

2025-2026

ANNUAL

ACTION PLAN



HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

525 EAST SOUTH STREET
ORLANDO, FL 32801



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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
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* 3. Date Received: 08/15/2025	* 4. Applicant Identifier: 200206122180C
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State Use Only:	
6. Date Received by State:	7. State Application Identifier:
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
* a. Legal Name: Orange County Board of County Commissioners	
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 59-6000773	* c. UEI: ZAMZMX9ZHCM9
d. Address:	
* Street1: 525 E. South Street Street2: * City: Orlando County/Parish: * State: FL: Florida Province: * Country: USA: UNITED STATES * Zip / Postal Code: 32801-1393	
e. Organizational Unit:	
Department Name: Planning, Env and Dev Services	Division Name: Housing and Community Developm
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:	
Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Mitchell Middle Name: L. * Last Name: Glasser Suffix: Title: Division Manager Organizational Affiliation: County Division * Telephone Number: 407-836-5190 Fax Number: 407-836-5114 * Email: Mitchell.Glasser@ocfl.net	

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* Other (specify):			
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 14.218			
CFDA Title: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) /Entitlement Grant			
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: B25UC120003			
* Title: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)			
13. Competition Identification Number:			
Title:			
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):			
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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: Capital Improvement Projects, Housing Projects, Infrastructure Improvements, Public Services, and Administration			
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Suffix:	
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* 10. Name of Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development		
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 14.239 CFDA Title: HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)/Entitlement Grant		
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: M25UC120213 * Title: Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)		
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: Affordable housing (Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Homeowners Single Family Rehabilitation, Affordable Rental Housing Projects, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), and Administration		
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* c. State	8,609,342.00
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* g. TOTAL	28,998,745.48
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CFDA Title: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)/Entitlement Grant		
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Title: 		
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment		
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Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

OMB Number: 2510-0017
Expiration Date: 1/31/2026

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 effect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.8, 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:

Jerry L. Demings

*Title: Orange County Mayor

*Applicant/Recipient Organization:

Orange County, Florida

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 to act 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 (including gender identity and sexual orientation), 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 5.106 as applicable.

6. 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) 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.

7. 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.

8. 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 subawards 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 TDHs established under State law are not excluded from the statute's coverage.

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true 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).

* 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 0.5 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-424B 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).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A. Orange County's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan

The statutes mandating the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs require the submission of a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and an Annual Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan provides direction for housing and community development programs for a period of five years.

Orange County's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on August 9, 2022. A copy of the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan is available at:

<http://www.ocfl.net/NeighborsHousing/CommunityDevelopment.aspx>.

The Consolidated Plan covers three statutory objectives established by HUD:

1. Providing decent and affordable housing,
2. Creating a suitable living environment, and/or
3. Expanding economic opportunities

The needs identified in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan are related to the issues of community resiliency, housing affordability, and homelessness. In order to address those needs, the County has developed the following goals and objectives, which are aligned with the listed statutory objectives established by HUD.

Goal 1: Transform low to moderate-income communities into resilient communities.

- 1.1. Provision of capital improvements and infrastructure improvements to enhance community safety and livability, and to increase access for persons with disabilities;
- 1.2. Support for services offered by nonprofit organizations, to include services that help increase housing stability and self-sufficiency;
- 1.3. Provision of job training and placement; and
- 1.4. Meeting special needs of vulnerable populations such as homeless children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.

Goal 2: Expand and preserve housing affordability, safety, and stability for low to moderate-income households and vulnerable populations.

- 2.1. Rehabilitation of rental and homeownership housing to benefit extremely low, low, and moderate-income households;
- 2.2. Construction of new affordable housing units for rent and homeownership;
- 2.3. Provision of tenant-based rental assistance and other rental subsidies; and

- 2.4. Using CHDO funds to support development of new housing and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units.

Goal 3: Work in collaboration with local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and industry partners to eradicate and prevent homelessness.

- 3.1. Provision of housing and services for residents experiencing homelessness and those at risk of becoming homeless;
- 3.2. Support for homelessness prevention, case management, wraparound services, and rapid re-housing;
- 3.3. Availability of emergency shelter facilities for homeless individuals and families;
- 3.4. Provision of Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) support; and
- 3.5. Street outreach for unsheltered individuals and families.

Goal 4: Program administration.

- 4.1. Planning and administration of funding for community development and housing activities; and
- 4.2. Provision of services to County residents and housing providers to advance fair housing.

B. 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan

Orange County's Action Plan is the annual operating plan of the County's Consolidated Plan designed to identify specific activities that Orange County intends to pursue during the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The Action Plan represents an official application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the following federal entitlement programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The 2025-2026 Action Plan will continue to address priorities identified in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, beginning on October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

Orange County anticipates receiving approximately \$10,758,090.48 to pursue community development and housing activities as follows:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – \$7,439,307
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) – \$2,673,793.48
- Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) – \$644,990

These federal programs, which are part of the 2025-2026 Action Plan, are intended to satisfy a variety of community development and housing needs in Orange County. The CDBG program is utilized for capital improvement projects, affordable housing, public service activities, and grant administration, to include fair housing activities. Under the CDBG funding allocation, the amount spent on public service activities is limited to fifteen

percent (15%), while administration costs are limited to twenty percent (20%) of the total allocation.

Under the HOME program, the activities to be executed include homeowner housing rehabilitation, affordable rental housing projects, tenant based rental assistance (TBRA), housing activities implemented in partnership with Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), and program administration. The HOME program may also be applied to new housing construction activities. Administrative costs for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program are limited to ten percent (10%) of the total allocation, while the amount spent on CHDO activities is a minimum of 15 percent of the annual allocation.

CDBG and HOME grants are designed to assist individuals with a very low, and low- to moderate income (income up to 80% of the area's median income). The County, however, designates its allocated funding under these grants primarily to local programs and activities that typically target persons with low-income (income up to 50% of the area's median income).

ESG program funds will be used to assist with emergency shelter operations, including operational expenses and essential services, rapid rehousing of homeless individuals and families, and homelessness prevention (including financial assistance and stabilization services) for households at risk of homelessness. Additionally, ESG funds will be used to support the administration of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which is used to conduct data collection on the homeless individuals served with ESG funds. Under the ESG funding allocation, the combined amount to be spent on shelter operations and street outreach is limited to 60 percent of the total allocation, while administrative costs are capped at 7.5 percent.

ESG activities target individuals and families with extremely low incomes that meet the established HUD definition of "homeless", including "those at risk of becoming homeless". Unlike CDBG and HOME, ESG homelessness prevention activities assist individuals and families with gross incomes below 30 percent of the area's median income (AMI), as indicated on the HUD income limits in effect at the time of income verification.

Orange County's Action Plan also explains how federal funds are leveraged and provides information on planned activities, their allocated funding for the grant year, and how these activities will help the County meet the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan goals. The 2025-2026 Action Plan's activities are leveraged by other federal and local programs, such as the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program and local general revenue funds targeted for homeless services and housing activities.

Other major components of the Action Plan include consultation and plan participation processes; identification of annual goals and objectives; projects and activities to be implemented with formula grant funding; activities planned to meet priority needs

established by the County; activities related to addressing affordable housing needs; homeless and other special needs activities that will be implemented; and other actions.

This Action Plan also includes required certifications, public comments, and program specific requirements.

C. 2025-2026 Action Plan Budget and Projects

As part of the Action Plan process, project proposals for capital improvement, housing, public service, and homeless service activities were reviewed and scored on a competitive basis prior to being recommended for funding. Similar to previous years, recommendations for funding were made based on project/program eligibility, a comprehensive assessment of an agency's organizational and financial capacity, alignment of the proposed program/activity with the priorities and goals of the Consolidated Plan, and the amount of available funding. The following list includes the proposed activities and anticipated funding sources for the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan.

FY 2025-2026 ACTION PLAN BUDGET

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) (B25UC120003)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Construction of Public Facilities

Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc. (Women & Children Shelter – site improvements, Phase II)	\$1,256,250.00
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Rehabilitation of Public Facilities

Friends of Children and Families, Inc. (Community-based group home facilities – storm readiness)	\$ 112,200.00
Matthew's Hope Ministries, Inc. (Drop-In Center enhancements)	\$ 271,870.00
Primrose Center, Inc. (Main campus improvements)	<u>\$ 98,615.00</u>

Total Capital Improvement Projects	\$1,738,935.00
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HOUSING PROJECTS

Single Family Rehabilitation

Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando and Osceola County, Inc. (Roof Replacement Program)	\$ 750,000.00
Lead Based Paint Hazard Program	\$ 82,346.00
Homeowners Single Family Rehabilitation	\$1,800,000.00
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	<u>\$ 500,000.00</u>

Total Housing Projects	\$3,132,346.00
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PUBLIC SERVICES

Ability Housing, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida, Inc.	\$ 55,000.00
Covenant House Florida, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
Grand Avenue Econ. Comm. Dev. Corp. (dba Pathways Drop-In Center)	\$ 44,543.00
Harbor House of Central Florida, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
Health Care Center for the Homeless, Inc.	\$ 65,000.00
IDignity, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
IMPOWER, Inc.	\$ 44,622.00
Jewish Family Services of Greater Orlando, Inc.	\$ 61,000.00
Life Concepts (dba Quest), Inc.	\$ 65,000.00
Orange County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.	\$ 100,000.00
Per Scholas, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
Primrose Center, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
Seniors First, Inc. (Meals on Wheels)	\$ 190,000.00
Shepherd's Hope, Inc.	\$ 55,000.00
Special Hearts Farm, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
United Against Poverty, Inc.	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>

Total Public Services	\$1,080,165.00
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ADMINISTRATION

Fair Housing Activities and Training	\$ 20,000.00
General Administration	<u>\$1,467,861.00</u>

Total Administration	\$1,487,861.00
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TOTAL CDBG BUDGET	\$7,439,307.00
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HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) (M25UC120213)

Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$1,500,000.00
Homeowners Single Family Rehabilitation	\$ 205,345.00
Affordable Rental Housing Projects	\$ 300,000.00
Community Housing Development Organizations	\$ 401,070.00
Administration	<u>\$ 267,378.48</u>
<i>TOTAL HOME BUDGET</i>	<i>\$2,673,793.48</i>

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) (E25UC120003)

SHELTER OPERATIONS

Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc.	\$ 175,000.00
Family Promise of Greater Orlando, Inc.	\$ 71,000.00
Harbor House of Central Florida, Inc.	<u>\$ 90,000.00</u>
Total Shelter Operations	\$ 336,000.00

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES

Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc.	\$ 60,000.00
Christian Service Center of Central Florida, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
Family Promise of Greater Orlando, Inc.	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
Total Homelessness Prevention	\$ 160,000.00

RAPID REHOUSING

Society of St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas, Inc.	<u>\$ 88,195.00</u>
Total Rapid Rehousing	\$ 88,195.00

HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS)

Homeless Services Network of Central Florida, Inc.	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
Total HMIS	\$ 20,000.00

ESG ADMINISTRATION (~6.3%)	<u>\$ 40,795.00</u>
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<i>TOTAL ESG BUDGET</i>	<i>\$ 644,990.00</i>
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TOTAL 2025-2026 ACTION PLAN BUDGET	\$10,758,090.48
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D. Goals, Objectives, and Outcomes

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires each of the proposed projects and activities to be linked to a specific outcome, objective, and performance indicator. HUD has established a performance measurement system for formula grant programs to evaluate Orange County's performance under each project and activity through the specific outcomes that have been established in the Action Plan. Additionally, Orange County utilizes the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS), a real-time web-based application, that provides tracking and reporting on all grant activities. IDIS provides timely performance information regarding goals and outcomes.

