

NOTICE OF PUBLIC NEEDS HEARING AND REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
CITY OF WILMINGTON, DE
FFY 2026/CFY 2027 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM
HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS PROGRAM
AND
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE
FFY 2025/CFY 2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND THE
FFY 2021/CFY 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that the City of Wilmington, DE (City) is currently preparing its Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026/City Fiscal Year (CFY) 2027 Annual Action Plan (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027). The City will receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and will conduct a public hearing on the use of these funds. In accordance with the Final Rule for consolidation of the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA Programs, 24 CFR Part 91, et. al., the City will prepare an Annual Action Plan, which will be submitted to HUD on the earlier of May 15, 2026, or 60 days from the formal notification by HUD of the City's annual FFY 2026/CFY 2027 funding allocations under these programs.

Federal law has expanded the service area for the City's HOPWA allocation, which already covers Cecil County, MD, to also include Salem County, NJ. FFY 2026 HOPWA funds will be available to agencies that serve people in these jurisdictions.

For FFY 2026/CFY 2027, the City is soliciting applications from qualified organizations interested in providing programs and projects that address one or more of the needs targeted in the City's CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs. Proposals will be accepted for eligible activities and projects through the Neighborly Portal. For access, please email realestatehousing@wilmingtonde.gov

All applications must be submitted through Neighborly no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2026. Proposals submitted after this time or not through Neighborly will be rejected without exception.

In accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, the City will hold a pre-application meeting/community development and housing needs hearing on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, located on the first floor of the Louis L. Redding City/County Building, 800 North French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

A virtual pre-application meeting/community development and housing needs hearing will also be held on January 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The GoTo Meeting link for this meeting is:

<https://meet.goto.com/832257397>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Access Code: 832-257-397

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The purpose of these public hearings is to:

1. Furnish citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties with information concerning the estimated funds available for proposed community development and housing activities.

2. Obtain the views and comments of individuals and organizations concerning the City's housing and community development needs. The information gathered will be used in the preparation of the Annual Action Plan submission for the FFY 2026/CFY 2027 Program Year.
3. Review the City's CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs and provide an opportunity for the public to comment on program performance.
4. Summarize the Annual Action Plan process and obtain the views of citizens, public agencies, and others interested in the housing and community development needs of the City.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend and make valued comments regarding projects and programs for consideration of funding.

Persons requiring special accommodation or translation assistance can make arrangements at least three (3) business days in advance by contacting the Department of Real Estate & Housing at 302-576-3000, TTY 7-1-1 (Delaware Relay Center), or realestatehousing@wilmingtonde.gov. La información será proporcionada en español por petición.

The City will also accept needs input from the public via email at realestatehousing@wilmingtonde.gov or in writing to the Department of Real Estate & Housing, 800 North French Street – 7th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801 as part of this public hearing.

Views of the public are invited on the effects of HUD-supported projects on historic properties listed on, or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 {et. seq.}. Comments may be made via email to dmartin@wilmingtonde.gov or mailed to Debra Martin, Department of Land Use & Planning, 800 North French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

The City expects to publish a summary of its proposed Annual Action Plan for FFY 2026/CFY 2027 on or before March 20, 2026. A copy of the document will be placed on public display for a thirty (30) day review period beginning on or before March 23, 2026. A second public hearing will be duly advertised and conducted to present the proposed plan to the public. The City will consider comments on the proposed plan prior to adoption by the Wilmington City Council and submission to HUD. Proper notice of the display date and subsequent public hearing will be properly advertised.

The City intends to complete a Substantial Amendment to the FFY 2025/CFY 2026 Annual Action Plan. The Substantial Amendment details the allocation of \$110,000 of CDBG funds for Code Purple and other homeless services, and create two new programs, rental rehabilitation and demolition programs for a \$1,000,000 from remaining multi-year project funds and anticipated program income.

A copy of the FFY 2025/CFY 2026 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment will be available for public display and comment at the following locations from December 30, 2025, through January 29, 2026:

- Department of Real Estate and Housing: 800 N French Street, 7th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801
- City of Wilmington website: <https://www.wilmingtonde.gov/government/housing>

The City also intends to complete a Substantial Amendment to the FFY 2021/CFY 2022 Annual Action Plan for the HOME ARP Allocation Plan. The Substantial Amendment details how the City intends to allocate \$2.1 million in Home Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds, authorized by the American Rescue Plan in April 2021. The Allocation Plan will add a Services activity for Homeless Prevention activities.

A copy of the FFY 2021/CFY 2022 Annual Action Plan HOME-ARP Substantial Amendment will be available for public display and comment at the following locations from January 14, 2026, through January 29, 2026:

- Department of Real Estate and Housing: 800 N French Street, 7th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801
- City of Wilmington website: <https://www.wilmingtonde.gov/government/housing>

Any persons interested in commenting on the Substantial Amendment to the FFY 2025/CFY 2026 Annual Action or the Substantial Amendment to the FFY 2021/CFY 2022 Annual Action Plan may do so in writing to the Department of Real Estate & Housing, 800 North French Street – 7th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801 or realestatehousing@wilmingtonde.gov. Comments must be received by January 30, 2026, to be considered. City Council is expected to consider both amendments at their meeting on February 5, 2026. The amendments will be submitted to HUD on or after February 6, 2026.