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Department: Community Development

Subject:

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Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Resolution No.

#### **Finance Information:**

Account Number: N/A

City Cost Amount: \$ N/A

Total Cost: \$ N/A

Special Circumstances:

Grant Funded: N/A

Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: N/A

**Resolution #:** N/A

Location: (list below)

 Address: N/A

 District: District 1 ⊠ District 2 ⊠ District 3 ⊠ District 4 ⊠ District 5 ⊠

#### Additional Comments:

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#### RESOLUTION NO. 25-\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that participating jurisdictions in certain community development programs of the Federal Government, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs, prepare, adopt, and carry out a Five-Year Consolidated Plan with Annual Action Plans; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and other Federal Programs, the City is required to submit a Consolidated Plan covering a five-year period and an Action Plan covering a one-year period to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama that the Mayor of the City of Huntsville be authorized, requested, and directed to submit the "2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and to act in connection with the submission and to provide such additional information as may be required on behalf of the City of Huntsville, a municipal corporation in the State of Alabama, a summary of said document, identified as <u>City of Huntsville 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan Summary</u>, consisting of <u>twelve (12)</u> pages with the signature of the Council President or President Pro Tem and the date <u>July 24, 2025</u> appearing on the margin of the first page, being permanently kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Huntsville, Alabama.

ADOPTED this the <u>24th</u> day of <u>July</u> 2025.

President of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the <u>24th</u> day of <u>July</u> 2025.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

#### City of Huntsville 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan Summary

The following document is a summary of the City of Huntsville's 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan. The full document may be found at <u>https://www.huntsvilleal.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Huntsville-Draft-HUD-Consolidated-Plan-Ver-2.pdf</u>

The City of Huntsville (City) is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan covers the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030. The plan identifies priority community development and housing needs in Huntsville and provides strategies to address them. The Annual Action Plan discusses specific projects to be funded during the 2025 program year, which begins July 1, 2025 and ends June 30, 2026.

Community Development is responsible for planning and implementing the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and related Annual Action Plans. The department administers the CDBG and HOME programs for the City, including implementing projects, managing and monitoring subrecipients, conducting community engagement, and preparing all required documentation required for the programs.

The City of Huntsville's 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan is the product of a collaborative, strategic process that spans community partners, service providers, non-profit housing developers, housing authorities, internal divisions/departments, and the input of our citizens. Community Development has worked extensively to identify community development needs and establish goals that align funding, community priorities, and city initiatives. These plans highlight many of the efforts to maximize and leverage the City's federal grant allocations with other resources to build healthy and sustainable communities.

Huntsville's goals for the 2025-2029 period focus on a number of high priority needs identified through data analysis, community member input, consultation with City staff and other public agencies, and review of recently completed plans and studies. Available resources will be targeted toward specific goals designed to address those priority needs. These goals include:

- 1. Expand the Affordable Housing Supply
- 2. Repair/Rehab Homeowner Housing
- 3. Provide Homebuyer Assistance
- 4. Provide Public Services
- 5. Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
- 6. Workforce Development
- 7. Support Small Businesses
- 8. Demolish Abandoned Properties
- 9. Administer HUD Grant Programs

President or Pro Tem of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

Date:

The above-listed goals will be used to guide funding decisions for each program year and to prepare the Annual Action Plans. Each program year, the City will allocate funding to subrecipients through a competitive application process, wherein proposals are solicited from member jurisdictions and other public and private agencies.

During program year 2025, the first program year covered under the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan time frame, Huntsville will receive \$1,400,900 in CDBG funds and \$708,667.65 in HOME funds. The City also has CDBG program income of \$15,000 and repayment income of \$270,944 for use in PY 2025, as well as HOME program income of \$419,228 and repayment income of \$414,930.09 for use in PY 2025. The table below shows these amounts and provides an estimate of anticipated grant funding to be received for the remaining years covered by the 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. These estimates assume that funding over those four years will average to be about the same as the City's 2025 allocation.