E. Past Performance

Orange County is required to assess its performance each fiscal year as part of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER is the reporting tool that HUD utilizes to monitor and measure performance relating to each Action Plan under the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The CAPER summarizes accomplishments and outcomes for all activities implemented in the previous program year, as well as the efforts to ensure that the activities were consistent with the program's regulations and federal requirements. Orange County submits the CAPER to HUD for review by December 30th of each year.

In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Orange County received a CDBG allocation of \$7,350,003, of which \$3,473,808 was allocated for capital improvement projects, \$1,315,605 to housing projects, \$1,090,590 to public services, with the remainder of the funds allocated to general administration fair housing requirements of the grant. CDBG expenditures in FY 2023-2024 totaled \$7,888,280.16, including expenditures reprogrammed from previous year's projects. Apart from general administration, one hundred percent (100%) of the activities implemented and funded from the CDBG program benefited individuals and families in the low-to-moderate income category.

Public services funded under CDBG included, but were not limited to, services for homeless individuals, victims of domestic violence and their families, health/mental health and substance abuse services for homeless and low-income persons, case management for low-income families going through a financial crisis, employment training and placement services for individuals with disabilities, and a meal delivery service for low-income homebound seniors. Approximately 5,813 low to moderate-income and homeless individuals were assisted with CDBG public services in FY 2023-2024.

Housing activities funded under CDBG included housing rehabilitation services, rental housing rehabilitation, and housing administration. The total funding allocated for CDBG housing activities in FY 2023-2024 was \$1,315,605. In addition to CDBG funded activities, housing rehabilitation staff also oversee homeowners' rehabilitation activities paid for by other funding sources, including those funded under HOME, State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program, Local Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Tangelo Park CRA programs. In the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the County spent a total of \$4,117,332.62 from

various funding sources (including CDBG and SHIP funds) to provide minor and major home repairs to 138 qualified homeowners. Additionally, although not funded in the FY 2023-2024 Action Plan, a total of \$7,707.72 in prior year's funds was spent on the Lead Based Paint Hazard Program, which includes such activities as testing and abatement. More specifically, twenty-eight (28) homes constructed before 1978 were tested for lead-based paint.

There were two rental housing rehabilitation projects completed in FY 2023-2024 utilizing funding allocated in FY 2021-2022: Grand Avenue Economic Community Development Corp. was funded for renovations that included fire alarm installation, window replacement on 180 units, and new HVAC on 7 units; Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc. was funded for the Phase III of renovations on the Monsignor Bishop Manor apartment complex, which included the replacement of windows and sliding doors on 47 units.

In FY 2023-2024, a total of six (6) multi-year capital projects were completed, which included sidewalk improvements within the City of Apopka municipal limits, completion of Phase II of renovations on the Multicultural Center located in the Pine Hills neighborhood, roof replacement on The Salvation Army emergency shelter facility for women and children, and other projects.

Orange County also received \$3,203,744 in HOME funds for the FY 2023-2024. The HOME program requires a 25 percent match of the total grant amount minus administration, or a minimum of \$786,268. The State SHIP funds are generally used to provide the required match for the HOME program. HOME funds were primarily used for the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program. Under the TBRA program, rental subsidies were provided to 193 seniors and/or persons with disabilities. Relocation allowances totaling \$3,000 in HOME funds were expended in FY 2023-2024 on homeowner rehabilitation and/or rental housing rehabilitation.

The HOME program requires that jurisdictions commit a minimum of 15 percent of their HOME funds to projects conducted in collaboration with Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). In FY 2023-2024, the County had three (3) certified CHDOs: Future Leaders CDC, HELP CDC, and MLJ Land Trust. Orange County did not award new funds to CHDO projects in FY 2023-2024 but is working on increasing its CHDO activity.

The ESG program serves homeless individuals and families or those at risk of becoming homeless with incomes up to 30 percent of the Area's Median Income (AMI). In FY 2023-2024, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) provided \$639,743 in funding for activities that included homeless emergency shelter operations (including shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children), homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, and stabilization services.

Shelter operation activities funded under the ESG program include essential services for homeless individuals and families. The shelter operation activity was funded in the amount of \$343,845, just over 53 percent of the total ESG allocation for FY 2023-2024, with services being implemented by the following agencies: Coalition for the Homeless of

Central Florida, Inc., Family Promise of Greater Orlando, Inc., and Harbor House of Central Florida, Inc. (shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children). A total of 2,087 homeless individuals, including adults and children, were assisted with shelter and related services. J.U.M.P. Ministries, Inc. was awarded \$40,000 to offer Street Outreach services to assist individuals with basic needs and connections to appropriate homeless services, including shelters. The agency assisted 53 homeless individuals (49 households).

In the FY 2023-2024 One-Year Action Plan, \$87,918 and \$100,000 in ESG funds was awarded to Christian Service Center of Central Florida, Inc. and Family Promise of Greater Orlando, Inc., respectively, to implement the homelessness prevention program. These two agencies assisted 98 households (262 individuals) with homelessness prevention services, to include short- and medium-term rental assistance and stabilization, financial assistance, as well as housing stability case management.

ESG Rapid Rehousing activities were conducted by Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc. The agency was awarded \$138,000 in FY 2022-2023, to assist qualified individuals and families. The agency collaborates with the Homeless Services Network of Central Florida, Inc., the lead agency for the local Continuum of Care (CoC), on the provision of rapid re-housing services for individuals and families in need. The agency experienced a delay in implementation of the program, and the subrecipient agreement with the agency was subsequently extended to June 30, 2024. The agency has assisted 33 individuals (11 households) and expended all remaining funds by the end of the agreement date.

Additionally, \$20,000 of ESG funds was awarded to the Homeless Services Network of Central Florida, Inc. for the administration and management of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and provision of technical assistance to ESG-funded agencies.

In addition to ESG funds, the County used \$70,000 in general revenue funds for 9 units of bridge housing located on the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc.'s campus. Orange County also provided \$564,168 in general funding to the Grand Avenue Economic Community Development Corp. for 40 permanent supportive housing units at the Maxwell Terrace complex; \$1,089,729 in funding to Aspire Health Partners, Inc. for 30 units of transitional housing; and \$2,183,146 in funding to Homeless Services Network of Central Florida, Inc. to annually offer permanent supportive housing for 220 households.

The County continues to be one of the largest funders of homeless services in the region. In addition to funding bridge housing, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing units, the County also allocates \$1.55M in general revenue funds annually for rapid re-housing of homeless families (250 households served annually), and \$872,000 for the Homelessness Diversion Program implemented by the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc., which served 1,469 individuals in FY 2023-2024. Furthermore, the County contributes \$163,000 annually to cover operational expenses at the Samaritan

Resource Center, a daily drop-in center for homeless individuals located in East Orange County. The agency served 2,638 unduplicated individuals in FY 2023-2024.

Moreover, a Rapid Re-housing program is being funded by the local SHIP Program and implemented by the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc. In FY 2023-2024, a total of 103 households (126 individuals) received assistance through the program.

Orange County was awarded \$10,554,916 in HOME funds under the American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) to address additional needs for homelessness assistance and supportive services that emerged as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was adopted as an amendment to the FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and approved by HUD in April of 2023. The Allocation Plan budgeted \$1,000,000 for supportive services, \$5,000,000 for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), and \$3,000,000 for the development of affordable housing to serve qualifying populations. The program has a goal to serve 60 households annually over a period of five years.

Other federal programs administered by the Orange County Housing and Community Development Division include the Housing Choice Voucher Program, Mainstream Voucher Program, Emergency Rental Assistance Vouchers Program, and several programs addressing affordable housing needs. The County is currently closing out two federal Neighborhood Stabilization Programs (NSP-1 and NSP-3), and the program income generated from these funds will be transferred to the CDBG program prior to the program close-out.

The Orange County Housing Choice Voucher Program provides rental housing subsidies to approximately 1,247 low-income households, and an additional 652 households with portability vouchers. Homeless individuals are also being assisted through the HOME-ARP Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and supportive services programs; to date fourteen vouchers have been issued and thirty-six (36) clients are on the process of securing and maintaining housing. Additionally, 62 veterans received subsidies under the Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program in FY 2023-2024.

The County also receives funds under the Mainstream Voucher Program, which provides housing vouchers targeted for non-elderly, head or co-head of households with disabilities who are at risk of homelessness or were previously homeless. The County utilized 61 vouchers allocated to the County during FY 2023-2024 and currently has 60 vouchers active. The County also received 66 Emergency Housing Rental Assistance (EHV) vouchers for homeless households and utilized 60 emergency rental assistance vouchers in FY 2023-2024. There are 56 EHV active vouchers in FY 2024-2025 with no additional vouchers available. All vouchers have been utilized to assist homeless individuals including youth ages 18-24, and persons fleeing domestic violence and human trafficking.

Finally, Orange County Housing and Community Development Division and the Orange County Citizen Resource and Outreach Division work in partnership to administer the Shelter Plus Care (S +C) program, which provides rental subsidies to chronically homeless individuals with disabilities. A total of 62 clients were assisted in FY 2023-2024. Federal

funding for the S+C program is awarded through the Continuum of Care Competition and Renewal process; funding in the amount of \$1,348,953 was authorized on May 13, 2025.

Since 2020, Orange County has received a total of \$12,303,808 in CDBG-CV (CDBG-CV1 and CDBG-CV3) and \$7,040,661 in ESG-CV (ESG-CV1 and ESG-CV2) funds for COVID- 19 related projects and activities. The County processed several amendments to the FY 2019-2020 One-Year Action Plan to incorporate the funds and allocate them to activities aimed at preparing for, preventing, and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, the County has expended most of the CDBG-CV funds awarded and closed out the ESG-CV program.

The majority of CDBG-CV funded public services ended during FY 2021-2022, with one funded activity related to the provision of housing-related legal services and counseling extending into 2023-2024 fiscal year. Community Legal Service of Mid-Florida, Inc. provided legal services and legal clinics to 201 individuals affected by the pandemic under the contract extension that ended in March of 2024.

