they strive to achieve self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives. The Authority is committed to operating in an efficient, ethical, and professional manner. The Housing Authority will create and maintain partnerships with its clients and appropriate community agencies in order to accomplish this mission.

Please see attached the mission of the Sumter Housing Authority in relationship with the City of Sumter and other housing partners.

Discussion

Since the inception of the housing task force all housing partners are continually striving to assist as many possible LMI income citizens throughout the city limits and county.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The most pressing needs are Infrastructure Improvements and more affordable housing. Also, the Youth Programs that are Youth Employment during the summer for two different programs will also be a community development need with priority.

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	0
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:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	3
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.	80.00%

Discussion

The City will have a minimum overall benefit of more than 80% of CDBG funds to be used to benefit people of low and moderate incomes during this program year.

Attachments

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

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

Beginning in 1984, 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 area(s) 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

the city. A list of where the plan will be available will be identified in the summary.

Complaints/Grievances

The City will provide for a timely, written answer to written complaints and grievances concerning the program, generally within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the written complaint. Grievances are to be delivered to the City Manager, who will then attempt to resolve the reason(s) for the complaint. If the complaint is not resolved to the satisfaction of the aggrieved party, an appeal to the City Council is the next step available to the party. Complaints or grievances including State law or policy, Federal program guidelines or regulations governing the CDBG program shall be directed to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for resolution. The City will then correct the grievance according to the direction of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Complaints involving local law or program policies will be resolved at the local level. After the above described appeal process has been exhausted, the complaint may seek relief in the appropriate court of law.

Access To Records

Citizens will be provided with reasonable access to records concerning any projects undertaken with CDBG funds. These records are available for review at City Hall, 21 North Main Street, during normal business hours, upon the submission of the written request stating the reason for requesting access to such records. Confidential information normally protected under the State and Federal Freedom of Information laws may not be made available for public review; for example, information not normally available to the public concerning personal or business financial statements, earnings, or sources of income.

Performance Review

Upon completing the fiscal year projects, the City will conduct at least one public hearing to review performance and accomplishments before closing out the grant through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Use Of Plan

The City must follow this citizen participation plan until amended.

Criteria For Amendment To Consolidated Plan/Definition Of Substantial Deviation

The City Council will amend the plan when a substantial change in the actual activities, allocations, priorities, or method of distribution of funds is made to carry out an activity using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan. Substantial change would include the elimination or addition of a program and/or to change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity.

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.

SUMTER, SC

CENSUS PLACE

ADD COMPARISON

2022 POPULATION

43,065

0.0441% 1-YEAR GROWTH

US SENATOR

N/A Lindsey Graham

REPUBLICAN PARTY

US SENATOR

N/A Tim Scott

REPUBLICAN PARTY

2022 MEDIAN AGE

33.3

0.004% 1 YEAR INCREASE

2021 POVERTY RATE

15.8%

0.00% 1-YEAR DECREASE

2023 MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



About

In 2023, Sumter, SC had a population of 43.1k people with a median age of 33.3 and a median household income of \$53,071. Between 2022 and 2023 the population of Sumter, SC grew from 43,046 to 43,065, a 0.0441% increase and its median household income grew from \$48,900 to \$53,071, a 8.53% increase.

The 5 largest ethnic groups in Sumter, SC are Black or African American (Non-Hispanic) (47.4%), White (Non-Hispanic) (38.6%), Two+ (Non-Hispanic) (3.58%), Asian (Non-Hispanic) (2.81%), and Two+ (Hispanic) (2.66%).

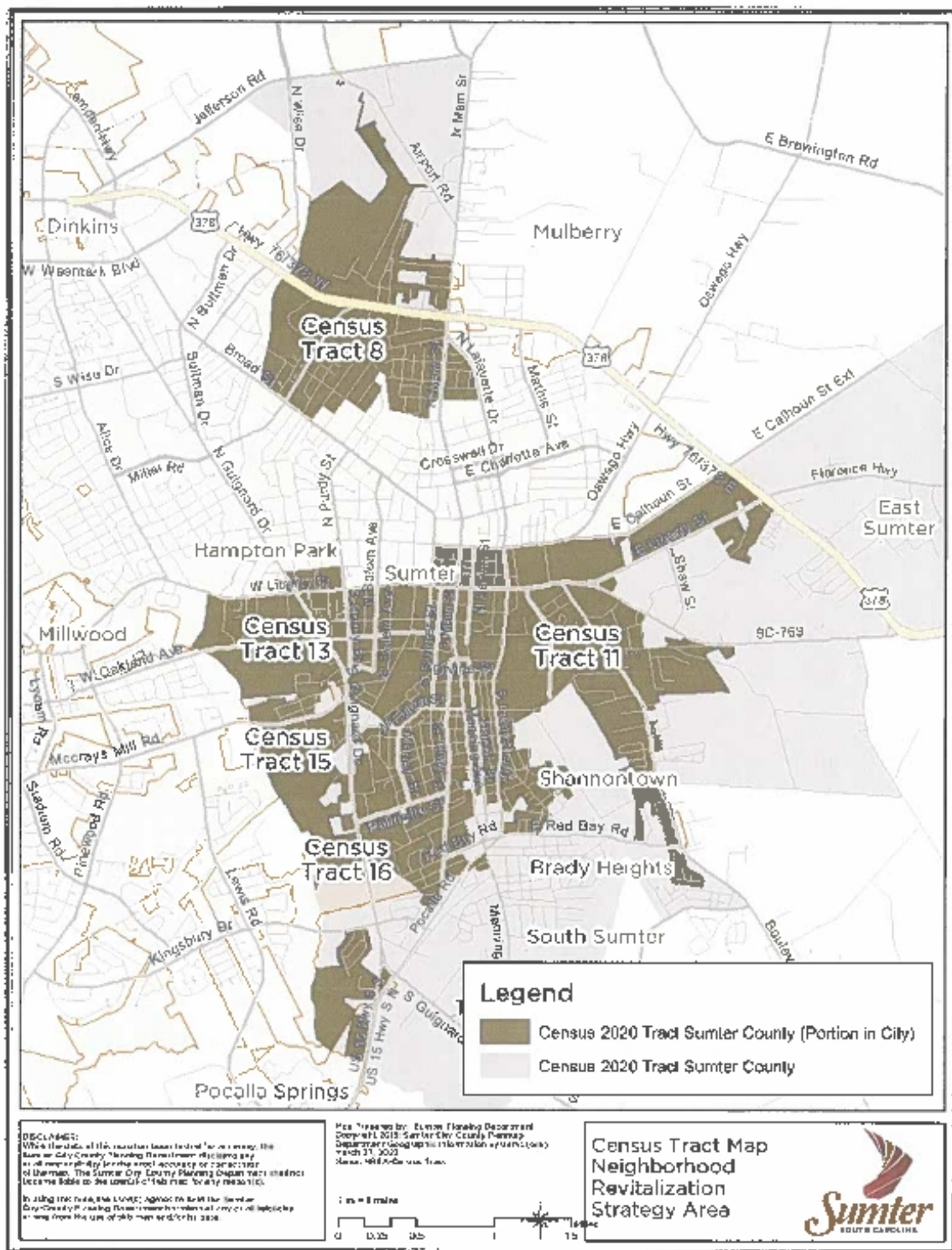
None of the households in Sumter, SC reported speaking a non-English language at home as their primary shared language. This does not consider the potential multi-lingual nature of households, but only the primary self-reported language spoken by all members of the household.