			Expect	ed Amou	nt Available	e Year 1	Expected Amount	
Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Annual Allocation		Prior Year Resources	Total	Available Remainder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
CDBG	Federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$1,400,900	\$15,000	\$270,944	\$1,686,844	\$5,603,600	CDBG funds may be used to provide public services, public improvements, economic development, housing, other property activities, and program administration.
HOME	Federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for homeownership TBRA	\$708,667.65	\$419,228	\$414,930.09	\$1,542,825.74	\$2,834,672	HOME funds may be used for rental and for- sale housing development, acquisition and/or rehab; homebuyer assistance; rental assistance; and program administration.

## ANTICIPATED RESOURCES

### PROJECT SUMMARY INFORMATION

Projects planned for the 2025 program year are identified in the table below. Through these projects and related activities, the City of Huntsville will address goals of expanding the affordable housing supply, preserving homeowner housing, assisting first-time buyers, providing public services, improving public facilities, and supporting local economic development.

	Project Name	Community Free Dental Clinic – Dental Care Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	General Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
1		CDBG funding will be used to provide quality, free dental care and oral health education to low- and moderate-income uninsured adults.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
		Estimated 1,692 adults assisted through public service activities other than low/moderate income housing benefits.
	Location Description	Community Free Dental Clinic, 2341 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville AL 35801
	Planned Activities	Dental care and oral health education.

	Project Name	His Way Recovery Center – Career Readiness Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	General Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
2	Description	CDBG funding will be used to provide professional development and career readiness activities for low- and moderate-income adult men in substance abuse recovery. Sample activities may include, but are not limited to, digital literacy, G.E.D. prep, job readiness training, and employment navigation support.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of persons that will benefit from the proposed activity	Estimated 25 adults assisted through public service activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit.
	Location Description	His Way Recovery Center, 582 Shields Road, Huntsville, AL 35811
	Planned Activities	Professional development and career readiness activities.
	Project Name	New Futures, Inc. – Housing Navigator
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Housing and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,800
3	Description	CDBG funding will be used to support a position dedicated to housing navigation. This staff member will help secure needed resources for the successful transition and placement of families experiencing homelessness.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of persons that will benefit from the proposed activity	Estimated 175 homeless individuals assisted through public service activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit.
	Location Description	New Futures, Inc., 3419 Venona Avenue NW, Huntsville, AL 35810
	Planned Activities	Support for a housing navigator position dedicated to assisting families experiencing homelessness.

	Project Name	Boys & Girls Club of North Alabama – Youth Programs
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	General Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
4	Description	CDBG funding will be used to support a variety of youth activities related to academic success, health and wellbeing, character and leadership, and life and workforce readiness. Activities will be offered over the summer and during the school year.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
		Estimated 3,514 youth to be assisted through public service activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit.
	Location Description	Boys & Girls Club of North Alabama, 2901 Fairbanks Street, Huntsville, AL 35816
		Youth activities related to academic success, health and wellbeing, character and leadership, and life and workforce readiness.
	Project Name	First Stop, Inc. – Street Outreach
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Housing and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
5	Description	CDBG funds will be used to support daily street outreach and engagement services at the South Derrick Homeless Camp and other known encampment locations throughout the city.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of persons that will benefit from the proposed activity	Estimated 300 unsheltered homeless individuals to be assisted through public service activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit.
	Location Description	Encampment locations throughout Huntsville.
	Planned Activities	Street outreach and engagement services to individuals experiencing homelessness.

	Project Name	Downtown Rescue Mission – Health Services
	Target Area	Citywide
		Provide Public Services
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Housing and Services General Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
6	Description	CDBG funds will be used to support Downtown Rescue Mission's Medical Wing and Community Health Clinic, which includes two onsite clinics and a mobile unit serving homeless men, women, and children, as well as low- and moderate-income families.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of persons that will benefit from the proposed activity	Estimated 1,500 individuals to be assisted through public service activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit.
	Location Description	Downtown Rescue Mission, 1400 Evangel Drive SW, Huntsville AL 35816 and other locations throughout Huntsville.
	Planned Activities	Health services for homeless and low- and moderate-income individuals and families.
	Project Name	Christmas Charities Year Round – Medical Equipment Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	General Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
7	Description	CDBG funds will be used to support the Huntsville Community Durable Medical Equipment Access Initiative, which includes a durable medical equipment lending library and durable medical equipment recycling and refurbishment center, both designed to expand access to essential medical equipment for low- and moderate- income residents.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of persons that will benefit from the proposed activity	Estimated 450 individuals to be assisted through public service activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit.
	Location Description	Christmas Charities Year Round, 1035 Putnam Drive NW, Huntsville AL 35816
	Planned Activities	Medical equipment lending library and recycling/refurbishment center.

