

Ad runs Friday 11/29/2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING and COMMENT PERIOD

CDBG / HOME Program Year 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan 2025 Annual Action Plan

The City of Muncie Community Development Office is seeking public input from residents, public agencies, and other interested parties on the Program Year (PY) 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and PY 2025 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds.

At time of publication, the actual PY 2025 CDBG allocation is unknown. Funds will therefore be allocated based on the City's PY 2024 HUD allocation of \$1,276,642 for CDBG. The CDBG program typically includes funding for street paving, sidewalks, park improvements, rehabilitation of public facilities and housing, public services, demolition of blighted structures, planning and administration. The amount that must benefit low- to moderate-income residents is \$714,919.52. Any increase or decrease in the PY 2025 funding amount will be added to or subtracted 50% from the Infrastructure Activity, 50% from Homeowner Rehabilitation Activity.

At time of publication, the actual PY 2025 HOME allocation is unknown. Funds are therefore being allocated based on the City's PY 2024 HUD allocation of \$509,534 for HOME. HOME activities typically include housing rehabilitation and/or new construction for rental or homeownership units, down payment assistance, Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) operating and set-aside funding, and administration. Any increase or decrease in the actual PY 2025 funding amount will be added to or subtracted from the Homeownership Activity.

PUBLIC HEARING

CD will hold a public hearing to educate citizens about the range of activities that can be undertaken with CDBG and HOME funds and to solicit comments from residents, public agencies, other interested parties on community needs, including but not limited to:

- Assessment of housing
- Efforts needed to affirmatively further fair housing
- Long-range unmet housing and non-housing community development needs
- Proposed activities to be undertaken with CDBG funds
- Proposed activities to be undertaken with HOME funds

Input from the public will be considered in the development of priority needs, goals and objectives.

Community groups are encouraged to present programs to meet specific community needs. While all comments and proposals may be voiced orally at a hearing, to be formally considered for funding an application for funding must be submitted by an individual or agency as described at the public hearings and in this legal notice.

Three public hearings will be held:

- Friday 12/6/24 at 12:00 Noon
at Maring Hunt Library Community Room, 2005 S. High St., Muncie, IN
- Tuesday 12/10/24 at 7:30 PM
at Kennedy Branch Library Community Room, 1700 W. McGalliard Rd., Muncie, IN
- Wednesday 12/18/24 at 10:30 AM
at City Hall Auditorium, 300 N. High St., Muncie, IN
This hearing will be livestreamed via the City of Muncie Facebook page.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) persons with disabilities and or limited English proficiency needing special accommodation or translation services to fully participate should contact Community Development two business days prior to the hearing.

The public comment period runs from Friday 11/29/2024 thru Sunday 1/5/2025.

Oral Comment Submission: comments may be submitted by speaking at a public hearing or by calling the CD Office (765-747-4825) between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM. If submitted by phone, caller must disclose that the purpose of the call is to submit a comment.

Written Comment Submission: comments may be submitted in writing via

- US Mail to: Gretchen Cheesman, Community Development Director (address below)
- Personal Delivery to address above
- Email to: communitydev@muncie.in.gov, subject COMMENTS

**PY 2025 CDBG AND HOME APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE
OPTIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION MEETING 10 AM 12/16/2024**

CDBG public service applications for PY 2025 will be available on Monday 12/9/2024. The submission deadline is Monday 1/6/2025. An optional application information meeting will be held on Monday 12/16/2024 at 10 AM via Zoom. Contact nadams@muncie.in.gov for the Zoom meeting link. The city anticipates limiting public service applications to agencies serving the homeless and addressing causes of homelessness.

HOME applications will be accepted on a rolling basis on 1/15/2025, 4/15/2025, 7/15/2025, 10/15/2025. HOME projects must be prepared to proceed within 90 days of application submittal.

CDBG and HOME applications must be submitted electronically via the Cognito Forms portal. Paper copies of applications will not be accepted. HOME and CDBG applications are available at www.muncie.in.us > departments > community development > document center > forms and applications

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