

# STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

**AGENDA DATE:** February 24, 2026

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**TITLE:**

Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application

**SUMMARY:**

Direction is sought from the City Commission regarding the submission of an application to the Palm Beach County Department of Housing and Economic Development (DHED) for funding under the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

The City is eligible to receive its allocation for the estimated amount of \$301,586. The specific activity or project to be submitted for funding will be determined by the City Commission at this meeting.

**BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Two eligible projects proposed by staff were presented at a community outreach meeting held on February 12, 2026, to obtain public input on the City's FY 2026–2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding priorities. The two projects, along with the feedback received, are presented for consideration and comment by the Mayor and City Commission.

Residents in attendance were provided input cards and asked to identify their preferred project. Additional eligible activities proposed by the Mayor, members of the City Commission, or the public may also be considered for funding at this time.

**Project 1 – Compass Building Roof, HVAC System, and Parking Lot Improvements**

This project consists of capital improvements to the Compass Building, including:

- Replacement of the existing roof system
- Replacement of the chiller
- Replacement of the air handlers
- Associated ductwork improvements
- Parking lot lighting and pavement replacement

These improvements will correct critical building system deficiencies, improve energy efficiency, enhance facility functionality, and extend the useful life of the structure.

Public facility improvements are an eligible activity under the CDBG Program. The facility is located within the City's CDBG Target Area and is presumed to principally benefit low- and moderate-income residents.

The estimated FY 2026–2027 CDBG allocation will fund the full scope of work. No local cost share is anticipated.

**Project 2 – Memorial Field Lighting Improvements**

This project consists of the installation and/or replacement of field lighting at Memorial Field.

The proposed improvements will:

- Improve safety and visibility for evening use
- Expand accessibility and programming opportunities
- Enhance the facility's functionality for community events and recreational activities

Public facility improvements are an eligible CDBG activity. The service area for this facility is located within the City's CDBG Target Area and is presumed to principally benefit low- and moderate-income residents.

The estimated FY 2026–2027 CDBG allocation will fund the full scope of work. No local cost share is anticipated.

The community feedback received at the February 12, 2026 outreach meeting indicated unanimous support for Project 1 – Compass Building Roof, HVAC System, and Parking Lot Improvements. All submitted input cards identified this project as the preferred funding priority, reflecting the community's desire to address critical infrastructure needs and enhance the long-term functionality of a key facility serving residents within the CDBG Target Area.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove FY 2026–2027 CDBG Option 1 (Compass Building) grant submission.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Projects presentation