	Project Name	City of Huntsville – Property Acquisition for Affordable Housing
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Expand the Affordable Housing Supply
	Needs Addressed	Expand and Preserve Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$253,864
8	Description	CDBG funds will be used for property acquisition to support development of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of persons that will benefit from the proposed activity	Estimated number of individuals to be served by the property acquisition to support development of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families to be determined.
	Location Description	Location to be determined during the program year.
	Planned Activities	Property acquisition for development of affordable housing.
-	Project Name	HATCH Hsv – Job Training Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Workforce Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
9	Description	CDBG funds will be used to support HATCH's culinary and hospitality job training program, an 8-week program that provides participants with job training and certifications, job coaching, life skills training, mental health support, uniforms, and two meals per day. Funds may be used to support a program manager, a mental health professional, uniforms, and student stipends.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of persons that will benefit from the proposed activity	Estimated 12 jobs for low- and moderate-income persons created and estimated 6 jobs for low- and moderate-income persons retained.
	Location Description	HATCH Hsv, 2500 Jordan Lane NW, Huntsville, AL 35810
	Planned Activities	Eight-week job culinary and hospitality job training program for young adults age 18 to 24, including job training, life skills training, mental health support, uniforms, and daily meals.

	Project Name	City of Huntsville – Façade Improvement Program
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	Target Area	Mill Creek
	Goals Supported	Support Small Businesses
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$125,000
10	Description	CDBG funds will be used to support commercial façade renovation grants for eligible businesses in the Mill Creek district as part of the Mill Creek Choice Neighborhood Initiative. (CNI). Grants may be used to paint, add signage or awnings, make repairs, or landscape.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of persons that will benefit from the proposed activity	Estimated 5 façade treatments for eligible businesses.
		Businesses located within the Mill Creek district. Specific locations to be determined during the program year.
	Planned Activities	Commercial façade improvements/revitalization.
	Project Name	City of Huntsville – CDBG Homeowner Rehabilitation & Activity Delivery Costs
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Repair/Rehab Homeowner Housing
	Needs Addressed	Expand and Preserve Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$700,000
11		CDBG funds will be used to support the City of Huntsville's Home Rehabilitation Program, which provides grants under \$25,000 to eligible low- and moderate-income seniors and residents with disabilities to make cost effective repairs for owner- occupied homes. The program aims to remove imminent health and safety hazards and extend the useful life of homes. Funding includes materials for repairs and activity delivery costs.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of persons that will benefit from the proposed activity	Estimated 25 low- and moderate-income homeowners assisted through housing rehabilitation.
	Location Description	Locations to be determined during the program year.
	Planned Activities	Grants to support homeowner housing rehabilitation for income eligible seniors and persons with disabilities.

	Project Name	Enable Madison County – Weatherization and Repair Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Repair/Rehab Homeowner Housing
	Needs Addressed	Expand and Preserve Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
12	Description	CDBG funds will be used to provide weatherization and accessibility modifications to low- and moderate-income homeowners who are seniors or have a disability. The program will assist elderly and homebound community members stay safely in their homes while reducing utility costs and fall risks.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of persons that will benefit from the proposed activity	Estimated 50 low- and moderate-income homeowners assisted through housing rehabilitation.
	Location Description	Locations to be determined during the program year.
	Planned Activities	Labor/services, supervision, materials, tools/equipment, licenses, and permits to complete weatherization and repair projects for seniors and residents with disabilities who own their homes.
	Project Name	CDBG Program Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Administer HUD Grant Programs
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$280,180
13	Description	CDBG funds will be used for oversight and administration of the CDBG program, including monitoring, reporting, program evaluation, fair housing activities, community outreach, and the development of required planning documents (Annual Action Plan, CAPERs, plan amendments, environmental review records, etc.) or related studies.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of persons that will benefit from the proposed activity	Not applicable. CDBG Program Administration will support the successful completion of all other CDBG-funded projects identified in this Annual Action Plan.
	Location Description	Community Development, 305 Fountain Circle SW, Huntsville, AL 35801, and other locations throughout the City of Huntsville.
	Planned Activities	Program administration, including staff salaries, administrative costs, consulting and other technical assistance services, and program planning efforts.