The CAPER also reports on state and local contributions to affordable housing in Orange County. The most important local revenue source is the SHIP program that is utilized as a HOME Program match and used for housing rehabilitation, affordable rental housing development, housing counseling and affordable homeownership activities. In FY 2023-2024, the SHIP program provided down payment assistance to a total of 253 households. Of those households served by the program, six (6) were very low-income households, eighty-one (81) were low-income households, and 166 were moderate income households. The total amount of assistance provided to qualified households to purchase homes was \$8,357,916.46. Orange County utilized four (4) non-profit credit counseling agencies – Housing and Neighborhood Development Services (HANDS) of Central Florida, Housing and Education Alliance, HELP CDC, and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando and Osceola County, Inc. to provide pre-purchase counseling and homebuyer education through the SHIP program to approximately 914 individuals.

Regarding locally funded affordable housing projects and activities, Orange County Housing and Community Development Division has moved forward on several initiatives related to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; most notably the Impact Fee Subsidy Program funded through SHIP. This program provides impact fee subsidies on certified affordable housing units: single-family/ owner-occupied and rental units – to incentivize construction of affordable housing. There were eleven (11) impact subsidies totaling \$103,395 in SHIP funds provided for construction of owner-occupied single-family homes. Additionally, the County conveyed twelve (12) properties through its Surplus Lot Program to four non-profit agencies that will construct up to thirteen (13) new, affordable “starter homes”. All income-eligible homebuyers of these homes could also qualify for down payment assistance on these properties through Orange County’s SHIP program.

To incentivize affordable homeownership development, the County issued its largest Multifamily Affordable Housing Gap Financing Request for Proposals (RFP Y24-1031-AH)

in April of 2024. The RFA, which totaled \$21 million, included \$19 million from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and \$2 million from SHIP Program funds. The Orange County Board of County Commissioners approved the selection of five (5) multifamily projects in September of 2024, which, combined, will produce a total of 573 affordable units. Under this RFA, Orange County is currently in the process of drafting developer agreements for all five projects.

Overall, Orange County's record indicates that the County is on track in meeting and exceeding the goals of its Five-Year Consolidated Plan for housing and community development activities. Tracking and evaluation of Orange County's performance is an ongoing process that involves reviewing progress and performance reports through the Integrated Data Information System (IDIS), and ongoing monitoring of programs and services. Strong internal controls also contribute to executing programs that comply with the Housing and Community Development Act and other applicable laws and regulations.

Additional details about activities and past performance can be obtained from Orange County's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan and the 2023-2024 CAPER by visiting the County's website at:

<http://www.ocfl.net/NeighborsHousing/CommunityDevelopment.aspx>.

I. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

To encourage public participation in community development activities throughout the County, and in keeping with HUD requirements, Orange County established a Citizen Participation Plan, the latest version of which was adopted in November of 2023 (as part of amendments to the CDBG-DR Action Plan). The County utilizes a designated process, based on this plan, to determine community development needs and identify activities that can address these needs through federally funded housing and community development programs.

The process for the 2025-2026 Action Plan included input from the Community Development Advisory Board, a Request for Applications (RFA) process for potential projects, two (2) technical assistance workshops, two (2) public notices, and a public comment period from June 10, 2025, to July 10, 2025. Additionally, a public hearing to obtain comments on the proposed 2025-2026 Action Plan is being held on June 18, 2025.

A. Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB)

Orange County's Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) serves as a liaison between the Board of County Commissioners, the Housing and Community Development Division, and Orange County residents. Orange County's six (6) district commissioners appoint the CDAB members, giving priority consideration to persons residing in, or representing all districts in Orange County. Additionally, Orange County's Mayor appoints one at-large member. Representatives serve a two-year term and may be reappointed. The Board usually convenes on a monthly basis, and members are also encouraged to attend scheduled neighborhood organization meetings and public hearings.

CDAB members contribute to the development of the Action Plan by attending project presentations and providing input and recommendations on activities and projects to be funded. This year, the CDAB has conducted agency presentations of certain proposed projects and activities (for new agencies, and for projects and activities that have not been previously funded) via a mixed format, where the CDAB members met in person and agencies presented via WebEx calls. The agency presentations for the 2025-2026 grant year took place on April 23, 2025. The CDAB heard the budget recommendations for the 2025-2026 Action Plan on May 21, 2025. A public meeting to provide feedback for the 2025-2026 Action Plan and recommended activities is scheduled to be held in person on June 18, 2025.

B. Request for Applications (RFA) and Technical Assistance

The process of obtaining citizen input and preparing the Action Plan begins with the solicitation of proposals through the Request for Applications (RFA) process. The RFA ads for FY 2025-2026 Action Plan were published in local newspapers *La Prensa* (Spanish) and *Orlando Sentinel* (English) on February 27, 2025, and on March 2, 2025, respectively, announcing the preliminary estimates of federal grant funding available to

Orange County for housing and community development programs under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for FY 2025-2026.

Pre-award technical assistance workshops were conducted in-person, on Thursday, March 13, 2025. The workshop for CDBG Capital Improvement Projects, Public Facilities, and Housing projects was held at 9:30a.m., followed by the CDBG Public Services and ESG Homeless Services workshop at 11:30a.m. The audience included individuals and representatives from agencies and community groups interested in learning about these funding opportunities and steps for submitting proposals under the CDBG and/or ESG programs, the application process, and associated requirements.

Applications submitted for the available federal funding were evaluated based on a specified set of eligibility requirements and scored on a competitive basis. The RFA scoring criteria includes five main evaluation components: Project Description and Need, Organizational Experience and Capacity, Fiscal Management, Project Approach and Outcomes, and Project Budget and Leverage of Funds.

C. Public Notices, Public Hearings and Period of Availability

Orange County citizens have an opportunity to comment on the draft Action Plan prior to its approval by the Board of County Commissioners. A public notice to announce the proposed budget, availability of the draft Action Plan and stating the public comment period and date of the public hearing, is advertised in the local newspaper prior to the public comment period. Public Hearings are conducted by the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) during the course of its regular monthly meetings. Additionally, the draft Action Plan is available for a minimum period of fifteen (15) days to provide an opportunity for citizen input and clarifications on the Action Plan.

A public notice containing information about the proposed Action Plan budget, announcement of a public hearing, and dates for public review and comment period for the Action Plan was published in *La Prensa*, a Spanish newspaper of general circulation on Thursday, June 5, 2025, and also in the *Orlando Sentinel* (English) on Sunday, June 8, 2025. The public hearing is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. The public comment period begins on June 10, 2025, through July 10, 2025.

A draft Action Plan was available for public review at the following locations: Orange County Housing and Community Development Division, 525 East South Street, Orlando, FL 32801; the Orange County Public Library, Planning and Local Government Section, 101 East Central Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The document was also posted on the Division website at:

<https://www.ocfl.net/NeighborsHousing/CommunityDevelopment.aspx>

The Housing and Community Development Division is committed to providing a written response, within fifteen (15) working days, to any written comments submitted. Any

comments received during the public hearing or during the public comment period, as well as subsequent responses, will be incorporated into the final document.

D. Provisions for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) persons and Individuals with Disabilities

The Orange County Housing and Community Development Division has full-time bilingual staff available to assist non-English speakers. Orange County provides opportunity to all interested non-English speaking individuals, and information in Spanish is included on the Division's public notices. Bilingual information and translators for non-English speaking persons are made available to residents that express a desire to participate in the process. Public notices are also published in *La Prensa*, the Spanish newspaper of general circulation, which is available at no cost to the general public.

Orange County has developed collaborations and working relationships with numerous organizations serving individuals with disabilities. Should physically disabled, blind, and speaking or hearing-impaired persons express a desire to participate, appropriate measures are undertaken to assist those individuals. Additionally, the County has in place a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan that identifies essential title documents that must be translated into various languages, in accordance with the U.S. Department of Justice regulations. The LEP Plan is reviewed annually.

E. Project Selection

The Request for Applications (RFA) process to solicit projects is advertised each year in February or March. Viable projects and activities under each grant program are selected for funding at the conclusion of a competitive application process. All applicants are required to participate in the technical assistance workshops that provide guidance and information about the Action Plan and the project selection process.

Orange County staff utilize an established framework for evaluating the risks posed by applicants before they receive federal awards. This evaluation may incorporate results of the evaluation of the applicant's eligibility or the quality of their application. If Orange County determines that a federal award will be made, special conditions that correspond to the degree of risk assessed may be applied to the federal award. Once applications are received, staff from the Housing and Community Development Division review the applications, conduct a risk and funding feasibility analysis in accordance with OMB Circular Part 200, and make recommendations to the members of the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB). When a consensus is reached, the recommendations from staff and the CDAB are submitted to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for approval. The funding recommendations will be submitted for approval to the BCC and then to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) prior to or on August 15, 2025. All funding recommendations are contingent upon HUD's approval of the Action Plan. It should be noted that funding availability is a critical factor in determining which projects will be funded in any given fiscal year.

III. ACTION PLAN ACTIVITIES

Each of the Action Plan activities aligns with the goals and objectives of the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan and meets at least one of the three statutory objectives:

1. Providing decent and affordable housing,
2. Creating a suitable living environment, and/or
3. Expanding economic opportunities

Table 1 summarizes all of the planned activities for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and provides details on the specific objectives, as well as performance indicators and anticipated outcomes of each activity proposed to be funded. Each federal formula grant covered by the Consolidated Plan is represented in **Tables 2-9** of the Action Plan. The tables list all of the projects and strategies under each grant program. Further details about the projects are provided in the narrative descriptions under each grant program.

Table 1: Summary of Goals, Objectives and Activities – 2025-2026 Action Plan

Consolidated Plan Goal 1: Transform low to moderate-income communities into resilient communities					
Consolidated Plan Objective	Action Plan Activities FY 2025-2026	Sources of Funds* FY 2025-2026	Performance Indicators	Anticipated Outcomes	HUD Objective/ Outcome
1.1. Provision of capital improvements and infrastructure improvements to enhance community safety and livability and to increase accessibility for persons with disabilities	Rehabilitation and/or construction of public facilities	CDBG	Public facility or infrastructure activity other than LMI housing benefit (persons)	11,124	Suitable Living Environment
1.2. Support for services offered by nonprofit organizations, to include services that help increase housing stability and self-sufficiency	Case management and crisis intervention	CDBG SHIP	Public service activities other than LMI housing benefit	1,605	Suitable Living Environment
	Services for homeless				
	Services for persons with severe disabilities		Public service activities for LMI housing benefit	900	Accessibility and Availability
	Self-sufficiency skills training				
1.3. Provision of job training and placement	Pre-purchase education and counseling	CDBG	Jobs created/retained	369 20	Economic Opportunity Accessibility and Availability
	Job training and placement Construction jobs				
1.4. Meeting special needs of vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities	Increased access for persons with disabilities	CDBG HOME	Public service activities other than LMI housing benefit	619	Accessibility and Availability
	Services for persons with severe disabilities	Mainstream Voucher Program			
	Childcare assistance	HOME-ARP	Public facility rehabilitated/constructed	7	Suitable Living Environment
	Special needs housing added/Rental assistance subsidies		Tenant-based rental assistance	214	

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* Sources of funds may include non-federal resources, such as Orange County's Citizens Review Panel (CRP) funding and other programs from Orange County's general revenue sources, other state and local sources.

