

Administrative Report

Meeting Date: 7/15/2025

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

TITLE

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT FEEDBACK ON PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO ADOPT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FY 2025-26 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

PROCEDURES:

- 1. Reconvene the Public Hearing and Take Testimony;
- 2. Close the Public Hearing; and
- 3. Consider public service grant recommendations; and
- 4. Adopt the FY 2025-26 Annual Action Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Redondo Beach is required to develop a one-year Action Plan and solicit input from residents and other interested organizations on housing and community development needs in the City. This report reflects the needs identified in the City's recently adopted 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan, and provides details on FY 2025-26 CDBG activities and funding allocations. The City will receive \$295,609 of CDBG entitlement monies in FY 2025-26. Per the plan, the funds will be used to support Public Facilities and Improvements, Planning and Administration, Public Service Agencies, and the Housing Improvement Program.

BACKGROUND

Title I of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act requires state and local governments to have an approved five-year Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) to apply for certain HUD programs. The ConPlan is used by state and local governments as a working guide for the application of resources to address local housing and community development needs. The 2025-2030 ConPlan was adopted by the City Council on May 6, 2025. CDBG participating agencies are required to submit an Annual Action Plan that outlines the proposed activities that will utilize CDBG funding, consistent with the goals and objectives included in the ConPlan.

The draft FY 2025-26 Annual Action Plan is attached to this report and is presented for City Council review and consideration. The one-year plan aims to address strategies and goals established in the 2025-2030 ConPlan and provides recommendations for the anticipated allocation of the City's FY 2025-26 CDBG entitlement for the upcoming fiscal year. The anticipated CDBG funding allocation for FY 2025-26 is \$295,609, which is a slight increase from the City's FY 2024-25 funding allocation of

\$282,571. A history of CDBG funding levels awarded to the City of Redondo Beach since FY 2010-11 is attached to this report.

The following projects and activities are proposed to be funded through the CDBG funds in FY 2025-26. Each activity is shown with a proposed CDBG funding allocation:

Public Facilities and Improvements Funding Allocation: \$152,147

Public improvements are an eligible expenditure of CDBG funds. As such, staff proposes installation of access ramps and/or curb cuts to enhance Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) compliance throughout the City.

Administration/Fair Housing Funding Allocation: \$59,121

Per HUD regulations, up to 20% of the City's FY 2025-26 entitlement funds may be used for program administration. As part of the City's obligation to implement a fair housing program, staff recommends continuing its contract with the Housing Rights Center to investigate housing discrimination complaints and help eliminate barriers to equal housing choice based on race, gender, religion, disability, or age. Staff also recommends continuing to contract with an external consultant to manage CDBG project coordination, compliance, and required reporting.

Public Service Agency Funding Allocation: \$44,341

Per HUD regulations, 15% of the City's FY 2025-26 entitlement funds may be available to fund public service agency programs ranging from family counseling, independent living skills training, and behavioral health programs. An RFP for these services was issued in December 2024, and proposals were reviewed during the development of the FY 2025-26 Annual Action Plan. The following organizations are proposed for funding for FY 2025-26:

Organization	Services Provided	Proposed Funding for FY 2025-26
1736 Family Crisis Center	Provides counseling, support, and referral services to women and youth who are victims of domestic violence	\$10,864
Disability Community Resource Center	Supports seniors and people with disabilities to maintain self-directed and community-based independent lives	\$7,538
Harbor Interfaith Services	Provide temporary housing for individuals experiencing homelessness and case management support through the Pallet Shelter Program	\$7,537
Project: NEEDS (St. Paul's United Methodist Church)	Provides hot meals and a food pantry to people experiencing homelessness and food stress	\$10,864

Venice Family	Formerly known as South Bay Family Healthcare	\$7,538
Clinic	Center. Provides therapy, parenting, crisis	
	interventions, domestic violence counseling,	
	substance use therapy, and medication-assisted	
	treatment to individuals coping with impact trauma to	
	eligible residents in Redondo Beach	

<u>Home Improvement Program (Mobility Access/Emergency Repair Program) Funding</u> <u>Allocation: \$40,000</u>

The Mobility Access/Emergency Repair Program provides mobility access and emergency repairs to low and moderate-income and disabled Redondo Beach homeowners. Eligible repairs include the installation of access ramps and handle grabs to support disabled homeowners. Eligible repairs that fall under the emergency category are restricted to components that will correct health and safety hazards in the home. Allowable fixtures include electricity, plumbing, heating, and replacement of water heaters. The program would assist approximately 5 households in the upcoming fiscal year.

The proposed FY 2025-26 Annual Action Plan was developed following the issuance of a Request for Proposals in December 2024. HUD requires a publicly noticed 30-day public review period, which was held from June 12 through July 12, 2025. In addition, two public hearings are required to take place. The first public hearing was held on June 17, 2025, at which time no public comments were received. This item serves as the second and final public hearing and allows for the formal adoption of the proposed plan.

<u>COORDINATION</u>

Development of the proposed FY 2025-26 Annual Action Plan was prepared by the Community Services Department in coordination with the Community Development Department, and the City's CDBG consultant.

FISCAL IMPACT

Development and implementation of the FY 2025-26 Annual Action Plan is part of the Community Services Department's regular work program. All program and administrative costs are funded through restricted CDBG funds provided by HUD.

APPROVED BY:

Mike Witzansky, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- Proposed FY 2025-2026 CDBG Annual Action Plan
- CDBG Funding History