	Project Name	HOME New Construction Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Expand the Affordable Housing Supply
	Needs Addressed	Expand and Preserve Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$250,000
14	Description	HOME grant funds will be used to support the construction of affordable homes for homeownership by low- and moderate-income families by Habitat for Humanity of the River Valley and Family Services Center.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of persons that will benefit from the proposed activity	Estimated 1 low- and moderate-income family to be assisted through the addition of affordable homeowner housing.
	Location Description	Location to be determined during the program year.
	Planned Activities	Construction of affordable housing for homeownership.
	Project Name	HOME Multifamily Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Expand the Affordable Housing Supply
	Needs Addressed	Expand and Preserve Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$630,348.74
15	Description	HOME funds will be used to finance the construction, rehabilitation, and/or acquisition of affordable multifamily rental units. Projects that use HOME funding must meet certain income targeting and affordability requirements and must remain affordable for a specified period of time. HOME funds will be leveraged with other funds that may include State of Alabama HOME funds, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, other federal and state funds, and private financing.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of persons that will benefit from the proposed activity	Estimated 4 low- and moderate-income households to be assisted through development of new affordable rental units.
	Location Description	Location to be determined during the program year.
	Planned Activities	Construction, rehabilitation and/or acquisition of affordable multifamily rental housing.

	Project Name	CHDO New Construction Program
	-	Citywide
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	Goals Supported	Expand the Affordable Housing Supply
	Needs Addressed	Expand and Preserve Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$350,000
16	Description	HOME grant funds will be used to support the construction of affordable homes for homeownership by low- and moderate-income families by Certified Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) as a housing developer. Habitat for Humanity of the River Valley and Family Services Center are the nonprofit housing developers certified as CHDOs and expected to carry out the proposed activity.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
		Estimated 1 low- and moderate-income family to be assisted through the addition of affordable homeowner housing.
	Location Description	Location to be determined during the program year.
	Planned Activities	Construction of affordable housing for homeownership.
	Project Name	Homeownership Assistance Program (HOAP)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Homebuyer Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Homebuyer Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$200,000
17	Description	HOME funds will be used to support the City of Huntsville's Homeownership Assistance Program (HOAP), including direct financial assistance to qualified first- time homebuyers and homebuyer counseling through a HUD-Certified Housing Counseling Agency.
	Target Date	06/30/2026
		Estimated 10 low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers to receive direct financial assistance toward downpayment and/or closing costs.
	Location Description	Locations to be determined during the program year.
		Homebuyer counseling and direct financial assistance to qualified first-time homebuyers.

	Project Name	HOME Program Administra	ation			
	Target Area	Citywide				
	Goals Supported	Administer HUD Grant Pro	grams			
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration				
	Funding	HOME: \$112,477				
18	Description	HOME funds will be used for oversight and administration of the HOME program, including monitoring, reporting, program evaluation, fair housing activities, community outreach, and the development of required planning documents (Annual Action Plan, CAPERs, plan amendments, environmental review records, etc.) or related studies.				
	Target Date	06/30/2026				
		Not applicable. HOME Program Administration will support the successful completion of all other HOME-funded projects identified in this Annual Action Plan.				
		Community Development, 305 Fountain Circle SW, Huntsville, AL 35801 and othe locations throughout the City of Huntsville.				
		Program administration, including staff salaries, administrative costs, consulting and other technical assistance services, and program planning efforts.				
	CDBG Total	\$1,686,844.00	HOME Total	\$1,542,825.74		

# DESCRIPTION OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE ENTITLEMENT WHERE ASSISTANCE WILL BE DIRECTED

The majority of the City of Huntsville's PY 2025 projects will be open to residents citywide, provided that recipients of assistance meet program qualifications (i.e., have low or moderate incomes less than 80% AMI and/or are members of special needs groups such as people experiencing homelessness, seniors, or people with disabilities). One project that will serve a specific geographic area is a program that will provide Façade improvements grants to support local business revitalization within the Mill Creek target area and as part of the Mill Creek Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI).