

Public Information Summary 2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN & BUDGET SUMMARY



Background

The City of Springfield has prepared the draft FY 2026 Action Plan and budget which is the second-year plan under the City's FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The FY 2026 Annual Action Plan and budget were developed according to the priorities and goals identified in the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The City anticipates receiving approximately \$2.3 million in federal entitlements awarded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These grants include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). These funds are used to conduct a wide range of affordable housing, community and economic development activities and services targeted to low- and moderate-income populations and persons with special needs.

Consolidated Plan

The City of Springfield receives three (3) federal entitlement grants awarded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These three grants include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

As a recipient of HUD funds, the City is required to prepare a Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan identifies and prioritizes the City's affordable housing, community development and economic development needs and strategies to guide the use of its HUD funding for the next five years. The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the activities, and specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

The City's FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan was completed in June 2025. In developing the Consolidated Plan, the City used quantitative data collected via a needs assessment and market analysis along with stakeholder consultations and citizen participation including community meetings and a community needs survey which received 589 responses. The Consolidated Plan was also informed by other planning documents including the Strategic Plan for Housing and the City of Springfield's Engaged Neighborhood Plan. This process formed the strategic plan to identify priority needs for the Consolidated Plan. The FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan was approved by HUD in September 2025.

The statutory deadline for the City of Springfield to submit the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan to HUD is August 16, 2026.

HUD 2025 – 2029 Consolidated Plan Priorities

Based on an analysis of the Consolidated Plan needs assessment and input from stakeholder and citizen participation, the City of Springfield identified the following priority needs for the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.

PRIORITY NEED: Provide Decent Housing

Decent housing includes a spectrum of solutions including new construction, home repair and renovation, housing finance, infrastructure development, and homeless services, among others.

Associated Con Plan Goals:

- CDBG Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation
- Housing for Homeless and Special Needs (ESG & CDBG)
- CDBG Code Enforcement
- CDBG Promotion of Fair Housing
- CDBG Engaged Neighborhood and Public Improvements
- HOME Projects

PRIORITY NEED: Create Suitable Living Environments

A good living environment is essential for a good quality of life. A functional and sound living environment allows different groups of people to lead their daily lives and fulfill their basic needs.

Associated Con Plan Goals:

- CDBG Code Enforcement
- CDBG Demolition
- CDBG Public Services
- CDBG Promotion of Fair Housing
- CDBG Engaged Neighborhood and Public Improvements
- HOME Projects

PRIORITY NEED: Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons

Expanding opportunities to low- and moderate-income persons helps to foster local economic development, neighborhood improvement, and individual self-sufficiency.

Associated Con Plan Goals:

- CDBG Public Services
- CDBG Promotion of Fair Housing
- CDBG Economic Development and Job Creation
- CDBG Engaged Neighborhood and Public Improvements

The City will continue to utilize the Engaged Neighborhood Plan to target investments for HUD funded activities.

Proposed FY 2026 Annual Action Plan and Budget

The City of Springfield estimates a total of \$2.3 million in available funds for the 2026 Annual Action Plan for the period of April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027. The following table provides a summary of the HUD 2026 budget for the three grant programs. The City is receiving level funding compared to FY 2025 with minor reductions in CDBG and ESG programs and a slight increase in

HOME funding.

Formula Grant	FY 2026	FY 2025	Year-Over Year Change
Community Development Block Grant	\$1,739,529.00	\$1,740,154.00	(\$625.00)
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	\$451,776.00	\$439,153.88	\$12,622.12
Emergency Solutions Grant	\$152,941.00	\$155,047.00	(2,106.00)
Total	\$2,344,246.00	\$2,334,354.88	\$9,891.12

Based on the priority needs of 2025-2029, the City of Springfield proposes the following budgets and activities for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

Community Development Block Grant

CDBG Activity	Budget
CDBG Housing for Homeless and Special Needs (Public Services)	200,000.00
CDBG Public Services	60,000.00
CDBG Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation	340,000.00
CDBG Code Enforcement	140,000.00
CDBG Demolition	360,000.00
CDBG Promotion of Fair Housing and Administration (20%)	320,000.00
CDBG Engaged Neighborhood and Public Improvements	269,529.00
CDBG Economic Development and Job Creation	50,000.00
Total	\$1,739,529.00

CDBG funds are used to conduct a wide range of affordable housing, community and economic development activities and services, primarily for low- and moderate-income persons earning less than 80% of the area median family income (AMI). CDBG Administration and Fair Housing activities are limited to 20%. The total amount that can be used for CDBG Public Service activities and Homeless Services activities combined are limited to 15% of the annual CDBG award amount.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

HOME Activity	Budget
HOME Entitlement Activities	316,244.00
CHDO Reserve (15%)	67,767.00
CHDO Operating (5%)	22,588.00
HOME Administration (10%)	45,177.00
Total	\$451,776.00

The HOME Program provides funding for affordable housing activities, primarily benefiting low-

income households. HOME Administration is limited to 10% and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Operating Expenses is limited to 5% of the annual award amount. The City must set aside a minimum of 15% of its annual award for CHDO Reserve for investment in housing to be developed, sponsored or owned by a qualified CHDO. HOME Entitlement activities may include homeownership assistance and activities that promote the development of affordable housing units including rental housing and or single-family housing.

Emergency Solutions Grant

ESG Activity	Budget
ESG Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing	33,538.00
ESG Homeless Management Information Systems	16,184.00
ESG Emergency Shelter Operations	91,748.00
ESG Administration (7.5%)	11,471.00
Total	\$152,941.00

The ESG Program is designed to assist people with quickly regaining stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. ESG Administration is limited to 7.5% of the annual award amount to be used for administrative costs related to planning and executing ESG activities. The total amount that may be used for street outreach and emergency shelter activities combined cannot exceed the 60 percent of the fiscal year ESG grant amount. The balance of ESG funds may be used for homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Citizen Participation

The City issued a Public Notice in the newspaper on March 16, 2026, initiating the public comment period and announcing a public hearing. The draft Annual Action Plan and summary will be available for public review and comment for thirty (30) days beginning on March 20, 2026, through April 21, 2026 at the City of Springfield’s website: www.springfieldohio.gov. **A public hearing will be held to receive comments on the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan. All interested persons are invited to attend.**

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:45 p.m. at the City Commission meeting located at the Forum of City Hall, 76 E High Street, Springfield, OH 45502. The meeting site is wheelchair accessible and handicapped parking spaces are available. Anyone requiring: (1) assistance due to disability or (2) language translation services should contact the Community Development Department at (937) 324-7380 at least 48 hours in advance of the public hearing.

Public Comment

Proposed use of Federal funds is outlined in the draft Annual Action Plan and summary.

The documents may be viewed through April 21, 2026, at the Community Development Department, 76 E. High Street, Springfield, OH 45502, and on the City of Springfield’s website: www.springfieldohio.gov. Citizens may send written comments to the Community Development

Department at the same address or via email to MJones@springfieldohio.gov. **All written comments should be received by the Community Development Department by 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2026.**

The City Commission will consider the adoption of the FY 2026 Action Plan at the regular meeting of the City Commission on May 4, 2026. The Annual Action Plan must be submitted to HUD on or before August 16, 2026.

For any questions about the HUD Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan, please contact the Community Development Department at (937) 324-7380.

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** This summary has been updated to reflect actual FY 2026 allocations which were announced by HUD on April 3, 2026.*