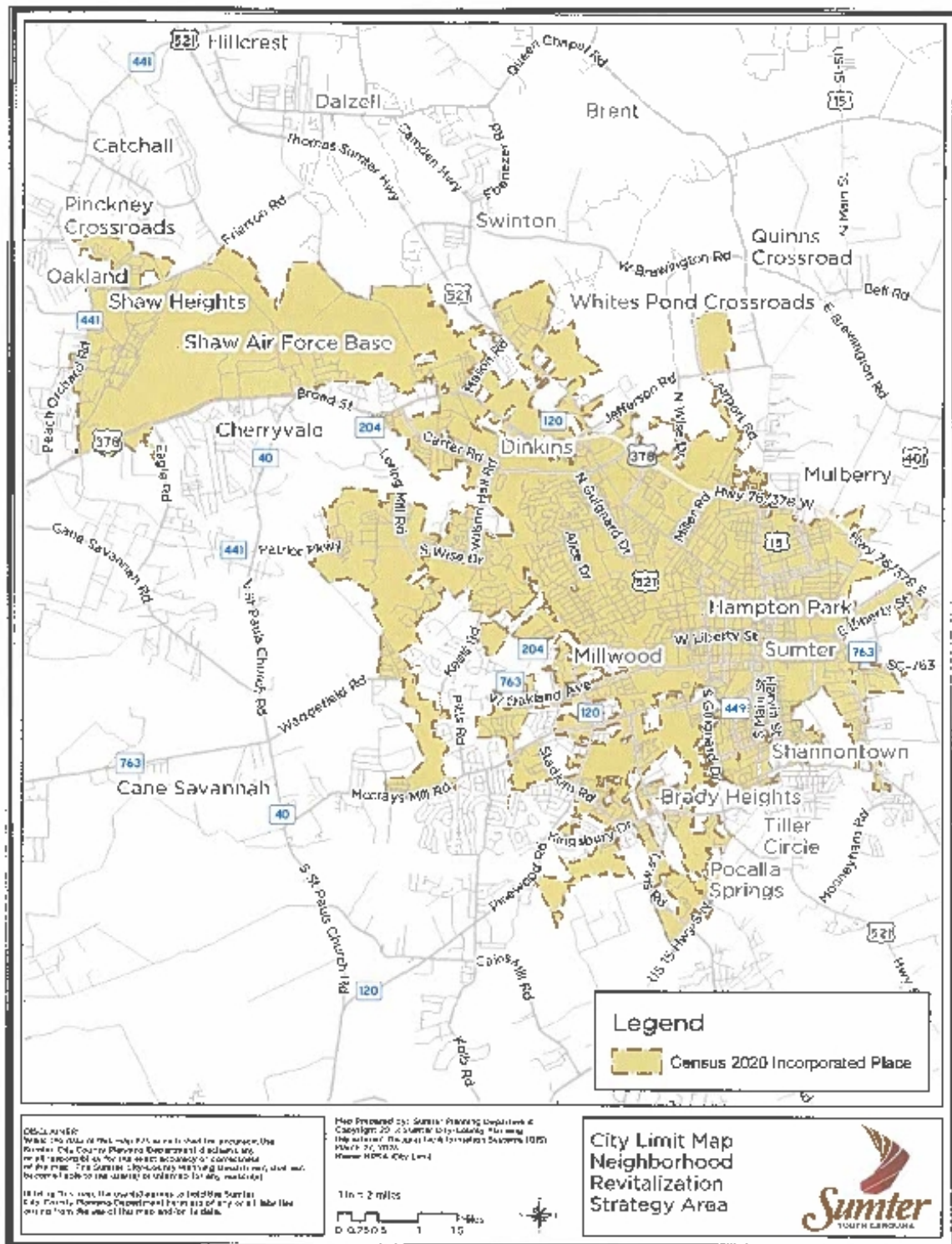
98.3% of the residents in Sumter, SC are U.S. citizens.

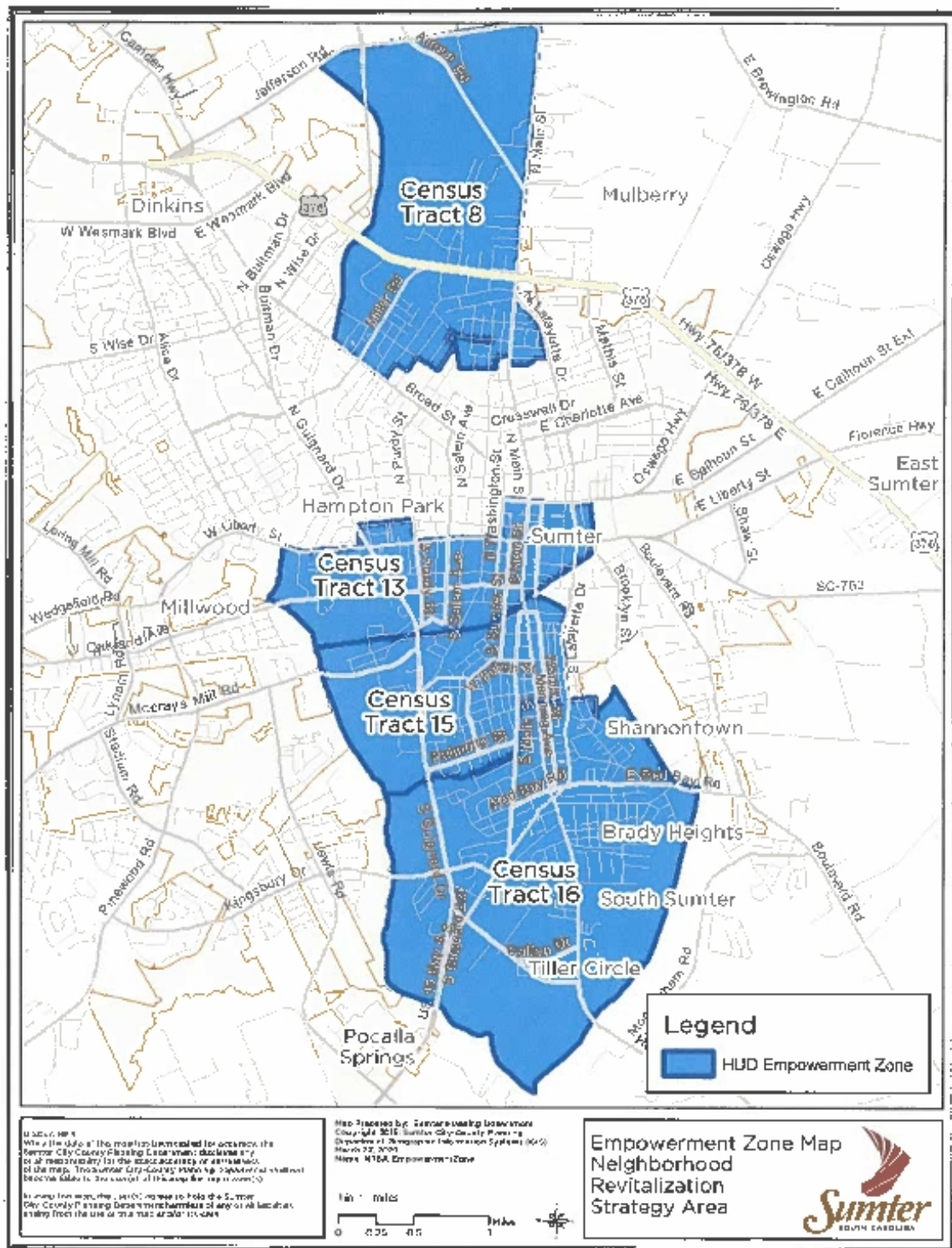
The largest universities in N/A are Central Carolina Technical College (682 degrees awarded in 2023), University of South Carolina-Sumter (175 degrees), and Morris College (76 degrees).

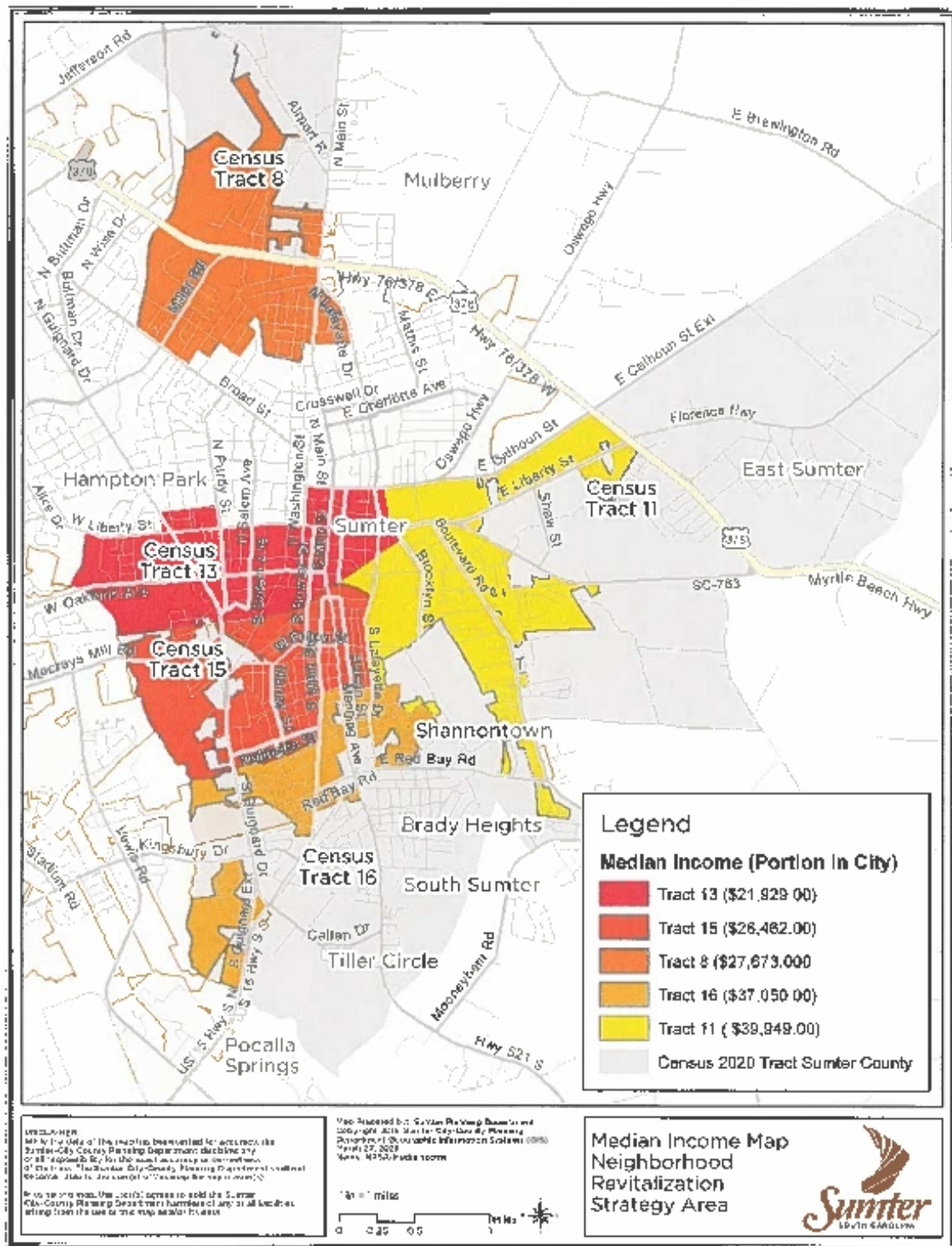
Most people in Sumter, SC drove alone to work, and the average commute time was 20.2 minutes. The average car ownership in Sumter, SC was 2 cars per household

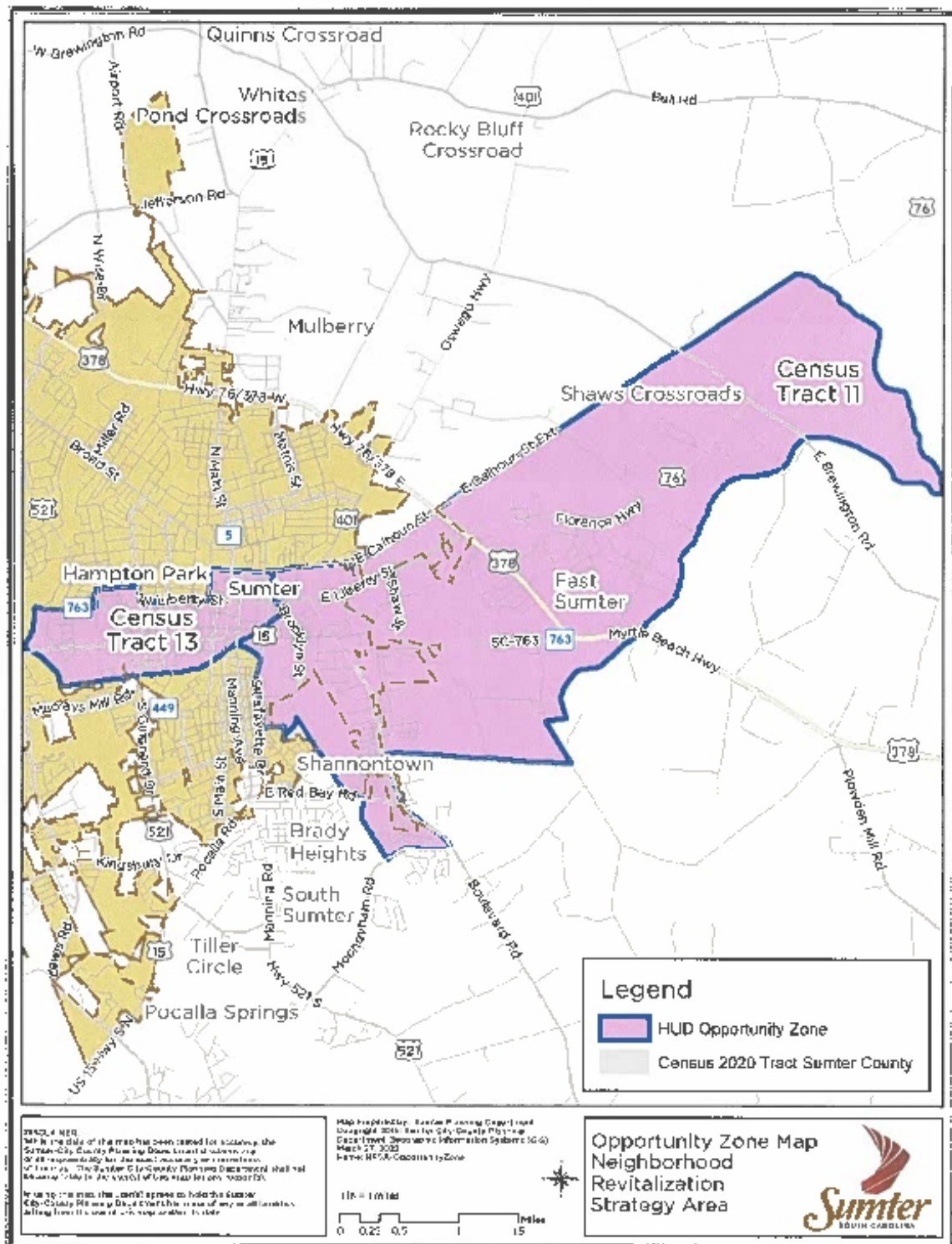
UNITED STATES SOUTH CAROLINA SUMTER COUNTY, SC SUMTER, SC LEE & SUMTER COUNTIES PUMA, SC











ORDINANCE NUMBER 2906

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2900
WHICH ADOPTED A BUDGET FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT FUNDS
FOR THE CITY OF SUMTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

WHEREAS, the Budget for Community Development Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$333,755.00 for the Federal Fiscal Year 2026-2027 was adopted by City Council on February 17, 2026, 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 April 6, 2026, from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development (attached), announcing an actual allocation of \$305,378.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the City of Sumter for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; and

WHEREAS, the Sumter City Council therefore finds it necessary to amend its Community Development Entitlement Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 as shown on the attached amended budget to reflect the official allocation from HUD. The amended 2026-2027 CDBG Budget in the amount of \$305,378.00 is hereby made a part hereof as fully as if 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 5TH DAY OF MAY 2026, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAME:

Section 2. That the amended Budget for Community Development Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$305,378.00 for the Federal Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is hereby adopted by City Council and is hereby made a part hereof as fully as if incorporated herein, and a copy thereof is attached hereto.

Section 3. 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 5TH DAY OF MAY 2026.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA


David P. Merchant, Mayor

James B. Blossingame, Mayor Pro Tempore


Collin C. Davis, Councilman


Anthony G. Bazz, Councilman

Calvin K. Hastie, Sr., Councilman


Gifford M. Shrew, Councilman


Rebecca Lynn Kennedy, Councilwoman

ATTEST:


Cecilia Newman, City Clerk

First Reading: April 21, 2026

Final Reading: May 5, 2026

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET
FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT FUNDS
FOR THE CITY OF SUMMER, SOUTH CAROLINA
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND SUMMER CITY COUNCIL, ON THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026,
AT ITS REGULAR MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAID

Section 1. That the Budget for Community Development Entitlement Funds in the amount of
\$713,755.00 for the Federal Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is hereby adopted by Summer City Council and is
hereby made a part hereof as fully as if incorporated in verbiage 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.

- 2) 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 6-Week
Commitment Plans;
- 3) Follow the Purchasing Ordinance in procurement and awarding of contracts.

Section 3. Amendments will be carried over to the fiscal year as a reserve to the fund balance, and
amendments approved by Summer City 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 BY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

CITY OF SUMMER, SOUTH CAROLINA


David P. Alredson, Mayor


Robert S. Gibson, Mayor Pro Tempore


Colin C. Jones, Councilman


Anthony Gibson, Councilman


Calvin K. Martin, Sr., Councilman


Gloria M. Stern, Councilman


Rebecca Lynn Kennedy, Councilwoman

ATTEST:

Linda Newman, City Clerk

First Reading: February 7, 2026
Second/Final Reading: February 17, 2026



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-1000

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

April 6, 2026

Mr. David P. Merchant
Mayor of Sumter
P.O. Box 1449
21 North Main Street
Sumter, SC 29151

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 have 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 spur additional leveraging and partnerships to address the nation's housing challenges.

As authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 119-75) on February 3, 2026, I am honored and excited to announce that your jurisdiction is receiving the following Fiscal Year 2026 allocations for the identified programs:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$305,378.00
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) \$ 0.00
Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) \$ 0.00
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) \$ 0.00
Recovery Housing Program (RHP) \$ 0.00

In addition, your jurisdiction's CDBG allocation for this year provides you with \$1,457,890.00 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, 2026, please be reminded that it is important to align with

applicable laws and executive orders. If you or any member of your staff have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your local HUD Field Office in Sumter, SC or CPDODAS@hud.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,



Ronald J. Kurtz
Assistant Secretary
for Community Planning and Development

UPDATED DRAFT



2026-2027 COBG Budget
Community Development Department
Sumter, South Carolina

HUD Allocation for period April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027 \$305,378.00
Public Service Cap (15%) \$ 45,806.70
Administration Cap (20%) \$ 61,075.60

Name of Project	Amount	Matrix Code	Regulation Citation	National Objective
Administration (Administer the entitlement program)	\$61,075	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)	\$123,803	14A	570.202	LMH
YMCA Youth Services (Provide unrunners for LMI youth to participate in activities)	\$2,500	05D	570.201 (C)	LMC*
Youth Employment (Provide summer employment for 40 LMI youth)	\$40,000	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*
HYPE Program (Provide students' expenses for LMI youth)	\$3,000	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*

Total: \$305,378.00

*Public Service

LMI - Low-to-Moderate Income
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LMC - Low-to-Moderate Clientele
LMH - Low-to-Moderate Housing
SBS - Slum/Blight Area
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The ITEM 02/21/2026

Notice to Public

As an Entitlement Community the City of Sumter expects to receive approximately \$333,755.00 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year 4/1/26-3/31/27. The city is required to complete an Annual Action Plan that identifies the activities it will undertake. Persons wishing to make comments on the proposed plan may do so in writing or by visiting the Community Development office. The review period runs from February 23, 2026 to March 23, 2026. The office is located at the Liberty Center, Suite 4, 12 W. Liberty Street, Sumter, SC. The Office hours are 8:30am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. You may call Clarence Gaines at 803-774-1649 or Carolee Thomas at 803-774-1652, for further information. Non-English-speaking persons, hearing impaired or deaf persons may call the same phone number for assistance and information. Entry to the Liberty Center is handicap accessible.

Specific Projects	
Administration (administer the entitlement program)	\$66,751.00
Demolition (eliminate slum and blight in residential and commercial areas)	\$30,000.00
Housing Repair (housing repair for low-moderate-income citizens)	\$143,104.00
Youth Employment (provide summer employment for 60-65 low/moderate income youth)	\$43,500.00
United Ministries (provide minor home repairs for low/moderate-income citizens)	\$44,900.00
YMCA Youth Services (provide vouchers for LMI youth to participate in activities)	\$2,500.00
MYPE Program (provide student supplies for LMI youth)	\$3,000.00
Total	\$333,755.00



David P. Merchant
Mayor

Clarence Gaines
Community Development Director

Clarence Gaines

From: Kelly Sanders <ksanders@ymcasumter.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Clarence Gaines; Daron McCormick
CC: Denise Lewis
Subject: Funding Request for Youth Department At Risk Afterschool Program

To Whom It May Concern,

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Our program provides a safe, structured, and supportive environment during critical afterschool hours for youth ages 4-13 years old. Through academic support, mentoring, life-skills development, and enrichment activities, we aim to reduce risk factors such as academic failure, negative peer influence, and juvenile involvement, while promoting positive youth development and long-term success.

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- Provide academic tutoring and homework assistance
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The requested funds of \$2500.00 would directly support program participants and ensure consistent, high-quality services throughout the school year. With your support, we can continue to make a measurable impact by improving school engagement, strengthening life skills, and providing youth with positive alternatives during afterschool hours.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this request further and share additional information regarding program outcomes, budget details, and community impact. Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to supporting youth in our community.

SINCERELY,

KELLY SANDERS

Director of Youth Development
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H.Y.P.E. After School Programs
Mia M. Lantry 21st Century Community Learning Centers
415 Manning Avenue, Sumter, SC 29150
hypdocs@yahoo.com
(803) 934-9527 (office) (803) 934-0022 (fax)

January 7, 2026

Deron McCormick
21 N. Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150

Dear Mr. McCormick,

Please use this letter as our formal request for funding from the Community Block Development Grant for 2025. With the support of the community, we have been able to continue our programs uninterrupted for the past 34 years. We are requesting \$5000.00 to help with supplies and materials for our programs that are housed in the H.Y.P.E. centers. With the support of the Community Block Development Grant, this would not only help us ensure our children continue to receive the best after-school support possible, but it would also strengthen our 21st-century community learning centers grant application for the 2026-2027 school year. Thank you for all you do to make Sumter a better place for us to live, work, worship, and play. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

For the children,

Bernice A. Gibson,
Director
H.Y.P.E. After School Programs



SUMTER UNITED MINISTRIES

rebuilding lives

City of Sumter
PO Box 1449
Sumter, SC 29150
Attention: Deron McConick

October 29, 2025

Dear Deron,
On behalf of Sumter United Ministries, I am writing to request \$44,900 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the April 2026 – March 2027 grant year.

The mission of our Construction Ministry is to ensure that homes in our community are safe, dry, secure, and accessible. Since 2010, we have been honored to partner with the City of Sumter, leveraging CDBG resources to improve living conditions and restore dignity and stability to our neighbors in need.

These funds are critical to our ability to coordinate volunteers and, when necessary, hire local contractors to complete essential home repairs. Our primary areas of focus include roof replacements, accessibility modifications (such as wheelchair ramps), and emergency home stabilization projects.

Currently, the cost of materials and labor continues to rise. A modest roof replacement now averages \$4,500, while a typical wheelchair ramp costs around \$1,500.

The impact of these funds extends far beyond the cost of materials—it represents hope, safety, and renewed independence for those we serve. For example:

- During our Summer Restore project, we built a wheelchair ramp for a 56-year-old woman who had recently undergone a leg amputation. Before the ramp was built, the only way for her to enter or leave her home was with the assistance of EMS. Now, she can come and go freely and safely on her own.
- We also replaced the roof of a 50-year-old woman's home during Summer Restore, ensuring she has a dry, secure place to live and protecting her home from further damage. When she first applied for assistance, she had recently been laid off, but by the time her roof was replaced, she had found part-time employment and was beginning to get back on her feet.

Each of these projects—and many others—are made possible through the continued support of the City of Sumter's CDBG funding. We are deeply grateful for the City's ongoing partnership and commitment to improving housing conditions for low-income residents. With the requested \$44,900, we will continue serving our neighbors with excellence, compassion, and accountability—transforming homes and lives throughout Sumter.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if additional information or documentation is needed.

Mark Champagne
Executive Director

36 Artillery Dr. PO Box 1017 | Sumter, SC 29151 | ph 803-773-0757 | fax 803-773-2742
info@sumterunitedministries.org | www.sumterunitedministries.org



Date: September 23, 2025

Location: North Hope Center

Citizen Attendance: 3

Concerns and comments raised at the meeting were:

- Inquiry regarding funding for demolition projects was addressed.
- A homeowner on Vanduren Drive requested rehabilitation assistance; relevant information was provided.
- Citizens expressed appreciation for ongoing communication regarding available community programs and requested additional information on success stories associated with CDBG initiatives.

Date: September 30, 2025

Location: South Hope Center

Citizen Attendance: 7

Concerns and comments raised at the meeting were:

- Citizens inquired about the process for applying for sewer grants; information was provided.
- Residents reported sewer line blockages occurring during rainfall at the intersections of Barbette, Washington, Salem, and Oaklawn Streets, and raised concerns regarding potential sinkhole development in the area.
- Questions were raised about responsibility for trash removal in cases where individuals are evicted or vacate a residence and leave belongings on the curb; the issue was addressed.
- Citizens expressed concerns about upstart and overgrown lots and requested clarification regarding procedures for addressing these properties after extended periods, as well as whether measures exist to hold property holders accountable for ongoing maintenance.
- A citizen requested information on available funding opportunities for architectural services, specifically for Union Station Church located at the corner of Manning Avenue.

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Date: October 7, 2025
Location: Bible Hope Center
Citizen Attendance: 12+

Concerns and comments raised at the meeting were:

- Citizens reported complaints regarding a sinkhole located at the intersection of Council and Salem Street.
- Concerns were raised about inadequate street lighting in poorly illuminated areas along Cook and McCray's Mill Roads. Uneven pavement on Cook St.
- Complaints were received concerning insufficient grass cutting on South Street.
- Drainage issues on Lemon and McCormick streets.

Date: October 14, 2025
Location: South Sumter Resource Center
Citizen Attendance: 17

Concerns and comments raised at the meeting were:

- Citizens asked about the maximum funding amount available for housing rehabilitation.
- Inquiries were made regarding property eligibility for Historic Preservation designation.
- Concerns were noted about overgrown property on Belton Court posing health risks (mosquitoes, snakes, etc.).
- Issues were raised regarding the corner of Gates and Atlantic streets.
- Questions about how funding allocations are determined among community entities (e.g., United Ministries, HYPE, YMCA).
- Inquiry as to whether CDBG funds can support additional outreach programs.
- Request for programs that teach youth basic home repair skills, like the United Ministries Summer Restore Program.
- Citizens asked how communities can directly engage with HUD.
- Citizens requested clarification on allowable uses for Façade Grant funds for downtown businesses, including:
 - a) Installation of additional security cameras
 - b) Increased property rehabilitation funding
 - c) Support for community outreach such as speeding programs for the homeless, seniors, and the disabled
- Clarification sought concerning the definition of public facilities.

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Date: October 21, 2025

Location: South Sumter Resource Center - (Southside Neighborhood Meeting)

Citizen Attendance: 15

Concerns and comments raised at the meeting were:

- The lot located opposite South Sumter Gym, which is owned by the City of Sumter, is proposed to be transformed into a community garden.
- Consider reallocating funds from the Facade Grant to support social programs, including initiatives for feeding the homeless, assisting individuals with disabilities, and aiding senior citizens.
- Explore potential solutions or plans to prevent vehicles from damaging residential water meters.
- Address the drainage issue at the Almshouse, as rainwater currently has no proper outlet.

Public Hearing

Date: November 18, 2025

Location: Sumter Opera House, Council Chambers

Concerns raised at the meeting:

- Reallocating funds from the Facade Grant to support those in need of assistance.
- The Almshouse needs a better drainage system.

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**CDBG EXPECTED EXPENDITURES
FOR PROPOSED CDBG BUDGET
April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027**

1. *Administration* - Salaries, benefits, vehicle maintenance and gas, conferences, office supplies
2. *Demolition* - On-going demolition requests will ensure funds will be spent on a yearly basis.
3. *United Ministries Housing Rehab* - The agency will use volunteers to do minor housing rehab for low-to-moderate-income homeowners within the city limits. The city will provide CDBG funds for the material needed.
4. *Needing Repair* - Rehab six (6) houses of low-to-moderate-income homeowners on a yearly basis, (based on cost of repairs). A Lead-Based Paint inspection must be conducted on each house when using Community Development Block Grant funds. The cost for a Lead-Based Paint inspection for each house is \$500.00, and the cost for the re-inspection once the lead is removed is \$450.00
5. *YMCA* - Provide vouchers for low-to-moderate-income youth to participate in activities.
6. *Youth Programs* - All funds will be expended during the summer of 2026 program. The goal is to hire thirty-five (35) low-to-moderate-income students with Community funds and an additional 30 students with American Rescue Plan funds.
7. *HPPE* - Provide student supplies, mentoring, and field trips for low-to-moderate-income youth within the program.