Table 1: Summary of Goals, Objectives and Activities – 2025-2026 Action Plan (cont.)

Consolidated Plan Goal 2: Expand and preserve housing affordability, safety, and stability for low to moderate-income households and vulnerable populations.					
Consolidated Plan Objective	Action Plan Activities FY 2025-2026	Sources of Funds* FY 2025-2026	Performance Indicators	Anticipated Outcomes	HUD Objective/ Outcome
2.1. Rehabilitation of rental and homeownership housing to benefit extremely low, low, and moderate-income households	Multi-unit rental housing rehabilitation	CDBG	Rental units rehabilitated.	224	Decent Housing and Affordability
	Homeowners' single-family rehabilitation	HTF	Homeowner housing rehabilitated	155	
		HOME			
		SHIP			
2.2. Creation of new affordable housing units for rent and homeownership	Homeowners' single-family construction	HTF	Homeowner housing added	34	Decent Housing Accessibility and Availability
	Multi-unit rental housing construction	SHIP	Rental units added	180	
	Financial incentives for first time home buyers (down payment and closing costs)	HOME	Direct financial assistance to homebuyers (individuals)	200	
2.3. Provision of tenant-based rental assistance and other rental subsidies	Rental assistance subsidies	Section 8 Housing Choice	Public service activities for LMI housing benefit	193	Decent Housing and Affordability
2.4. Using CHDO funds to support development of new housing and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units	Multi-unit rental housing rehabilitation/construction	HOME HOME-ARP HUD-VASH	Rental units rehabilitated/added	0	Decent Housing and Affordability Accessibility and Availability
	Homeowners' single-family rehabilitation/construction	Mainstream Voucher Program	Homeowner housing rehabilitated/added	0	
		Shelter Plus Care			

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* Sources of funds may include non-federal resources, such as Orange County's Citizens Review Panel (CRP) funding and other programs from Orange County's general revenue sources, other state and local sources.

Table 1: Summary of Goals, Objectives and Activities – 2025-2026 Action Plan (cont.)

Consolidated Plan Goal 3: Work in collaboration with local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and industry partners to eradicate and prevent homelessness.					
Consolidated Plan Objective	Action Plan Activities FY 2025-2026	Sources of Funds FY 2025-2026	Performance Indicators	Anticipated Outcomes	HUD Objective/ Outcome
3.1. Provision of housing and services for residents experiencing homelessness and those at risk of becoming homeless	Rental assistance subsidies for homeless households Housing for homeless households	HOME HOME-ARP HUD-VASH Shelter Plus Care Emergency Rental Assistance	Supportive Services Public service activities for LMI housing benefit Rental Assistance	(14 HOME-ARP) 204 0	Decent Housing and Affordability
3.2. Support for homelessness prevention, case management, wraparound services, and rapid re-housing	Homelessness prevention services Rapid re-housing and stabilization services	ESG ESG-RUSH SHIP General Revenue	Homelessness prevention (households) Rapid Re-housing (households)	45 199	Suitable Living Environment Decent Housing and Affordability
123.3. Availability of emergency shelter facilities for homeless individuals and families	Support for operations and essential services of homeless facilities. Shelter beds	ESG HOME-ARP	Homeless persons overnight shelter Shelter beds added	955 0	Suitable Living Environment
3.3. Provision of Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) support	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	ESG	HMIS Training (agencies assisted)	6	Accessibility and Availability
3.5. Street outreach for unsheltered individuals and families	Street outreach	ESG-RUSH	Homeless persons served	200	Accessibility and Availability

* Sources of funds may include non-federal resources, such as Orange County's Citizens Review Panel (CRP) funding and other programs from Orange County's general revenue sources, other state and local sources.

Table 1: Summary of Goals, Objectives and Activities – 2025-2026 Action Plan (cont.)

Consolidated Plan Goal 4: Program administration.					
Consolidated Plan Objective	Action Plan Activities FY 2025-2026	Sources of Funds* FY 2025-2026	Performance Indicators	Anticipated Outcomes	HUD Objective/ Outcome
4.1. Provision of services to County residents and housing providers to advance fair housing	Fair housing education Training of subrecipients Technical assistance Conciliation, referral, and follow-up	CDBG	Fair housing training and technical assistance (persons)	100	Decent Housing and Affordability

A. Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

i. Program Description

The CDBG program requires that each activity proposed in the Action Plan meets one of three statutory goals or national objectives:

- To benefit low and moderate-income persons;
- To eliminate slum and/or blight; or
- To address an urgent need.

Orange County will receive \$7,439,307 in CDBG funding for FY 2025-2026 to implement activities aimed at improving the lives of low-income residents and revitalizing low-income communities. These activities are divided into several categories, including capital improvement projects, housing projects, and public services.

To ensure transparency and accountability, Orange County reports outcomes for each project implemented with CDBG funds. The outcomes are tracked in HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) used for reporting and is summarized in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) no later than ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year.

In accordance with HUD's guidelines, to be selected for funding, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the project's beneficiaries must be individuals with low-to-moderate income. HUD considers low-income households to be those with gross incomes not exceeding eighty (80) percent of the area's median income (based on HUD's annually updated income guidelines). Orange County's CDBG activities typically target households at fifty percent (50) or below the area's median income in order to assist those within the community.

ii. Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs)

For Fiscal Year 2025-2026, \$1,738,935 of CDBG funds are targeted for capital improvement projects, with the remainder directed to housing projects, public service activities, and administration. Capital improvement funds are generally used to address infrastructure needs of low-income neighborhoods and to assist agencies providing services to low-income individuals and families by providing them with funds needed to conduct improvements on their facilities. Infrastructure improvements and construction and rehabilitation projects also provide contracting opportunities for local businesses and create additional jobs, which promote economic prosperity. There are four capital improvement projects planned for the next fiscal year to address a variety of community needs. These projects are summarized in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Proposed CDBG Capital Improvement and Housing Projects

Agency Name	Project Description	Proposed Funding Allocation
<i>Construction of Public Facilities</i>		
Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc.	Center for Women and Children – construction of a new emergency shelter for homeless persons on the agency's Downtown campus (Phase II). CDBG funds to assist with the cost of geo-rock foundations and installation of utilities.	\$1,256,250
<i>Rehabilitation of Public Facilities</i>		
Friends of Children and Families, Inc.	Facility Improvements on two community-based group homes – to enhance storm readiness installing impact-resistant windows and backup generators.	\$112,200
Matthew's Hope Ministries, Inc.	Drop-In Center Enhancements/Shower & Hygiene Facilities – rehabilitation of the facility that provides various services to individuals who are homeless through the Outreach Service Days program.	\$271,870
Primrose Center, Inc.	Main Campus Improvements/Perimeter Fencing & Landscaping – rehabilitation of the facility that provides supportive and residential services to individuals with significant disabilities.	\$98,615
Total CDBG Capital Improvement Projects		\$1,738,935

Due to the scope of work and complexity of the selected projects, some improvements (especially phased construction and infrastructure activities) may extend beyond the program year.

iii. CDBG Housing Projects

The 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan will continue to address affordable housing needs in the community by providing funding to projects aimed at preservation and rehabilitation of affordable housing. Most activities will benefit very low-income households, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities.

Orange County's Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation Program, which is funded utilizing federal CDBG and HOME program, State SHIP program, and the local Affordable Housing Trust Fund dollars, offers housing rehabilitation services, including minor repairs up to a maximum of \$20,000 per unit, and substantial repairs up to \$75,000 per unit, to qualified low-income households. Homeowners seeking assistance with housing rehabilitation must meet federal household

income guidelines, as well as residency requirements. The housing rehabilitation program assists very low-income households that earn up to fifty percent (50%) of the area's median income.

The County will again partner with Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando and Osceola County, Inc. to continue the Roof Replacement Program for very low and low-income homeowners. The program is expected to utilize \$750,000 in CDBG funding to provide services for up to thirty-five (35) low-income households on a county-wide basis.

In addition to the single-family homeowner housing rehabilitation, HOME/CHDO, state SHIP funds, SHIP Disaster funds, Tangelo Park-CRA, and general revenue dollars (the local Affordable Housing Trust Fund) are set aside for multifamily rental housing rehabilitation. Orange County entertains proposals from experienced non-profit or private development organizations for this activity during the Request for Applications process and throughout the program year.

Housing projects that are funded with CDBG dollars in FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan are summarized in **Table 3**.

Table 3: Proposed CDBG Housing Projects

Activity Name or Agency Name	Project Description	Proposed Funding Allocation
<i>Single Family Rehabilitation</i>		
Lead Based Paint Hazard Program	To address remediation and removal of lead-based Hazards, for eligible homeowners, on homes built before 1973.	\$82,346
Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando and Osceola County, Inc.	County-wide Roof Replacement Program to offer services to up to 35 income-qualified homeowners.	\$750,000
Homeowners Single Family Rehabilitation and Administration	Rehabilitation services, including minor home repairs and substantial repairs to qualified low-income households.	\$2,300,000 (to include program administration)
Total CDBG Housing Projects		\$3,132,346

iv. Public Service Activities

Public service activities funded by CDBG cannot exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the total grant allocation. For Fiscal Year 2025-2026, public service funding comes in at just under fifteen percent of the total grant allocation.

The 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan calls for expanding access to public services for low-income persons to encourage self-sufficiency. Public service activities

proposed for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 generally fall under one of the following categories:

- Health care services;
- Services for homeless individuals and families;
- Children services;
- Services for elderly and persons with disabilities;
- Economic stability and self-sufficiency services; and
- Housing stability and wraparound services.

Table 4 provides a summary of the CDBG public service activities proposed to be funded in FY 2025-2026.

