

Community Development Action Plan

FY 2025-2026

Proposed Project Descriptions

Housing - Kingsport Alliance for Housing Revitalization (KAHR) –

KAHR provides emergency home repair assistance to low and moderate-income homeowners citywide in order to safeguard against imminent danger to human life, health, or safety, or to protect the property from further structural damage or structural collapse. In FY 2025/2026, Community Development proposes to utilize the following CDBG funds in the KAHR program:

Rehabilitation/Emergency Repair: \$172,971.90 2025 Allocation

Community Programs – For 2025/2026, Community Development proposes to fund the Community Programs line item at \$67,608.90

Community Development proposes to utilize approximately \$42,608.90 of CDBG funding to local non-profit organizations that address the educational, advocacy, employment, health, safety and economic opportunity needs of extremely-low, low, and moderate income persons and families and subgroups within in the City of Kingsport. The City of Kingsport will advertise funding availability to the public for Community Enrichment Programs. The Community Development Advisory Committee will review proposals and award the highest-scoring non-profit organizations to serve the needs of LMI persons in the city.

Community Development proposes to utilize \$25,000 of CDBG funding to continue our partnership with the United Way of Kingsport to support a Homeless Liaison position. The United Way Homeless Liaison provides referral and housing services and well-resourced path to self-sufficiency for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Community Development Program grants are administered through subrecipient agreements prescribed by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and monitored by the Community Development office. Upon approval of the overall funding allocation by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, the Community Development Advisory Committee will review applications from various agencies and recommend funding agreements to the BMA. These agreements will be presented to the BMA after approval of CDBG funding by HUD.

Code Enforcement/Demolition – The Mayor’s One Kingsport Summit recommended several action plan emphases to improve the Kingsport community in various target themes. Among these themes was the area of housing. The housing study committee has put forward a number of priorities for housing in the city, which spans the spectrum from affordable housing to up-scale market rate housing. One emphasis involved in housing is strengthening the City’s Code Enforcement program. Since a substantial amount of code enforcement effort for the City is relative to lower income housing, the Advisory Committee

*Carryover funding is CDBG funding that is not utilized in the Prior Year. Carryover funds are often recognized in the next year’s Annual Action Plan.

*Program Income is income generated by CDBG activities, example, CDBG funds repair a home, funding is secured with a lien. Should the owner move or sell the property before the lien expires, the owner may be subject to repaying a portion of those CDBG funds. Funds returned to the CDBG program are considered Program Income.

recommended allocating \$50,000 for the City's Code Enforcement program. Funds are used to bolster the City's code enforcement inspections and review activities.

2025 Allocation: \$50,000.00

2024 Carry Over: \$50,000.00

2023 Carry Over: \$38,524.03

HOPE VI/Section 108 Loan – For Program Year 2025, Community Development proposes to allocate \$70,000 for repayment of a Section 108 Loan in support of the HOPE VI Riverview/Sherwood/Hiwassee Improvement project. In 2007, the City applied for \$856,000 Section 108 Loan to fund acquisition or real property, demolition of existing structures and/or infrastructure improvements in the Riverview Neighborhood as part of the HOPE VI project. Section 108 requires that the local jurisdiction utilize its current and future CDBG funds as collateral for the loan. Community Development has calculated that the City would need to set aside approximately \$70,000 CDBG funds per year for 20 years to support this proposal.

\$254,000 remains on the debt, and payments go through 2031.

Administration – For Program Year 2025, Community Development proposes an administration budget of \$90,145.20. These funds provide for staffing and necessary office expenses related to the overall administration of the CDBG program, including the shared costs of a Grants Accountant in the Finance Department. Administration funds are also utilized for Fair Housing Activities.

*Carryover funding is CDBG funding that is not utilized in the Prior Year. Carryover funds are often recognized in the next year's Annual Action Plan.

*Program Income is income generated by CDBG activities, example, CDBG funds repair a home, funding is secured with a lien. Should the owner move or sell the property before the lien expires, the owner may be subject to repaying a portion of those CDBG funds. Funds returned to the CDBG program are considered Program Income.

2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Program:	2025 Allocation:	Approx. Program Income:	Approx. 2024 Carryover:	Approx. 2023 Carryover:	Total:
KAHR – Safe, decent housing	\$172,971.90	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$172,971.90
Community Enrichment	\$67,608.90	\$0	\$0	\$451.05	\$68,059.95
Code Enforcement	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000.00	\$150,000.00
Demolition – Safe, decent housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Hope VI Project/Section 108 Loan	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,000
Program Administration	\$90,145.20	\$0	\$0	\$50,015.13	\$140,160.33
Total:	\$450,726.00	\$0	\$50,000.00	\$100,466.18	\$601,192.18

A full copy of the CDBG 2025 Annual Action Plan is available on the City of Kingsport Community Development Website at

<https://www.kingsporttn.gov/cdbg-program-documents/>

*Carryover funding is CDBG funding that is not utilized in the Prior Year. Carryover funds are often recognized in the next year's Annual Action Plan.

*Program Income is income generated by CDBG activities, example, CDBG funds repair a home, funding is secured with a lien. Should the owner move or sell the property before the lien expires, the owner may be subject to repaying a portion of those CDBG funds. Funds returned to the CDBG program are considered Program Income.