CDBG Entitlement Program Eligibility Requirements

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate income persons. The program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.

HUD awards grants to entitlement community grantees to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services.

Entitlement communities develop their own programs and funding priorities. However, grantees must give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A grantee may also carry out activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. Additionally, grantees may fund activities when the grantee certifies that the activities meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. CDBG funds may not be used for activities which do not meet one of these national objectives.

Eligible Grantees

Eligible grantees are as follows:

- Principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)
- Other metropolitan cities with populations of at least 50,000
- Qualified urban counties with populations of at least 200,000 (excluding the population of entitled cities)

Eligibility for participation as an entitlement community is based on population data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau and metropolitan area delineations published by the Office of Management and Budget. HUD determines the amount of each entitlement grantee's annual funding allocation by a statutory dual formula which uses several objective measures of community needs, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing, and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas.

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CDBG Entitlement Program Eligibility Requirements

Eligible Activities

CDBG funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- Acquisition of real property
- Relocation and demolition
- Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures
- Construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes
- Public services, within certain limits
- Activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources
- Provision of assistance to profit motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/recreation activities

Each activity must meet one of the following national objectives for the program: benefit low- and moderate income persons, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

Generally, the following types of activities are ineligible:

- Acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of buildings for the general conduct of government
- Political activities
- Certain income payments
- Construction of new housing (with some exceptions)

Eligible Beneficiaries

Over a 1, 2, or 3-year period, as selected by the grantee, not less than 70 percent of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

HUB does not provide CDBG assistance directly to individuals, businesses, nonprofit or organizations or other non-governmental entities. If you are interested in participating in this program, you need to contact your local municipal or county officials to find out how the program operates in your area. Participation requirements may differ from one grantee to another.

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CDBG Entitlement Program Eligibility Requirements

Find out who administers the CDBG Program in your area.

If your local government officials cannot answer your questions, or if you are a local official, contact the [HUD Field Office](#) that serves your area. Note that the local government administers the program and determines which local projects receive funding.

Citizen Participation

A grantee must develop and follow a detailed plan which provides for, and encourages, citizen participation and which emphasizes participation by persons of low- or moderate-income, particularly residents of predominantly low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, slum or blighted areas, and areas in which the grantee proposes to use CDBG funds. The plan must:

- Provide citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records related to the grantee's proposed and actual use of funds
- Provide for public hearings to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program, including at least the development of needs, the review of proposed activities, and review of program performance
- Provide for timely written answers to written complaints and grievances

In May 2012, HUD introduced the [eCon Planning Suite](#), including the Consolidated Plan template in IDIS OnLine and the CPD Maps website. By creating a more cohesive planning and grants management framework and providing better data and a tool for analysis, the eCon Planning Suite supports grantees and the public to assess their needs and make strategic investment decisions. HUD grantees are now required to submit their Consolidated Plan and year-one Annual Action Plan using the Consolidated Plan template in IDIS OnLine. If grantees have an approved multi-year Consolidated Plan, they are not required to use IDIS to submit their Annual Action Plan until the next multi-year strategy is due.

The Item
March 7, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2025-2030
and
Action Plan for FY April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026

Pursuant to CFR Title 24, Part 91, Consolidated Submission Action Plan for Community Planning and Development Programs, each jurisdiction must submit a Consolidated Plan Action Plan to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at least 45 days before the start of its program year and a complete update of the Consolidated Plan every five years as a prerequisite to receiving funds under the following formula grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The Citizens' Participation Plan is revised and will also be available for public comment.

The City of Sumner will receive \$368,392.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the following proposed projects:

Administration		\$ 73,678.00
Demolition	SHS	\$ 30,090.00
Housing Repair	LWH	\$ 165,314.00
United Ministries	LWH	\$ 44,360.00
Youth Employment	LWC	\$ 89,000.00
YMCA Youth Services	LWC	\$ 2,500.00
HYPP Summer Program	LWC	\$ 3,000.00
Total		\$368,392.00

At least 70% of the funds must directly benefit people whose income does not exceed 80% of the median.

The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to continue in a collaborative process, the planning application and reporting aspects of HUD's formula programs using the same program year. A complete submission must be made every five years and an Action Plan submitted annually. Contents of the Plan include:

Form Application	Resumes	Consultation and Citizen Participation
Geographic Distribution	Certifications	Homeless and Other Special Needs
Program Specific Requirements	Activities	Activities
		Monitoring

Copies of the draft of the City of Sumner Proposed Action Plan, the draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan, and the revised Citizens' Participation Plan can be found at the following location:

- Community Development Office, 12 W. Liberty St., Suite 4, 8:30-5:00pm daily.

Citizens wishing to comment on the drafts may do so in writing to Clarence Gaines, Community Development Director, 12 W. Liberty St., Sumner, IA 29150, by April 7, 2025 (30-day comment period).

David Merchase
Mayor

Clarence Gaines
Community Development Director


SUMNER, IOWA

The Item
February 21, 2026

Notice to Public	
As an Entitlement Community the City of Sumter expects to receive approximately \$933,755.00 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Reinvestment for fiscal year 4/1/26-3/31/27. The city is required to complete an Annual Action Plan that identifies the activities it will undertake. Persons wishing to make comments on the proposed plan may do so in writing or by visiting the Community Development office. The review period runs from February 23, 2026 to March 23, 2026. The office is located in the Liberty Center, Suite 4, 1246 Liberty Street, Sumter, SC. The office hours are 8:30am-5:00pm Monday through Friday. You may call Clarence Gaines at 803-774-1649 or Carolee Thomas at 803-774-1652 for further information. Non-English speaking persons, hearing impaired or deaf persons may call the same phone number for assistance and information. Entry to the Liberty Center is handicap accessible.	
Specific Projects	
Administrative	\$60,791.00
(administer the entitlement program)	
Demolition	\$30,000.00
(eliminate slum and blight in residential and commercial areas)	
Housing Repair	\$143,104.00
(provide repairs for low/moderate-income citizens)	
Youth Employment	\$43,500.00
(provide summer employment for 60-65 low/moderate income youth)	
United Ministries	\$44,900.00
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YMCA Youth Services	\$2,100.00
(provide vouchers for UMI youth to participate in activities)	
MYPE Program	\$3,000.00
(provide student supplies for UMI youth)	
Total	\$393,755.00
David P. Merchant Mayor	Clarence Gaines Community Development Director

The Item
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City of Sumter is an Entitlement Community. This Entitlement status affords the City the opportunity of receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds on an annual basis. The purpose of the funds is to improve the neighborhoods and make life more livable for residents; especially those whose income falls within the HUD Income Limits and are considered low-moderate-income citizens. Citizens' participation is a requirement. The City of Sumter will satisfy this requirement by holding public meetings prior to preparing the upcoming Annual Action Plan. The schedule for these meetings is as follows:

- Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 6:00pm, North Hope Center, 904 N. Main St.
- Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 6:00pm, South Hope Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Drive.
- Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 6:00pm, Birnie Hope Center, 210 S. Purdy St.
- Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 6:00pm, South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave.
- Public Hearing. On Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., the City of Sumter will hold a Public Hearing in the City Council Chambers, located on the Fourth Floor of City Hall, 21 North Main Street, Sumter, SC.

Citizens are invited to come out and participate in these community meetings in preparation of the City of Sumter, Community Development Department fiscal year budget process for the period April 1, 2026-March 31, 2027. Entry to all meeting places is handicapped accessible. Hearing impaired or deaf persons may call 774-1649 for assistance. People needing an interpreter may call the same number for assistance.