Table 4: Proposed CDBG Public Services Activities

Agency Name	Project Description	Proposed Funding Allocation
Ability Housing, Inc.	Wayne Densch Center: Permanent Supportive Housing Program – case management services for homeless persons and individuals at risk of homelessness to help them remain stably housed.	\$50,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida, Inc.	MAGIC of Literacy at Levy-Hughes & Bradley-Otis Boys & Girls Clubs – afterschool and tutoring programs for children from low-income and homeless families.	\$55,000
Covenant House Florida, Inc.	Street Outreach Services for Youth (18-24) Experiencing Homelessness – housing instability case management and engagement in supportive services at the Community Service Center.	\$50,000
Grand Avenue Econ. Comm. Dev. Corp. (dba Pathways Drop-In Center)	Pathways Drop-In Center Case Management – wraparound services at the facility for mentally ill and homeless individuals.	\$44,543
Harbor House of Central Florida, Inc.	Children’s Services Program – childcare & case management for children residing at the domestic violence shelter.	\$50,000
Health Care Center for the Homeless, Inc.	Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services – individual outpatient counseling and medication management services for homeless and low-income individuals.	\$65,000

IDignity, Inc.	IDignity Identification Services – legal identification services for homeless and precariously housed/low-income individuals.	\$50,000
IMPOWER, Inc.	The Village Transitional Housing & Homelessness Prevention Program – supportive services for youth (18-24) with foster care history who are unstably housed and/or at risk of becoming homeless.	\$44,622
Jewish Family Services of Greater Orlando, Inc.	Family Stabilization Program (FSP) – crisis intervention, comprehensive case management, and financial counseling for at-risk individuals and families to help them gain self-sufficiency.	\$61,000
Life Concepts, Inc. (dba Quest, Inc.)	Living with Stability and Independence for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) – self-sufficiency services for persons with disabilities.	\$65,000
Orange County School Readiness Coalition, Inc. dba Early Learning Coalition of Orange County	Child Care Assistance – Provision of childcare financial assistance/subsidies to low- and moderate-income working families in Orange County.	\$100,000
Per Scholas, Inc.	Increasing Family Access to Economic Opportunity through IT Job Training – provision of assistance to under-represented low-income jobseekers with basic digital skills training, career coaching and job placement services.	\$50,000
Primrose Center, Inc.	Supported Employment Services Program – employment training and placement for adults with severe intellectual and developmental disabilities to enable them to live a more independent life.	\$50,000
Seniors First, Inc.	Meals on Wheels Program – meal delivery service, to include nutrition education and case management services for homebound, frail elderly persons.	\$190,000
Shepherd's Hope, Inc.	Expanding Access to Intervention Healthcare and Wraparound Services – provision of assistance to uninsured low-moderate income persons to prevent hospitalization/use of hospital ERs.	\$55,000
Special Hearts Farm, Inc.	Adult Day Training Program – provision of agriculture-based learning to improve employment and health outcomes of individuals developmental disabilities.	\$50,000

United Against Poverty, Inc.	Success Training and Employment Program (STEP) – Support for the later part of the program, to include employability and career development (employment skills, communication, etc.).	\$50,000
Total CDBG Public Services		\$1,080,165

All agencies receiving CDBG funds are required to enter into a one-year project administration agreement with Orange County that specifies the scope of services to be provided, expected outputs and outcomes, and outlines compliance requirements under CDBG prior to receiving any reimbursement.

v. CDBG Program Administration

A total of \$1,487,861, just under twenty (20) percent of the total allocation, has been designated for CDBG program administration. This includes an allocation of \$20,000 for fair housing activities and training.

B. HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

i. Program Description

For Fiscal Year 2025-2026, Orange County anticipates receiving \$2,673,793.48 in HOME funds to support eligible housing activities, in accordance with the HOME Final Rule (24 CFR Part 92). The program requires a twenty-five percent (25%) non-federal match of the total grant amount (excluding administration costs) for eligible HOME activities. Orange County will continue to use State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program funds to provide the required match. Orange County expects to receive approximately \$9,009,342 in SHIP funds in the upcoming fiscal year.

Any program income received from HOME activities will be reprogrammed to other eligible activities in need of resources. However, Orange County does not anticipate receiving any program income from HOME activities in this fiscal year.

As Orange County continues to strengthen its HOME program, all funded activities will be detailed in the Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The County will also ensure any updates to its internal HOME program policies and procedures as needed.

The following HOME activities are planned for Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

- Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- Homeowners Single Family Rehabilitation
- Affordable Rental Housing Projects
- Projects with Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)

ii. Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

During FY 2025-2026, Orange County's Tenant Based Rental Assistance program will continue assisting eligible clients with twenty-four (24) month rental subsidies used to provide housing assistance to low-income families. This activity will be funded in the amount of \$1,500,000 to serve approximately 200 very low- and low-income individuals.

iii. Homeowners Single Family Rehabilitation

Orange County will allocate \$205,345 in HOME funds for the Orange County's Homeowner Single-Family Rehabilitation Program, which is a core service of the Housing and Community Development Division aimed at preserving affordable housing units in the County. This program offers housing rehabilitation services to eligible low-income homeowners for minor repairs up to \$20,000 per unit and

substantial repairs up to \$75,000 per unit. To qualify, applicants must meet federal household income limits and residency requirements. The program specifically targets very low-income households earning up to fifty percent (50%) of the area median income (AMI). The program receives funding from a combination of federal, state and local sources, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program, and the local Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

iv. Affordable Rental Housing Projects

In response to the HOME Final Rule published on January 6, 2025 (most provisions went into effect on April 20, 2025), Orange County staff reevaluated its HOME program to improve its effectiveness and ensure compliance with the new federal regulations. As a result, the County will introduce a new activity for FY 2025-2026, Affordable Rental Housing Projects. This activity aligns with the goals outlined in the Orange County Consolidated Plan to expand and preserve affordable, safe, and stable housing for low- to moderate-income households, vulnerable populations, and individuals with special needs. This flexible activity will focus on new construction and rehabilitation of supportive housing and/or group homes for persons with disabilities, which will be carried out by non-profit agencies and developers.

HOME funds may also be used for rental housing projects. Funded projects must meet HOME occupancy guidelines for low-income households. Due to the limited amount of funding available, HOME funds are usually used to leverage other funding sources in affordable rental housing projects. In FY 2025-2026, a total of \$300,000 in HOME funds has been set aside for rental housing projects.

All HOME funded projects are subject to review and project requirements that include, but are not limited to, rent limitations and compliance with all HOME regulations and performance reports.

v. Affordable Housing Development

Orange County remains firmly committed to increasing the supply of affordable housing units. In 2019, the County developed and adopted the Housing for All 10-Year Action Plan, which outlines strategies to create and preserve 11,000 affordable housing units by 2030. To support the implementation of this plan, the County established a local Affordable Housing Trust Fund in March 2020. Resources from the Trust Fund provide critical financial leverage for affordable housing activities that benefit Orange County residents.

For FY 2025–2026, the County has allocated \$17,715,610 to the Housing Trust Fund (excluding prior year carryover). These funds will be combined with federal and state resources to expand affordable housing opportunities for low- to moderate-income households. The local Affordable Housing Trust Fund Plan outlines strategies for using these dollars, including gap financing for affordable developments, incentives for preservation, land banking, impact fee subsidies, and additional support for housing construction, among other initiatives.

vi. Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs)

For FY 2025-2026, a total of \$401,070 (15% of the HOME program allocation) has been allocated to CHDO projects. HOME CHDO funds may be used to construct or acquire affordable housing, and to rehabilitate, refinance, or cover project-related costs that result in new affordable housing units. In Orange County, all CHDOs must leverage HOME funds with local and/or private resources.

To improve efficiency and meet the 15% Community Housing Development (CHDO) set-aside requirement, Orange County has established a bi-annual Request for Applications (RFA) process for CHDOs. Orange County staff promoted this funding opportunity through direct outreach to local non-profits and community-based organizations, while also providing capacity building support to encourage participation. As a result, a total of nine (9) organizations have been certified as Orange County CHDOs and were eligible to participate in this year's RFA process.

This year's CHDO RFA will leverage reprogrammed funds from previous fiscal years. Selected projects will be required to enter into a subrecipient/developer's agreement summarizing all federal requirements, land use restrictions, and long-term affordability requirements. While the RFA is still ongoing, once projects are selected, their activities will be included in this fiscal year's Annual Action Plan. The nine (9) certified CHDOs eligible to apply are the following:

- Bright Community Trust, Inc.
- Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc. (Resurrection Community Housing Development Organization)
- Covenant House Florida, Inc.
- Future Leaders Community Development Corporation
- Pathlight HOME dba Grand Avenue Economic Community Development Corp.
- H.E.L.P. Community Development Corporation
- Homes in Partnership, Inc.
- M.L.J. Land Trust, Inc.
- Orlando Neighborhood Improvement Corporation, Inc.

The CHDO RFA timeline and deadlines are the following:

- February 7, 2025: CHDO Certification Opened
- February 28, 2025: CHDO Certification Closed
- April 1, 2025: HOME CHDO RFA Opened
- April 8, 2025: HOME CHDO Pre-Award Technical Assistance Workshop
- May 23, 2025: Office Hour Session 1 – CHDO Education
- May 30, 2025: Office Hour Session 2 – CHDO Education
- June 6, 2025: HOME CHDO RFA Closed
- June-July of 2025: Review and selection of CHDO projects
- August-September of 2025: Environmental review; execution of agreements.

vii. Down Payment Assistance

Orange County will not allocate HOME funds for Down Payment Assistance (DPA) in FY 2025-2026. However, eligible homebuyers can still access DPA through the County's local State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program. This assistance will support low-income, first-time homebuyers in purchasing a new or existing home. Funds may be used to cover all or a portion of the down payment and/or closing costs. The total amount of assistance available (up to \$75,000) will vary based upon the applicant's annual household income.

While the County prioritizes the use of SHIP funds for DPA, the HOME program may be utilized in limited capacity/under urgent circumstances when SHIP funds are depleted or otherwise unavailable, or if there is a surplus of HOME funds. In such cases, HOME funds would serve as a backup funding source to ensure continued support for eligible homebuyers in need. HOME program policies and procedures will be updated with DPA program requirements prior to the utilization of HOME funds for down payment assistance.

viii. Resale and Recapture Provisions

Pursuant to § 92.254 Orange County shall recapture HOME funds if the assisted housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the family for duration of the Period of Affordability. If all or any part of the property or any interest in it is sold, rented, refinanced, conveyed, or transferred, the HOME investment in the property shall be recaptured. The recapture amounts are determined by the available net sales proceeds, as outlined in the HOME agreement. For single-family homeownership and rehabilitation assistance, the recapture provisions are enforced in the deed and through a promissory note.

HOME funds may be forgiven contingent upon the amount of per unit subsidy received, with a minimum affordability period of five (5) years. In the event of default,

Orange County will recapture the full amount of assistance provided. The total amount of HOME funds subject to recapture will solely be based on the assistance identified in the note and deed used to finance the purchase of the unit.

ix. HOME Program Administration

Funding will be allocated to planning, program administration, and project monitoring for all HOME funded activities. The amount allocated for HOME program administration is \$267,378.48. Additionally, HOME funds can be used for capacity building activities for certified CHDOs, to increase their ability to successfully carry out affordable housing projects and activities.

Table 5 lists the HOME Program activities that are proposed in FY 2025-2026.

