



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Neighborhood and Housing Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Veronica Garcia, Director

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Public Hearing for the FY 2025 Annual Action Plan and Budget

**SUMMARY:**

Public Hearing for the FY 2025 Annual Action Plan and Budget for the City's four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grant programs including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The City of San Antonio receives four federal entitlement grants awarded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These four grants include CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA. The City anticipates receiving approximately \$23 million in total grant funding through the four formula grants in FY 2025.

As a recipient of federal entitlement funds, HUD requires the City to develop an annual Action Plan and Budget which details how federal entitlement funds will address the goals and priorities described in the five-year Consolidated Plan. City Council approved the FY

2022-2026 Consolidated Plan on August 12, 2021. The FY 2025 Action Plan is the fourth-year plan under the adopted Consolidated Plan. Development of the Consolidated Plan involves collecting and analyzing local economic data and engaging in an extensive community input process to identify priority needs and related goals to address identified needs.

The annual Action Plan commits funding to programs and projects that address the community needs detailed in the Consolidated Plan. Development of the Action Plan involves community engagement and analysis of past performance. The annual Action Plan is due to HUD by August 16, 2024.

## **ISSUE:**

Based upon extensive community engagement and data analysis conducted during the Consolidated Plan process, decent, safe affordable housing is the number one priority need for low-income families in San Antonio followed by programs and services for special needs populations. The following is the full list of priorities detailed in the Consolidated Plan and which the FY 2025 Action Plan may address.

**Priority 1: Provide Decent Safe Affordable Housing**

**Priority 2: Provide for Special Needs Populations**

**Priority 3: Provide Housing and Supportive Services for Homeless Population**

**Priority 4: Provide Neighborhood Revitalization Efforts**

**Priority 5: Provide Economic Development**

## **FY 2025 Action Plan**

The City anticipates receiving \$22,794,376.27 in entitlement funds for the FY 2025 Action Plan. The following table provides a summary of the anticipated FY 2025 grant funds and indicates the availability of program income or prior year funds that will be included in the FY 2025 budget.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Entitlement</b>	<b>Program Income/Savings</b>	<b>Total</b>
Community Development Block Grant	\$13,108,952.00	\$2,560,452.00	\$15,669,404.00
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	\$5,383,747.27	\$2,412,201.00	\$7,795,948.27
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	\$3,126,754.00		\$3,126,754.00
Emergency Solutions Grant	\$1,174,923.00		\$1,174,923.00
Total	\$22,794,376.27	\$4,972,653.00	\$27,767,029.27

The City will recommend allocating funding to eligible activities for each of the four formula grants based on the priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. Proposed FY 2025 activities and funding are available for public review on the City's website at [www.saspeakup.com/FY25ActionPlan](http://www.saspeakup.com/FY25ActionPlan).

#### CDBG Program

The City may recommend housing rehabilitation programs; activities in support of affordable rental or homeownership housing development; fair housing program; public service programs; public facility improvements; public infrastructure improvements; and lead assessment and abatement.

#### HOME Program

The City may recommend housing rehabilitation programs; affordable rental or homeownership housing development; homebuyer programs (down payment assistance); and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Operating expense program.

#### ESG Program

The City may recommend rapid re-housing, homeless prevention, emergency shelter or street outreach services. Staff will coordinate with the Department of Human Services.

#### HOPWA Program

The City may recommend permanent housing placement services, rental/utility assistance, transitional shelter, medical hospice with 24-hour care, and essential services such as meals, transportation for persons with HIV/AIDS. Staff will coordinate with the Department of Human Services.

#### Citizen Participation

On May 28, 2024, the City issued a public notice in the San Antonio Express-News announcing a public comment period and the first of two public hearings. The first public hearing took place at the Public Comment session on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. Public input sessions were also held on June 18th, June 22nd, and June 25th and were followed by presentations to the Housing Commission and the Planning and Community Development City Council committee. Stakeholder outreach continued throughout June and July. A second public notice was published in the San Antonio Express-News on July 23, 2024 announcing the second and final public hearing on Wednesday, August 7, 2024. All comments received by August 7th are accepted and included in the Action Plan.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The City is required to undergo this process for federally funded programs.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This item will not have an impact on the City's General Fund Budget.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

No action required.