David Merchant
Mayor



ORDINANCE NUMBER 2900

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET
FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT FUNDS
FOR THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA
FOR THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND SUMTER CITY COUNCIL, ON THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026,
AT ITS REGULAR MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAME:

Section 1. That the budget for Community Development Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$933,755.00 for the federal fiscal year 2026-2027 is hereby adopted by Sumter City Council and is hereby made a part hereof as fully as it is 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 Grantee Consolidated Plans.
- 3) Follow the 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 Sumter City 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 BY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

David P. Merchant, Mayor

James B. Blasingame, Mayor Pro Tempore

Colin C. Davis, Councilman

Anthony Gibson, Councilman

Calvin K. Hattie, Sr., Councilman

Gifford M. Shaw, Councilman

Rebecca Lynn Kennedy, Councilwoman

ATTEST:

Carla Newman, City Clerk

First Reading: February 9, 2026

Second/Final Reading: February 17, 2026

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2026-2027 CBDS Budget
Community Development Department
Sumter, South Carolina

MURP Allocation for period April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027
Public Service Cap (15%)
Administration Cap (20%)

\$383,755.00
\$ 50,853.25
\$ 66,751.00

Name of Project	Amount	Matrix Code	Regulation Caption	National Objective
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Demo/Blight (Eliminate slum and blight in residential and commercial areas)	\$30,000	04	570.201(D)	SBS
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Clarence Gaines

From: Kelly Sanders <ksanders@ymcasummer.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 11:55 AM
To: Clarence Gaines; Deron McCormick
Cc: Denise Lewis
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SINCERELY,

KELLY SANDERS
Director of Youth Development
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January 7, 2026

Deron McCormick
21 N. Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150

Dear Mr. McCormick,

Please use this letter as our formal request for funding from the Community Block Development Grant for 2026. With the support of the community, we have been able to continue our programs uninterrupted for the past 24 years. We are requesting \$5000.00 to help with supplies and materials for our programs that are housed in the M.Y.P.E. center. With the support of the Community Block Development Grant, this would not only help us ensure our children continue to receive the best after-school support possible, but it would also strengthen our 21st-century community learning centers grant application for the 2026-2027 school year. Thank you for all you do to make Sumter a better place for us to live, work, worship, and play. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

For the children,

Stanley A. Giddens
Director
M.Y.P.E. After School Programs



SUMTER UNITED MINISTRIES

rebuilding lives

City of Sumter
PO Box 1448
Sumter, SC 29150
Attention: Deon McCormick

October 28, 2025

Dear Deon,

On behalf of Sumter United Ministries, I am writing to request \$44,900 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the April 2026 – March 2027 grant year.

The mission of our Construction Ministry is to ensure that homes in our community are safe, dry, secure, and accessible. Since 2010, we have been honored to partner with the City of Sumter, leveraging CDBG resources to improve living conditions and restore dignity and stability to our neighbors in need.

These funds are critical to our ability to coordinate volunteers and, when necessary, hire local contractors to complete essential home repairs. Our primary areas of focus include roof replacements, accessibility modifications (such as wheelchair ramps), and emergency home stabilization projects.

Currently, the cost of materials and labor continues to rise. A modest roof replacement now averages \$4,500, while a typical wheelchair ramp costs around \$1,500.

The impact of these funds extends far beyond the cost of materials—it represents hope, safety, and renewed independence for those we serve. For example:

- During our Summer Restore project, we built a wheelchair ramp for a 56-year-old woman who had recently undergone a leg amputation. Before the ramp was built, the only way for her to enter or leave her home was with the assistance of EMS. Now, she can come and go freely and safely on her own.
- We also replaced the roof of a 50-year-old woman's home during Summer Restore, ensuring she has a dry, secure place to live and protecting her home from further damage. When she first applied for assistance, she had recently been laid off, but by the time her roof was replaced, she had found part-time employment and was beginning to get back on her feet.

Each of these projects—and many others—are made possible through the continued support of the City of Sumter's CDBG funding. We are deeply grateful for the City's ongoing partnership and commitment to improving housing conditions for low-income residents. With the requested \$44,900, we will continue serving our neighbors with excellence, compassion, and accountability—transforming homes and lives throughout Sumter.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if additional information or documentation is needed.

Mark Champagne
Executive Director

36 Artillery Dr. PO Box 1017 | Sumter, SC 29151 | ph 803-776-6767 | fax 803-773-2742
info@sumterunitedministries.org | www.sumterunitedministries.org



Date: September 23, 2025
Location: North Hope Center
Citizen Attendance: 3

Concerns and comments raised at the meeting were:

- Inquiry regarding funding for demolition projects was addressed.
- A homeowner on VanBuren Drive requested rehabilitation assistance; relevant information was provided.
- Citizens expressed appreciation for ongoing communication regarding available community programs and requested additional information on success stories associated with CDBG initiatives.

Date: September 30, 2025
Location: South Hope Center
Citizen Attendance: 7

Concerns and comments raised at the meeting were:

- Citizens inquired about the process for applying for sewer grants; information was provided.
- Residents reported sewer line blockages occurring during rainfall at the intersections of Bartlett, Washington, Selma, and Oakland Streets, and raised concerns regarding potential sinkhole development in the area.
- Questions were raised about responsibility for trash removal in cases where individuals are evicted or vacate a residence and leave belongings on the curb; the issue was addressed.
- Citizens expressed concerns about vacant and overgrown lots and requested clarification regarding procedures for addressing these properties after extended periods, as well as whether measures exist to hold property owners accountable for ongoing maintenance.
- A citizen requested information on available funding opportunities for architectural services, specifically for Union Station Church located at the corner of Manning Avenue.

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Date: October 7, 2025

Location: Birnie Hope Center

Citizen Attendance: 12+

Concerns and comments raised at the meeting were:

- Citizens reported complaints regarding a sinkhole located at the intersection of Council and Salem Streets.
- Concerns were raised about inadequate street lighting in poorly illuminated areas along Cook and McCray's Mill Roads. Unrenewed power lines on Cook St.
- Complaints were received concerning insufficient grass cutting on South Street.
- Drainage issues on Lemon and McCormick streets.

Date: October 14, 2025

Location: South Sumter Resource Center

Citizen Attendance: 17

Concerns and comments raised at the meeting were:

- Citizens asked about the maximum funding amount available for housing rehabilitation.
- Inquiries were made regarding property eligibility for Historic Preservation designation.
- Concerns were noted about overgrown property on Nelson Court posing health risks (mosquitoes, snakes, etc.).
- Issues were raised regarding the corner of Gates and Atlantic streets.
- Questions about how funding allocations are determined among community entities (e.g., United Ministries, HYFE, YMCA).
- Inquiry as to whether CDBG funds can support additional outreach programs.
- Request for programs that teach youth basic home repair skills, like the United Ministries Summer Restore Program.
- Citizens asked how communities can directly engage with HUD.
- Citizens requested clarification on allowable uses for Pasade Grant funds for downtown businesses, including:
 - a) Installation of additional security cameras
 - b) Increased property rehabilitation funding
 - c) Support for community outreach such as feeding programs for the homeless, seniors, and the disabled
- Clarification sought concerning the definition of public facilities.

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Date: October 21, 2025

Location: South Sumter Resource Center - (Southside Neighborhood Meeting)

Citizen Attendance: 15

Concerns and comments raised at the meeting were:

- The lot located opposite South Sumter Gym, which is owned by the City of Sumter, is proposed to be transformed into a community garden.
- Consider reallocating funds from the Facade Grant to support social programs, including initiatives for feeding the homeless, assisting individuals with disabilities, and aiding senior citizens.
- Explore potential solutions or plans to prevent vehicles from damaging residential water meters.
- Address the drainage issue at the Armistead, as rainwater currently has no proper outlet.

Public Hearing

Date: November 18, 2025

Location: Sumter Opera House, Council Chambers

Concerns raised at the meeting:

- Reallocating funds from the Facade Grant to support those in need of assistance.
- The Armistead needs a better drainage system.

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**CDBG EXPECTED EXPENDITURES
FOR PROPOSED CDBG BUDGET
April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027**

1. *Administration* - Salaries, benefits, vehicle maintenance and gas, conferences, office supplies
2. *Demolition* - On-going demolition requests will ensure funds will be spent on a yearly basis.
3. *United Ministries Housing Rehab* - The agency will use volunteers to do minor housing rehab for low-to-moderate-income homeowners within the city limits. The city will provide CDBG funds for the material needed.
4. *Housing Repairs* - Rehab six (6) houses of low-to-moderate-income homeowners on a yearly basis, (based on cost of repairs). A Lead-Based Paint inspection must be conducted on each house when using Community Development Block Grant funds. The cost for a Lead-Based Paint inspection for each house is \$500.00, and the cost for the re-inspection once the lead is removed is \$450.00.
5. *YMCA* - Provide vouchers for low-to-moderate-income youth to participate in activities.
6. *Fourth Program* - All funds will be expended during the summer of 2026 program. The goal is to hire thirty-five (35) low-to-moderate-income students with Community funds and an additional 30 students with American Rescue Plan funds.
7. *RYPPF* - Provide student supplies, mentoring, and field trips for low-to-moderate-income youth within the program.

CDBG Entitlement Program Eligibility Requirements

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The program is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended, **42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.**

HUD awards grants to entitlement community grantees to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services.

Entitlement communities develop their own programs and funding priorities. However, grantees must give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A grantee may also carry out activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. Additionally, grantees may fund activities when the grantee certifies that the activities meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. CDBG funds may not be used for activities which do not meet one of these national objectives.

Eligible Grantees

Eligible grantees are as follows:

- Principal cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)
- Other metropolitan cities with populations of at least 50,000
- Qualified urban counties with populations of at least 200,000 (excluding the population of entitled cities)

Eligibility for participation as an entitlement community is based on population data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau and metropolitan area delineations published by the Office of Management and Budget. HUD determines the amount of each entitlement grantee's annual funding allocation by a statutory dual formula which uses several objective measures of community needs, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas.

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CDBG Entitlement Program Eligibility Requirements

Eligible Activities

CDBG funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- Acquisition of real property
- Relocation and demolition
- Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures
- Construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes
- Public services, within certain limits
- Activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources
- Provision of assistance to profit motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/training activities

Each activity must meet one of the following national objectives for the program: benefit low and moderate income persons, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

Generally, the following types of activities are ineligible:

- Acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of buildings for the general conduct of government
- Political activities
- Certain income payments
- Construction of new housing (with some exceptions)

Eligible Beneficiaries

Over a 1, 2, or 3-year period, as selected by the grantee, not less than 70 percent of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

HUD does not provide CDBG assistance directly to individuals, businesses, nonprofit or organizations or other non-governmental entities. If you are interested in participating in this program, you need to contact your local municipal or county officials to find out how the program operates in your area. Participation requirements may differ from one grantee to another.