Table 5: Proposed HOME Projects

Activity	Proposed Funding Allocation
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$1,500,000.00
Homeowners Single Family Rehabilitation	\$ 205,345.00
Affordable Rental Housing Projects	\$ 300,000.00
Community Housing Development Organizations	\$ 401,070.00
Administration	\$ 267,378.48
Total HOME Budget	\$2,673,793.48

x. HOME-ARP Program

In 2021, Orange County was awarded \$10,554,916 in HOME funds under the American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) to address additional needs for homelessness assistance and supportive services that emerged as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible activities under HOME-ARP include the Development of affordable housing, tenant-based rental assistance, provision of supportive services, and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

Qualifying populations for HOME-ARP are those defined as: homeless; at-risk of homelessness; fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; and other populations where assistance would either prevent the individual or family's homelessness, or serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability, such as extremely low-income households that are severely rent-burdened. Families that include a veteran family member who meets one of these qualifying population criteria, are also eligible to receive HOME-ARP assistance.

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was adopted as an amendment to the FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and approved by HUD in April of 2023. The Allocation Plan budgeted \$1,000,000 for supportive services, \$5,000,000 for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), and \$3,000,000 for the development of affordable housing to serve qualifying population groups.

In March of 2024, the County accepted applications under the HOME-ARP Supportive Services Program for projects to be funded in the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years. The following organizations have been awarded HOME-ARP funds beginning in FY2024-2025 to provide supportive services to qualifying populations.

Table 6: Funded HOME-ARP Supportive Services Projects

Agency Name	Project Description	Funding Allocation
Harbor House of Central Florida, Inc.	Supportive Services including case management, transportation, client assistance (deposit assistance, rental assistance, childcare expenses etc.), and therapy services including mental health services.	\$108,150
Christian Service Center for Central Florida, Inc.	Supportive case management services for qualified individuals and households.	\$455,528
Jewish Family Services of Greater Orlando, Inc.	Healthcare services and mental health counseling for qualified persons and households.	\$52,800
Total HOME-ARP Projects services		\$616,478

Agreements with the agencies listed above were approved by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners on November 19, 2024. Homeless individuals/households receiving HOME-ARP funded supportive services from the agencies listed above were also issued fourteen (14) rental assistance vouchers to help them secure and maintain stable housing.

More recently, on April 30, 2025, Orange County was notified by the HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) that during a recent review, the Department discovered an administrative error in the allocations of the HOME-ARP funds. This error resulted in Orange County inadvertently being allocated \$15,858.00 less of HOME-ARP funds than it was legally entitled to receive.

Orange County is in the process of amending its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to include the additional amount of \$15,858, in compliance with section V.C.6 of HUD Notice CPD-21-10 and requirements of the Citizen Participation Plan.

C. Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)

i. Program Description

Orange County's ESG projects to be funded in the FY 2025-2026 Action Plan will address homeless needs through the following designated ESG activities:

- **Emergency Shelter** – Operations and essential services, to include costs for operating, maintaining, and repairing a facility for the homeless; costs for essential services associated with case management and related assistance intended to help homeless persons become more self-sufficient.
- **Rapid Re-housing** – Housing relocation and stabilization services and short and/or medium-term rental assistance, as necessary to help families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation to quickly move into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.
- **Homelessness Prevention** – Housing relocation and stabilization services and short and/or medium-term rental assistance, as necessary to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless.
- **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)** – HMIS licenses and technical assistance.

Orange County anticipates receiving a total of \$644,990 in ESG funds during FY 2025-2026. Of those funds, \$584,195 will be awarded to seven (7) agencies for a variety of eligible activities. More specifically, \$336,000 has been budgeted for shelter operations for three (3) agencies, \$88,195 allocated for Rapid Re-housing, and \$160,000 was allocated for homelessness prevention activities implemented by three (3) agencies. Additionally, the County allocated \$20,000 in ESG funds for HMIS administration and provision of training and technical support to ESG-funded agencies.

The Emergency Solutions Grant regulations (24 CFR Part 576) contain a 100% match requirement, and recipient jurisdictions must ensure that there is a match for all ESG dollars provided. The jurisdiction may do so by requiring its subrecipients to provide a match equal to 100% of the value of their individual allocation. Consequently, Orange County includes provisions for an eligible match from subrecipient agencies, which is equal in value to the amount of funding received, as part of the project administration agreements. Each source of match is reviewed to determine eligibility.

Table 7 outlines ESG activities that are proposed to be funded during FY 2025-2026.

Table 7: Proposed ESG Homeless Services Projects

Activity Name or Agency Name	Project Description	Proposed Funding
SHELTER OPERATIONS		
Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc.	Shelter Operations for Homeless Individuals and Families – Men’s Service Center and Center for Women and Families	\$175,000
Family Promise of Greater Orlando, Inc.	Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Shelter Program – emergency shelter for homeless families	\$71,000
Harbor House of Central Florida, Inc.	Emergency Shelter for victims of domestic violence	\$90,000
Total Shelter Operations		\$336,000
HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES		
Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc	Homelessness Prevention Program – provision of case management, counseling, referrals, and financial assistance to keep households in their current home.	\$60,000
Christian Service Center for Central Florida, Inc	Family & Emergency Services – Homelessness Prevention Program	\$50,000
Family Promise of Greater Orlando, Inc.	“Hand Up” – Homelessness Prevention Program	\$50,000
Total Homelessness Prevention Services		\$160,000
RAPID RE-HOUSING		
Society of St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas, Inc. dba St. Vincent de Paul CARES	Rapid Rehousing Services for qualified homeless households	\$88,195
Total Rapid Re-housing		\$88,195
HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS)		
Homeless Services Network of Central Florida, Inc.	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Support: data collection and administration	\$20,000
Total HMIS		
Total ESG Projects (does not include \$38,452.00 in Admin costs)		\$584,195

ii. ESG Program Administration and Match Requirements

As part of the FY 2025-2026 Action Plan budget, \$38,452, or just over six percent (6%) of the total ESG allocation, is budgeted for program administration activities. ESG funds will assist over 1,000 individuals with emergency shelter, street outreach, and homeless prevention services.

All agencies receiving ESG funding have committed to providing matching funds. The agencies are also required to enter into a project administration agreement with Orange County that specifies the source of match, outlines the scope of services to be provided, includes anticipated outputs and outcomes, and summarizes compliance requirements under ESG prior to receiving any reimbursement for services provided.

The Housing and Community Development Division verifies match requirements for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) to ensure compliance with guidelines. All ESG funded agencies must provide a 100% match. In addition to being stated in the agreement for project administration with ESG-funded agencies and verified during the reimbursement process, match requirements are also monitored by the Housing and Community Development staff during the on-site monitoring visits. Match dollars for the ESG Admin expenditure is provided by the County (general revenue).

iii. Special Allocation- ESG - RUSH

On January 10, 2025, Orange County received a special allocation of \$512,694 in ESG funds, known as Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (ESG-RUSH) funding, to address the needs of homeless individuals and families at risk of homelessness in areas affected by the major disasters, Hurricane Helene (DR-4828-FL) and Hurricane Milton (DR-4834-FL).

These funds can be spent on a variety of activities, such as rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, housing relocation and stabilization, and street outreach, to aid individuals and households who meet the following criteria:

- are homeless or at risk of homelessness; and
- have been residing in an area affected by a major declared disaster; and
- have needs that will not be served or fully met by the TSA program and other existing federal disaster relief programs.

To expedite distribution of ESG-RUSH funds and rapidly provide homeless assistance, Orange County began a separate Request for Applications (RFA) process for ESG-RUSH funds on Monday, March 3, 2025, for state-certified,

501(c)(3) organizations experienced in providing homeless services. The ESG-RUSH RFA closed on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 5 p.m.

A pre-award technical assistance workshop for ESG-RUSH funding was conducted virtually, on March 6, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Three (3) agencies were selected to provide rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention services and street outreach to qualified individuals and households. The final funding recommendations for ESG-RUSH program were presented to the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) on May 21, 2025.

Table 8 describes the proposed use of ESG-RUSH funding to address the needs of individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness due to Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton disasters.

Table 8: Proposed ESG-RUSH Homeless Services Projects

Activity Name or Agency Name	Project Description	Proposed Funding
RAPID REHOUSING		
Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc.	Assistance for homeless individuals who were either unsheltered, or in temporary shelters during Hurricanes Milton and/or Helene to help transition them into long-term housing through case management, housing search, short-term rental assistance, budgeting, and life skills training.	\$258,000
HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES		
Covenant House Florida, Inc.	Expansion of the Rights of Passage Apartment Living program (ROPAL), which provides housing, financial assistance and supportive services for youth at risk of homelessness.	\$116,242
STREET OUTREACH		
SALT Outreach Inc.	Expansion of the Street Outreach Program which provides essential services (showers, laundry, food, hygiene supplies, clothing) and case management to individuals experiencing homelessness.	\$100,000
Total ESG Projects (does not include \$38,452 in Admin costs)		\$474,242

ESG-RUSH subrecipient agreements are being drafted in preparation for the grant year beginning June 1, 2025, and ending July 30, 2025. Post-award technical assistance will be made available to agencies awarded funds on an as-needed basis.

IV. SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS

No modifications are anticipated to the 2025-2026 One-Year Action Plan. The County has recently amended its FY 2024-2025 Action Plan to incorporate ESG-RUSH (Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing) funds received in January of 2025. Orange County will also have to amend its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to account for a slight increase in funding due to an allocation adjustment.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan beginning June 10, 2025, through July 10, 2025. The draft document will be available for review at the following locations and online:

Orange County Housing and Community Development Division
525 E. South Street
Orlando, FL 32801
Phone: (407) 836-5150

Orange County Public Library
Planning and Local Government Section
101 E. Central Ave., 3rd Floor
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Orange County Housing and Community Development web page:

<http://www.ocfl.net/NeighborsHousing/CommunityDevelopment.aspx>

The Executive Summary of the Action Plan will also be available in an electronic format upon request. Upon approval by HUD, the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan will be available on the Orange County website at www.ocfl.net.

All comments regarding this document should be submitted in writing to:

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VI. PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES – INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS, AGENCIES AND PERSONS

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
FOR FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (B25-UC-12-0003) (CFDA 14.218)
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (E25-UC-12-0003) (CFDA 14.231),
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT – RAPID UNSHELTERED SURVIVOR HOUSING (E-25-UW-12-003) (CFDA 14.231)
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (M25-UC-12-0213) (CFDA14.239)

Orange County, through its Housing and Community Development Division, is in the process of developing an Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Action Plan lists the activities Orange County intends to pursue through the CDBG, ESG and HOME programs to address the needs that were identified in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, a five-year strategic plan for housing and community development activities in Orange County, Florida. Additionally, Orange County has received a special allocation of Emergency Solutions Grant funds – Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing funding (ESG-RUSH), to address the housing and service needs of persons experiencing homelessness, which were exacerbated by Hurricane Helene (DR-4828-FL) and Hurricane Milton (DR-4834-FL).

The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities for persons of low- to moderate-income. The primary objective of the ESG program is the provision of housing stabilization and services to homeless individuals and families. The primary objective of the HOME program is the provision of decent affordable housing to low-income households and leveraging efforts to preserve and expand affordable housing stock.

