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May 14, 2026

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: Crystal Campbell, Community Development Program Coordinator  
CC: Kendall Nagy, Curtis Calder  
RE: PY26 CDBG Funding Recommendations

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### Purpose of the Memo

The Meridian Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is preparing the Program Year 2026 (PY26) Action Plan, which establishes proposed allocations of CDBG funding in alignment with priorities identified in the 2022–2026 Consolidated Plan. Funding recommendations for public service and housing activities were developed through two competitive application processes. Public improvement projects identified in the LMA Walkability Study will be administered by City staff and were not subject to the application process.

### Application Process and Selection

Applications for Public Service and Housing projects were accepted from April 1–30, 2026. Submitted applications were reviewed by a scoring committee, which developed funding recommendations for inclusion in the PY26 Action Plan. Staff supports these recommendations.

The scoring committee included representatives from Community Development, Finance, the Mayor’s Office, City Council, the healthcare sector, and senior advocacy. Staff was unable to secure participation from representatives of the nonprofit sector, youth advocacy, or the West Ada School District for this application cycle.

## Recommended Projects for Funding

### Public Service Projects

Total Funding Available: \$83,297

#### **Jesse Tree – Emergency Rental Assistance Program**

Recommended Amount: \$41,649

Provides rental assistance to Meridian residents at immediate risk of homelessness.

#### **Boys & Girls Club – Scholarship Program**

Recommended Amount: \$41,648

Provides scholarships for Meridian youth to access extended care and summer programming.

### Housing Projects

Total Funding Available: \$212,509

#### **NeighborWorks Boise – Homeowner Repair Program**

Recommended Amount: \$187,509

Provides home repairs focused on weatherization, accessibility, energy efficiency, and visitability improvements for Meridian homeowners.

#### **Habitat for Humanity – Critical Home Repair Program**

Recommended Amount: \$25,000

Provides essential safety and accessibility repairs for low-income homeowners, with priority given to seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities at risk of losing independent living due to unsafe housing conditions.

#### **Alternate Project: Affordable Housing Opportunities**

Recommended Amount: \$0

If an eligible affordable housing development opportunity becomes available, unspent funds from awarded projects may be reallocated to support that project.

### Public Improvement Projects

Total Funding Available: \$212,508

#### **NW 7th Walkability**

This project is entering the construction phase and is anticipated to be completed during PY26.

## Next Steps and Timeline

Staff will finalize the draft PY26 Action Plan and release it for public comment beginning May 28, 2026.

Consistent with prior Council direction, staff will provide two public hearing opportunities during the public comment period, although only one is required. In addition to the formal comment period, staff will conduct community outreach to gather public feedback and increase awareness of the proposed projects.

The public comment period will remain open through June 27, 2026, or longer if required based on Council agenda availability. Following the close of the comment period and consideration of public input, the final Action Plan will be presented to Council for approval and submission to HUD.

### **Projected Timeline**

- May 18: Applicant notification
- May 28: Public comment period opens
- June 2: First public hearing and Council presentation
- TBD: Second public hearing and close of public comment period
- TBD: Final Action Plan presented on Council consent agenda

Approved projects are anticipated to begin October 1, 2026.

### **Contact Information**

For questions regarding project recommendations, the application process, or the CDBG Program, please contact:

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