CDBG Entitlement Program Eligibility Requirements

Find out who administers the CDBG Program in your area.

If your local government officials cannot answer your questions, or if you are a local official, contact the **HUD field office** that serves your area. Note that the local government administers the program and determines which local projects receive funding.

Citizen Participation

A grantee must develop and follow a detailed plan which provides for, and encourages, citizen participation and which emphasizes participation by persons of low- or moderate-income, particularly residents of predominantly low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, slum or blighted areas, and areas in which the grantee proposes to use CDBG funds. The plan must:

- Provide citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records related to the grantee's proposed and actual use of funds
- Provide for public hearings to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program, including at least the development of needs, the review of proposed activities, and review of program performance
- Provide for timely written answers to written complaints and grievances

In May 2012, HUD introduced the **eCon Planning Suite**, including the Consolidated Plan template in IDIS Online and the CPD Maps website. By creating a more cohesive planning and grants management framework and providing better data and a tool for analysis, the eCon Planning Suite supports grantees and the public to assess their needs and make strategic investment decisions. HUD grantees are now required to submit their Consolidated Plan and year one Annual Action Plan using the Consolidated Plan template in IDIS Online. If grantees have an approved multi-year Consolidated Plan, they are not required to use IDIS to submit their Annual Action Plan until the next multi-year strategy is due.

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Regular Meeting - 04/21/2026, 5:30PM

Introduction

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor David P. Merchant

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilman Anthony Gibson

Approval Of Minutes

April 7, 2026 – Regular Meeting

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Santee Lynches Council of Government

Receive an informational presentation from Santee Lynches Volunteer Ombudsman regarding National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, 2026.

Bates Middle School Bantams

Recognize the Bates Middle School Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams for their achievements as the 2026 Sumter County Middle School Conference Champions.

Ragin Preparatory Christian Academy Rams

Recognize the Ragin Preparatory Christian Academy Boys' Basketball Team for their achievement as the 2026 SCISA 1A Basketball State Champions.

OLD BUSINESS

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consider appointments due to expire on December 31, 2025, and other vacancies.

BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Receive an updated draft for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL – AGENDA
Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.
Sumter Opera House – City Council Chambers
21 N. Main Street | Sumter, South Carolina

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor David P. Merchant

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilwoman Rebecca Lynn Kennedy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 21, 2026 – Regular Meeting

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Receive a presentation from the Planning Department regarding the proposed Unified Development Ordinance Zoning Comparison Map developed to enhance public notification and community awareness.

OLD BUSINESS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consider appointments expiring on June 30, 2026, and other vacancies.

2. BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Receive an updated draft for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Consider *Final Reading of Ordinance Number 2906* amending the Community Development Entitlement Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

NEW BUSINESS

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Receive comments and/or reports from the City Manager.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss contractual 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 City Council holds an Executive Session, the Council may take official action on the above-listed matters following the conclusion of the Executive Session.

7. ADJOURNMENT



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL – AGENDA
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
Sumter Opera House – City Council Chambers
21 N. Main Street | Sumter, South Carolina

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor David P. Merchant

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilman Anthony Gibson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 4, 2025 – Special Called Meeting
February 4, 2025 – Regular Meeting

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

LITTER AWARD WINNERS

- Recognize recipients for their outstanding contributions to the Community Cleanup Days.
- Recognize recipients of the "Love Where You Live" Poster Contest Awards.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH RECOGNITION

- Legacy of Excellence presentation celebrating Black History Month and recognizing former Councilwoman Ione J. Dwyer.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- Recognize 2024 American Legion Post 15 Firefighter of the Year.
- Recognize 2024 American Legion Post 15 Police Officer of the Year.

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 P.M.

1. RZ-24-23, 314 LESESNE COURT

Receive comments from the public and consider *First Reading* of an ordinance to rezone an approximate 0.34-acre portion of a larger parcel of land from Residential-9 (R-9) to Limited Commercial (LC). The property is located at 314 Lesesne Court and identified by Tax Map Number 228-01-01-039 (part).

OLD BUSINESS

2. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consider appointments expired December 31, 2024, and other vacancies.

3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Consider *Final Reading of Ordinance Number 2870* adopting the Community Development Entitlement Budget for Federal Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

NEW BUSINESS

4. LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Consider *First Reading* of an ordinance entitled: "An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution, Delivery, and Performance of a Lease-Purchase Agreement and Other Documents Relating to the Lease-Purchase Financing of Certain Vehicles and Equipment in an Aggregate Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$2,075,000.00, and Other Matters Relating Thereto."



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL – AGENDA
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
Sumter Opera House – City Council Chambers
21 N. Main Street | Sumter, South Carolina

5. PROCUREMENT RESOLUTION

- a) Consider *Resolution Number 979* authorizing a contract for the Broad Court Sewer Relocation Project.
- b) Consider *Resolution Number 980* authorizing a contract for the Live Oak Industrial Park Water Improvements New Well 38 Project.
- c) Consider *Resolution Number 981* authorizing the purchase of one (1) Quint Aerial Truck for the Sumter Fire Department.

6. MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE/DEED OF DEDICATION

Consider acceptance of a Maintenance Guarantee/Deed of Dedication for Phase Two (2) of Crystal Downs Subdivision, consisting of lots 1-35 located along Citation Street.

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Receive comments and/or reports from the City Manager.

9. 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.

10. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Review any pending legislation pertinent to local government.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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12. ADJOURNMENT



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL - AGENDA
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
Sumter Opera House – City Council Chambers
21 N. Main Street | Sumter, South Carolina

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor David P. Merchant

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilwoman Rebecca Lynn Kennedy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 4, 2025 – Regular Meeting

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PALMETTO PRIDE

- Recognition of Palmetto Pride 2025-2026 Youth Ambassador by City of Sumter Litter Control Officer.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

- Native American Heritage Month presentation by Sumter Tribe of Cherokee Indians.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:00 P.M.

1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Receive comments from the public regarding the proposed Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

2. RZ-25-18, 100 EAST LIBERTY STREET

Receive comments from the public and consider *First Reading* of an ordinance to rezone three (3) parcels of land of a combined size of approximately 1.28 acres from General Commercial (GC) to Central Business District (CBD). The properties are located at 100 East Liberty Street, 108 East Liberty Street, and 11 South Marvin Street, and are identified by Tax Map Numbers 249-16-01-001, 249-16-01-002, and 249-16-01-011.

3. RZ-25-20, 685 DESCHAMPS ROAD

Receive comments from the public and consider *First Reading* of an ordinance to rezone approximately 31.34 acres of land from Residential-6 (R-6) to Residential-9 (R-9). The property is located at 685 Deschamps Road and is identified by Tax Map Number 184-00-01-001.

4. RZ-25-21, 20 PACK ROAD

Receive comments from the public and consider *First Reading* of an ordinance to rezone an approximate 5.10-acre parcel of land from Agricultural Conservation (AC) to General Commercial (GC). The property is located at 20 Pack Road and is identified by Tax Map Number 225-00-03-013 (part).

OLD BUSINESS

5. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consider appointments due to expire December 31, 2025, and other vacancies.



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL - AGENDA
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
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6. OA-25-06, SPECIAL EVENT FACILITIES

Consider *First Reading* of an ordinance to amend Article 3, Exhibit 3-5; Article 5.b.1.1.; Article 5.b.2.; Article 5.b.3., and Article 10.b.1. to modify the zoning districts in which special event facilities can be established, to require special exception approval for zoning districts where special event facilities can be established, to establish more robust use-specific criteria for special design facilities, and to modify the definition of special event facility.

NEW BUSINESS

7. PROCUREMENT RESOLUTIONS

- a) Consider *Resolution Number 1013* authorizing a contract for Professional Services for the US 15 South Pump Station Project.
- b) Consider *Resolution Number 1014* authorizing a contract for the Sister Wimberly Playground at Swan Lake - Site Work Project.
- c) Consider *Resolution Number 1015* authorizing a contract for the Sister Wimberly Playground at Swan Lake - Playground Equipment Project.
- d) Consider *Resolution Number 1016* authorizing a contract for the Swan Lake Northside Entrance Renovation Project.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Receive comments and/or reports from the City Manager

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12. ADJOURNMENT



City Council Meeting - 03/17/2026, 5:30PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David P. Merchant

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tempore Biassingame

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Informational presentation from Follow Me Crusade, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 P.M.

PD-26-01, 2640 WEST OAKLAND AVENUE

Receive comments from the public and consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to rezone approximately 22.24 acres of land from Residential-15 (R-15) and General Commercial (GC) to Planned Development (PD). The property is located at 2640 West Oakland Avenue and identified by Tax Map Numbers 206-00-03-024, 206-00-03-025, and 206-00-02-001.

[📎 PD-26-01_2640 West Oakland Avenue \(whole\).pdf](#)

OLD BUSINESS

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consider appointments due to expire December 31, 2025, and other vacancies.