Orange County anticipates receiving the following formula allocations for eligible activities and grant administration: CDBG – \$7,338,797, ESG – \$645,988, and HOME – \$2,597,142.10. A Request for Applications (RFA) process for CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds will begin on Tuesday, **March 4, 2025**, and it will end on **Friday, April 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.** for state certified 501(c)(3) organizations, public entities, jurisdictions participating in Orange County's Urban County program, and neighborhood organizations. Proposals will be reviewed for consistency with federal regulations, priority needs, feasibility of the project(s), and other criteria outlined in the RFA.

The priorities for FY 2025-2026 are aligned with the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan goals and include the following: 1) Expand and preserve housing affordability, safety, and stability for low to moderate-income households and vulnerable populations; 2) Transform low to moderate-income communities into resilient communities; and 3) Work in collaboration with local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and industry partners to eradicate and prevent homelessness. Please note that priority consideration will be given to multi-year projects already in implementation, projects that can be implemented in the least amount of time or "shovel ready", and projects that prove to provide a direct benefit to limited clientele (presumed low-income populations in accordance with HUD) and low-income populations.

Proposals are specifically requested for, but are not limited to, the following categories:

- 1. CDBG Capital Improvement Projects** – To include capital improvement projects in low-income neighborhoods and rehabilitation and/or construction of public facilities serving low-income populations. Priority will be given to Orange County's multi-year projects.
- 2. CDBG/HOME Housing Projects** – To include funding for experienced non-profit organizations for projects that create or preserve affordable housing, and housing projects for individuals with special needs. (Please note that Orange County will have a separate application process for proposals being submitted by Certified Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) – to be released in late March of 2025).
- 3. CDBG Public Services** – To include services for limited clientele such as seniors and disabled individuals, and services that contribute to the safety and stability of low-income individuals and households.
- 4. ESG Homeless Services** – To include funding for the operation of homeless shelters, street outreach, homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services.

The pre-award technical assistance workshops for CDBG, ESG and HOME Programs will be conducted **in person** on **Thursday, March 13, 2025**, at the Orange County Administration Building (Commission Chambers, 1st Floor) located at 201 S. Rosalind Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. The workshops are scheduled as follows:

- CDBG Capital Improvements Projects, public facilities, and housing projects – 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- CDBG Public Services/ESG Homeless Services – 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The workshops will provide technical assistance and information about funding criteria for project submissions and details about the application process. Organizations interested in submitting proposals are required to attend the workshop(s). To confirm attendance, please e-mail Carmen.Perez@ocfl.net.

On January 10, 2025, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made a special allocation of **\$512,694** in ESG funds, known as Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (ESG-RUSH) funding, to Orange County, FL to

address the needs of homeless individuals and families, or individuals and families at risk of homelessness in areas affected by major disasters – Hurricane Helene (DR-4828-FL) and Hurricane Milton (DR-4834-FL). The funds can be spent on a variety of activities, such as rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, housing relocation and stabilization, and street outreach, to aid individuals and households who meet the following criteria:

- 1) Are homeless or at risk of homelessness; and
- 2) Have been residing in an area affected by a major declared disaster; and
- 3) Have needs that will not be served or fully met by the TSA program and other existing federal disaster relief programs.

Orange County will begin a separate Request for Applications (RFA) process for ESG-RUSH funds starting **Monday, March 3, 2025**, for state-certified 501(c)(3) organizations experienced in providing homeless services. The ESG-RUSH RFA will close on **Friday, March 28, 2025, at 5 p.m.** The **pre-award technical assistance workshop** for ESG-RUSH funding will be conducted **virtually** on **March 6, 2025**, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Organizations interested in submitting proposals should contact Anna Scott at Anna.Scott@ocfl.net to register and receive the link to the virtual meeting. The workshops will provide technical assistance and information about funding criteria for project submissions and details about the application process.

As required by federal guidelines, Orange County has in place a framework for evaluating the risks posed by applicants before they receive federal awards. This evaluation incorporates an assessment of the capacity of the applicant to carry out the project, financial stability of the organization, quality of management systems, the applicant's record in managing federal awards, reports and findings from audits and the quality of the application.

Request for Applications (RFA) may be accessed at: <http://www.ocfl.net/NeighborsHousing/CommunityDevelopment.aspx>, and must be completed and submitted online through ZoomGrants™. No paper copies will be accepted. If you experience difficulty finding the RFA, you may contact: Inabert.Ramos@ocfl.net for additional information and assistance.

All funding recommendations are contingent upon the Board of County Commissioner's approval and HUD's final approval of the Annual Action Plan. Orange County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications, and to fund applications that best serve the interest of Orange County. If you have additional questions about the RFA process and requirements, please contact Janna Souvorova, Chief Planner, at (407) 836-0963, or via email at Janna.Souvorova@ocfl.net.

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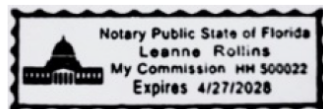
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AVISO DE OPORTUNIDADES DE FINANCIACIÓN – ANUNCIO INICIAL A TODAS LAS ORGANIZACIONES, AGENCIAS Y PERSONAS INTERESADAS

PLAN DE ACCIÓN ANUAL AÑO FISCAL 2025-2026

PARA PROGRAMAS FEDERALES:

SUBVENCIÓN EN BLOQUE PARA EL DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO (B25-UC-12-0003) (CFDA 14.218)

SUBVENCIÓN PARA SOLUCIONES DE EMERGENCIA (E25-UC-12-0003) (CFDA 14.231),

SUBVENCIÓN DE SOLUCIONES DE EMERGENCIA – VIVIENDA RÁPIDA PARA SOBREVIVIENTES SIN REFUGIO (E-25-UW-12-003) (CFDA 14.231)

PROGRAMA DE ASOCIACIONES DE INVERSIÓN EN EL HOGAR (M25-UC-12-0213) (CFDA14.239)

El Condado de Orange, Florida, a través de su División de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario, está en el proceso de desarrollar un Plan de Acción Anual para la Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG), la Subvención para Soluciones de Emergencia (ESG) y el Programa de Asociaciones de Inversión HOME (HOME) financiado por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de Estados Unidos (HUD). El Plan de Acción enumera las actividades que el Condado de Orange pretende implementar a través de los programas CDBG, ESG y HOME para abordar las necesidades identificadas en el Plan Consolidado 2022-2026, un plan estratégico de cinco años para actividades de desarrollo comunitario y de vivienda en el Condado de Orange. Además, el Condado de Orange ha recibido una asignación especial de fondos de la Subvención para Soluciones de Emergencia: Vivienda Rápida para Sobrevivientes Sin Refugio (ESG-RUSH), para abordar las necesidades de vivienda y servicios a personas sin hogar que fueron exacerbadas por el huracán Helene (DR-4828-FL) y el huracán Milton (DR-4834-FL).

El objetivo principal del programa CDBG es el desarrollo de

comunidades urbanas viables proporcionando viviendas dignas, un entorno de vida adecuado y ampliando oportunidades económicas para personas de ingresos bajos a moderados. El objetivo principal del programa ESG es la prestación de servicios y estabilización de vivienda a personas y familias sin hogar. El objetivo principal del programa HOME es proporcionar viviendas asequibles y decentes a hogares de bajos ingresos y aprovechar los esfuerzos para preservar y ampliar el parque de viviendas asequibles.

El Condado de Orange prevé recibir la siguiente fórmula de asignaciones para actividades elegibles y administración de subvenciones: CDBG – \$7,338,797, ESG – \$645,988, y HOME – \$2,597,142.10. Un proceso de Solicitud de Solicitudes (RFA) para fondos CDBG, ESG y HOME comenzará el martes 4 de marzo de 2025 y finalizará el viernes 11 de abril de 2025 a las 5:00 p.m. para organizaciones 501(c)(3) certificadas por el estado, entidades públicas, jurisdicciones que participan en el programa del Condado Urbano del Condado de Orange y organizaciones vecinales. Se revisará la coherencia de las

propuestas con las regulaciones federales, las necesidades prioritarias, la viabilidad de los proyectos y otros criterios descritos en la RFA.

Las prioridades para el año fiscal 2025-2026 están alineadas con las metas del Plan Consolidado 2022-2026 e incluyen lo siguiente: 1) Ampliar y preservar la asequibilidad, la seguridad y la estabilidad de la vivienda para hogares de ingresos bajos a moderados y poblaciones vulnerables; 2) Transformar comunidades de ingresos bajos a moderados en comunidades resilientes; y 3) Trabajar en colaboración con agencias gubernamentales locales, organizaciones sin fines de lucro y socios de la industria para erradicar y prevenir la falta de vivienda. Tenga en cuenta que se dará consideración prioritaria a los proyectos plurianuales que ya están en implementación, los proyectos que se pueden implementar en el menor tiempo posible o "listos para comenzar" y los proyectos que demuestren brindar un beneficio directo a una clientela limitada (clientes que presuntamente son de ingresos bajos por designación de HUD) y poblaciones de bajos ingresos.

Se solicitan propuestas específicamente, entre otras, para las siguientes categorías:

1. Proyectos de mejoras de capital de CDBG: incluye proyectos de mejoras de capital en vecindarios de bajos ingresos y rehabilitación y/o construcción de instalaciones públicas que atienden a poblaciones de bajos ingresos. Se dará prioridad a los proyectos multianuales del Condado de Orange.

2. Proyectos de vivienda CDBG/HOME: incluye fondos para organizaciones sin fines de lucro con experiencia para proyectos que crean o preservan viviendas asequibles y proyectos de vivienda para personas con necesidades especiales. (Tenga en cuenta que el Condado de Orange tendrá un proceso de solicitud separado para las propuestas presentadas de HOME para Organizaciones Certificadas de Desarrollo de Vivienda (CHDO), que se publicará a fines de marzo de 2025).

3. Servicios Públicos CDBG: incluye servicios para una clientela limitada, como personas mayores y discapacitadas, y servicios que contribuyen a la seguridad y estabilidad de las personas y hogares de bajos ingresos.

4. Servicios ESG para personas sin hogar: incluye fondos para el funcionamiento de refugios para personas sin hogar, divulgación en las calles, prevención de personas sin hogar y servicios de realojamiento rápido.

Los talleres de asistencia técnica previos a la adjudicación para los programas CDBG, ESG y HOME se llevarán a cabo en persona el jueves 13 de marzo de 2025 en el Edificio de Administración del Condado de Orange (Cámaras de la Comisión, 1er piso) ubicado en 201 S. Rosalind Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. Los talleres están programados de la siguiente manera:

• **Proyectos de Mejoras de Capital, instalaciones públicas y proyectos de vivienda de CDBG** – 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

• **Servicios Públicos CDBG/Servicios ESG para Personas sin Hogar** – 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Los talleres proporcionarán asistencia técnica e información sobre los criterios de financiación para la presentación de proyectos y detalles sobre el proceso de solicitud. Las organizaciones interesadas en presentar propuestas deben asistir a los talleres. Para confirmar la asistencia, envíe un correo electrónico a Carmen.Perez@ocfl.net.

El 10 de enero de 2025, el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD por sus siglas en inglés) hizo una asignación especial de \$512,694 en fondos ESG, conocidos como fondos de Vivienda Rápida para Sobrevivientes Sin Refugio (ESG-RUSH), al Condado de Orange para abordar las necesidades de las personas y familias sin hogar, o las personas y familias en riesgo de quedarse sin hogar en áreas afectadas por desastres causados por el huracán Helene (DR-4828-FL) y el huracán Milton (DR-4834-FL). Los fondos se pueden utilizar en actividades como el realojamiento rápido, la prevención de la falta de vivienda, la reubicación y estabilización de viviendas, y la divulgación de servicios en las calles, para ayudar a las personas que cumplen con los siguientes criterios:

1. no tienen hogar o corren el riesgo de quedarse sin hogar; y

2. haber residido en una zona afectada por un desastre grave declarado; y

3. tienen necesidades que no serán atendidas o satisfechas en su totalidad por el programa TSA y otros programas federales de ayuda por desastre existentes.

El Condado de Orange comenzará un proceso de Solicitud de Solicitudes (RFA, por sus siglas en inglés) por separado para los fondos ESG-RUSH a partir del lunes 3 de marzo de 2025, para organizaciones 501 (c) (3) certificadas por el estado con experiencia en la prestación de servicios

para personas sin hogar. La RFA de ESG-RUSH se cerrará el viernes 28 de marzo de 2025 a las 5 p.m. El taller de asistencia técnica previo a la adjudicación de la financiación ESG-RUSH se llevará a cabo de manera virtual, el 6 de marzo de 2025, de 10:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m. Las organizaciones interesadas en presentar propuestas deben ponerse en contacto con Anna Scott en Anna.Scott@ocfl.net para registrarse y recibir el enlace a la reunión virtual. Los talleres proporcionarán asistencia técnica e información sobre los criterios de financiación para la presentación de proyectos y detalles sobre el proceso de solicitud.

Como lo requieren las pautas federales, el Condado de Orange cuenta con un sistema para evaluar los riesgos que plantean los solicitantes antes de recibir las adjudicaciones federales. Esta evaluación incorpora elementos como la capacidad del solicitante para llevar a cabo el proyecto, la estabilidad financiera de la organización, la calidad de los sistemas de gestión, el historial del solicitante en la gestión de adjudicaciones federales, informes y hallazgos de auditorías y la calidad de la solicitud. La solicitud (RFA) se obtiene en el siguiente enlace

<http://www.ocfl.net/NeighborsHousing/CommunityDevelopment.aspx> y debe completarse y enviarse en línea a través de ZoomGrants™. No se aceptarán copias en papel. Si tiene dificultades para encontrar la RFA, puede comunicarse con: Inabert.Ramos@ocfl.net para obtener información y asistencia adicionales.

Todas las recomendaciones para el financiamiento de proyectos dependen de la aprobación de la Junta de Comisionados del Condado y la aprobación final del Plan de Acción Anual de HUD. El Condado de Orange se reserva el derecho de aceptar o rechazar cualquiera o todas las solicitudes, y de financiar las solicitudes que mejor sirvan a los intereses del Condado de Orange. Si tiene preguntas adicionales sobre el proceso y los requisitos de RFA, comuníquese con Janna Souvorova, Planificadora Principal, al (407) 836-0963, o por correo electrónico al Janna.Souvorova@ocfl.net.

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2025-2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

A public hearing will be conducted on June 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the Largo Training Room located on the First Floor of the Orange County Internal Operations Centre I (450 E. South St, Orlando, Florida 32801). Representatives from the Orange County Housing and Community Development Division and the Community Development Advisory Board will conduct the public hearing to receive citizen comments on the priority needs and proposed activities to be included in the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan. All citizen comments received will be incorporated into the final document in accordance to 24 CFR Part 91 and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or about August 15, 2025.

The Action Plan is the annual operating plan designed to identify specific activities that Orange County intends to pursue through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and other state and local housing and community development programs, to address the objectives identified in the 2022-2026 Orange County Consolidated Plan. The Action Plan will cover the period starting October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. A list of proposed activities and anticipated funding sources included in the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan is provided below.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) (B25UC120003)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS***Construction of Public Facilities*

Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc. (Women & Children Shelter – site improvements, Phase II)	\$1,256,250.00
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Rehabilitation of Public Facilities

Friends of Children and Families, Inc. (Community-based group home facilities – storm readiness)	\$ 112,200.00
Matthew’s Hope Ministries, Inc. (Drop-In Center enhancements)	\$ 271,870.00
Primrose Center, Inc. (Main campus improvements)	<u>\$ 98,615.00</u>

Total Capital Improvement Projects	\$1,738,935.00
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HOUSING PROJECTS*Single Family Rehabilitation*

Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando and Osceola County, Inc. (Roof Replacement Program)	\$ 750,000.00
Lead Based Paint Hazard Program	\$ 82,346.00
Homeowners Single Family Rehabilitation	\$1,800,000.00
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	<u>\$ 500,000.00</u>
Total Housing Projects	\$3,132,346.00

PUBLIC SERVICES

Ability Housing, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida, Inc.	\$ 55,000.00
Covenant House Florida, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
Grand Avenue Econ. Comm. Dev. Corp.(dba Pathways Drop-In Center)	\$ 44,543.00
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Total Public Services	\$1,080,165.00

ADMINISTRATION

Fair Housing Activities and Training	\$ 20,000.00
General Administration	\$1,467,861.00
Total Administration	\$1,487,861.00

TOTAL CDBG BUDGET **\$7,439,307.00**

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) (M25UC120213)

Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$1,500,000.00
Homeowners Single Family Rehabilitation	\$ 205,345.00
Affordable Rental Housing Projects	\$ 300,000.00
Community Housing Development Organizations	\$ 401,070.00
Administration	\$ 267,378.48

TOTAL HOME BUDGET **\$2,673,793.48**

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) (E25UC120003)

SHELTER OPERATIONS

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Family Promise of Greater Orlando, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
Total Homelessness Prevention	\$ 160,000.00

RAPID REHOUSING

Society of St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas, Inc.	\$ 88,195.00
Total Rapid Rehousing	\$ 88,195.00

HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS)

Homeless Services Network of Central Florida, Inc.	\$ 20,000.00
Total HMIS	\$ 20,000.00

ESG ADMINISTRATION (~6.3%)	\$ 40,795.00
TOTAL ESG BUDGET	\$ 644,990.00

TOTAL 2025-2026 ACTION PLAN BUDGET

\$10,758,090.48

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**AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA
PLAN DE ACCIÓN ANUAL 2025-2026**

El 18 de junio de 2025 a las 6:00 p.m. se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública en la Sala de Adiestramiento Largo, ubicada en el primer piso del Centro de Operaciones Internas I del Condado de Orange (450 E. South St, Orlando, Florida 32801). Representantes de la División de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario del Condado de Orange y de la Junta Asesora de Desarrollo Comunitario conducirán la audiencia pública para recibir comentarios de la ciudadanía sobre las necesidades prioritarias y las actividades propuestas que se incluirán en el Plan de Acción Anual 2025-2026. Todos los comentarios recibidos se incorporarán al documento final, conforme al Título 24 del Código de Regulaciones Federales (CFR), Parte 91, y se presentarán al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD por sus siglas en inglés) el 15 de agosto de 2025 o alrededor de esa fecha.

El Plan de Acción es el plan operativo anual diseñado para identificar las actividades específicas que el Condado de Orange pretende implementar a través de la Subvención Global para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG por sus siglas en inglés), el Programa de Asociaciones de Inversión HOME (HOME por sus siglas en inglés), la Subvención para Soluciones de Emergencia (ESG por sus siglas en inglés) y otros programas estatales y locales de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario, para abordar los objetivos identificados en el Plan Consolidado del Condado de Orange 2022-2026. El Plan de Acción abarcará el período comprendido entre el 1 de octubre de 2025 y el 30 de septiembre de 2026. A continuación, se presenta una lista de las actividades propuestas y las fuentes de financiación previstas en el Plan de Acción Anual 2025-2026.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) (B25UC120003)

Proyectos de Infraestructura

Construcción de Instalaciones Públicas

Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc. (Mejoras al refugio para mujeres y niños –Fase II)	\$1,256,250.00
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Renovaciones a Instalaciones Públicas

Friends of Children and Families, Inc. (Hogar grupal- preparación para tormentas)	\$ 112,200.00
Matthew's Hope Ministries, Inc. (Mejoras al centro de acogida)	\$ 271,870.00
Primrose Center, Inc. (Mejoras al campus principal)	<u>\$ 98,615.00</u>

Total de Proyectos de Infraestructura	\$1,738,935.00
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PROYECTOS DE VIVIENDA

Renovaciones de Viviendas Unifamiliares

Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando and Osceola County, Inc. (Programa de Reemplazo de Techos de Viviendas)	\$ 750,000.00
Programa de Reducción de Pintura a Base de Plomo	\$ 82,346.00
Renovaciones a Viviendas de Dueños de Hogar	\$1,800,000.00
Administración del Programa de Renovaciones de Viviendas	<u>\$ 500,000.00</u>
Total de Proyectos de Vivienda	\$3,132,346.00

SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS

Ability Housing, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida, Inc.	\$ 55,000.00
Covenant House Florida, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00

Grand Avenue Econ. Comm. Dev. Corp.(dba Pathways Drop-In Center)	\$ 44,543.00
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Shepherd's Hope, Inc.	\$ 55,000.00
Special Hearts Farm, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
United Against Poverty, Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
Total de Servicios Públicos	\$1,080,165.00

ADMINISTRACIÓN

Vivienda Equitativa (Actividades y Entrenamiento)	\$ 20,000.00
Administración General	<u>\$1,467,861.00</u>
Total de Administración	<u>\$1,487,861.00</u>

PRESUPUESTO TOTAL CDBG	\$7,439,307.00
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HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) (M25UC120213)

Asistencia de Renta para Inquilinos (TBRA)	\$1,500,000.00
Renovaciones a Viviendas de Dueños de Hogar	\$ 205,345.00
Proyectos de Vivienda Asequible	\$ 300,000.00
Organizaciones Comunitarias de Desarrollo de Vivienda (CHDOs)	\$ 401,070.00
Administración	<u>\$ 267,378.48</u>
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Family Promise of Greater Orlando, Inc.	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
Total Servicios de Prevención	\$ 160,000.00

REALOJAMIENTO RÁPIDO DE VIVIENDA

Society of St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas, Inc.	<u>\$ 88,195.00</u>
Total Realojamiento Rápido de Vivienda	\$ 88,195.00

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TOTAL PRESUPUESTO PLAN DE ACCIÓN 2025-2026

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