NEW BUSINESS

LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Consider **First Reading** of an ordinance entitled: "An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution, Delivery, and Performance of a Lease-Purchase Agreement and Other Documents Relating to the Lease-Purchase Financing of Certain Vehicles and Equipment in an Aggregate Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$2,465,000.00, and Other Matters Relating Thereto."

[📎 Lease Purchase Ordinance FY 2026 2027 \(1\).pdf](#)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA } RESOLUTION NUMBER 1025
 }
 COUNTY OF SUMTER } *Designating the Month of April 2026*
 } *as Fair Housing Month and the 35th*
 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,

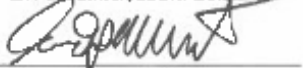
WHEREAS, Sumter City Council rejects discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, ancestral status, and disability; and,

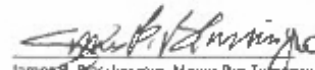
WHEREAS, Sumter City Council desires that every citizen be offered the opportunity to live in the home of his or her choice; hence, the City of Sumter does not discriminate in its housing practices,

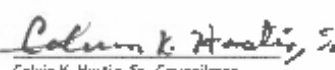
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the members of Sumter City Council do hereby designate April 2026 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and recognize this month as the 35th Anniversary of the HOME Program—Home Investment Partnerships Program. The City of Sumter will continue to promote and advocate fair housing for all of its citizens,

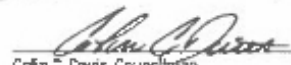
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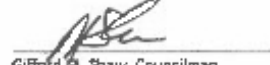
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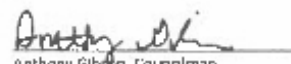

 David P. Merchant, Mayor

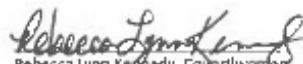

 James B. Blessington, Mayor Pro Tempore


 Calvin K. Hastie, Sr., Councilman

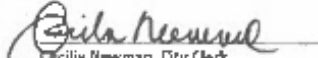

 Colin E. Davis, Councilman


 Gifford M. Shaw, Councilman


 Anthony Gibson, Councilman


 Rebecca Lynn Kennedy, Councilwoman

ATTEST:


 Cecilia Newman, City Clerk



Regular Meeting - 02/17/2026 - 02/17/2026, 5:30PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David P. Merchant

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Colin Davis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 3, 2026 – Regular Meeting

February 3, 2026 – Special Called Meeting

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH RECOGNITION

Legacy of Excellence presentation celebrating Black History Month and recognizing James L. Felder, J.D., LL.M., D.H.L.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Recognize Firefighter of the Year.

Recognize Police Officer of the Year.

OLD BUSINESS

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consider appointments due to expire December 31, 2025, and other vacancies.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Consider **Final Reading of Ordinance 2900** adopting the Community Development Entitlement Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - 02/03/2026, 12:00PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David P. Merchant

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Rebecca Lynn Kennedy

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Workshop to discuss the Community Development Entitlement Budget for Federal Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

📎 [CDBG Budget Ordinance FY 26-27.pdf](#)

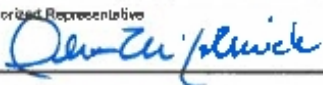
ADJOURNMENT

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

DMR Number 4040-0004
Expiration Date 03/31/2023

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: ☐ Preapplication ☒ Application ☐ Changed/Corrected Application		
* 2. Type of Application: ☒ New ☐ Continuation ☐ Revision		
* If Revision, select appropriate reason(s): _____ * Other (Specify): _____		
* 3. Date Received: _____		
4. Applicant Identifier: 8 letter CHAR string, 8256045001		
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State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: _____		7. State Application Identifier: _____
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: City of Sumter		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 57-6000245		* c. UEI: W41XZ9JW1L05
d. Address:		
* Street1: 21 North Main Street		
Street2: _____		
* City: Sumter		
County/Parish: Sumter		
* State: SC, South Carolina		
Province: _____		
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES		
* Zip+Postal Code: 29150-1905		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Community Development		Division Name: _____
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Elizabeth		
Middle Name: _____		
* Last Name: James		
Suffix: _____		
Title: Director		
Organizational Affiliation: _____		
* Telephone Number: 803-774-1609		Fax Number: 803-774-1685
* Email: james@sumter-sc.gov		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 8. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: City or Township Government		
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: 		
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: 		
* Other (specify): 		
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: United States Department of Housing & Urban Development		
11. Assistance Listing Number: 12-219 Assistance Listing Title: 		
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: 		
* Title: 		
13. Competition Identification Number: Title: 		
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment		
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: Community Development Block Grant		
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions Add Attachments Delete Attachments View Attachments		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant SC 05	* b. Program/Project 5th SC
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed. Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment	
17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date 04/01/2025	* b. End Date 07/31/2025
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	105,379.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	105,379.00
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process? ☒ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review. ☐ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.) ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes", provide explanation and attach Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment	
21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001) ☒ ** I AGREE ** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: Dorcas
Middle Name: Lewis	
* Last Name: McGurnick	
Suffix:	
* Title: City Manager	
* Telephone Number: 803-438-2570	* Fax Number: 803-438-2615
* Email: dmcgurnick@houseuse.gov	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: 5/6/2024

**Applicant and Recipient
Assurances and Certifications**

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

OMB Number: 2501-0044
Exemption Date: 02/28/2027

Instructions for the HUD 424-B Assurances and Certifications

As part of your application for HUD funding, you, as the official authorized to sign on behalf of your organization or as an individual, must provide the following assurances and certifications. The Responsible Civil Rights Official has specified this form for use for purposes of general compliance with 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.50, and 146.25, as applicable. The Responsible Civil Rights Official may require specific civil rights assurances to be furnished consistent with those authorities and will specify the form on which such assurances must be made. A failure to furnish or comply with the civil rights assurances contained in this form may result in the procedures to affect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.57, or 146.39.

By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant (insert below the Name and title of the Authorized Representative, name of Organization and the date of signature):

*Authorized Representative Name:

Dorian L. McGinnis

*Title: Co-Manager

*Applicant/Recipient Organization:

City of Denver, CO

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance; has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application in and in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.

2. Will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000(d)) and implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1), which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance. OR if the applicant is a Federally recognized Indian tribe or its tribally designated housing entity, is subject to the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-1303).

3. Will administer the grant in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8, the American Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), and implementing regulations at 28 CFR part 35 or 36, as applicable, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07) as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146 which together provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance, except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

4. Will comply with the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), as amended, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100, which prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin and will affirmatively further fair housing, except an applicant which is an Indian tribe or its instrumentality which is excluded by statute from coverage does not make this certification, and further except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant

will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

5. Will comply with all applicable Federal nondiscrimination requirements, including those listed at 24 CFR §§ 5.105(a) and 5.105 as applicable.

6. Will not use Federal funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) mandates, policies, programs, or activities that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.

7. Will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4801) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24 and, as applicable, Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(d)) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 42, subpart A.

8. Will comply with the environmental requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and related Federal authorities prior to the commitment or expenditure of funds for property.

9. That no Federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of this Federal grant or its extension, renewal, amendment or modification. If funds other than Federal appropriated funds have or will be paid for influencing or attempting to influence the persons listed above, I shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying. I certify that I shall require all subgrants at all tiers (including sub-grants and contracts) to similarly certify and disclose accordingly. Federally recognized Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by Federally-recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage by the Byrd Amendment, but State-recognized Indian tribes and TDHEs established under State law are not excluded from the statute's coverage.

INWIT, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true, accurate, and correct. WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802; 24 CFR §28.10(b)(1)(iii)).

* Signature:

* Date (mm/dd/yyyy):

Form HUD 424-B (1/27/2023)

Public Reporting Burden Statement: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 11.5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering, and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing this burden can be sent to: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of the Chief Data Officer, R. 451 7th St SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000. Do not send completed HUD 424-B forms to this address. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid OMB control number. The Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to collect this information under the authority cited in the Notice of Funding Opportunity for this grant program. The information collected provides assurances and certifications for legal requirements related to the administration of this grant program. HUD will use this information to ensure compliance of its grantees. This information is required to obtain the benefit sought in the grant program. This information will not be held confidential and may be made available to the public in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §552).

Form HUD 424-B (1/27/2023)

Special CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation – It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan – Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan – It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds – It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available.
2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2026 (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.
3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements. However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

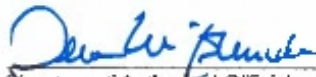
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701e) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.


Signature of Authorized Official

5/4/2026
Date

CITY MANAGER
Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2026 - 2027 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

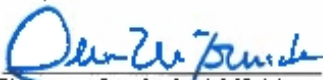
1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K, and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.


Signature of Authorized Official

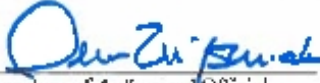
5/6/2026
Date

CITY MANAGER
Title

OPTIONAL: Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.


Signature of Authorized Official

5/6/2026
Date

City manager
Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance — If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs — It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;


Signature of Authorized Official

5/6/2026
Date

CITY MANAGER
Title

Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs -- In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

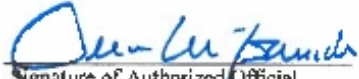
Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.


Signature of Authorized Official

5/10/2026
Date

City manager
Title

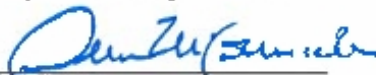
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities — Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building — Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility;
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.


Signature of Authorized Official

5/6/2026
Date


Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.