



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 05/12/2026

**REQUESTER:** Lisa D. Krieg, CDBG Grants Manager

**PRESENTER:** Lisa D. Krieg, CDBG Grants Manager

**ITEM TITLE:** CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE PROPOSED SECOND YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR THE NORMAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM TOTALING \$1,395,502.80 TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD).

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### **BACKGROUND:**

On May 13, 2025, the Norman City Council approved the 2025–2030 Consolidated Plan, a comprehensive framework for identifying and addressing the needs of low- and moderate-income residents in Norman. The Consolidated Plan establishes priorities and strategies for the use of federal funds allocated to the City by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs.

While the Consolidated Plan satisfies federal statutory requirements (24 CFR 91.200–91.230), the Annual Action Plan serves as the implementation document through which specific programs and projects are authorized and funded. This Second Year Action Plan covers the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 (2025 Federal Budget).

HUD designates the City of Norman as an entitlement community based on its population and demographics. As such, the City receives annual formula allocations of CDBG and HOME funding, contingent upon federal appropriations. Activities funded through these programs are intended to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents, neighborhoods with high concentrations of such residents, and the community as a whole.

This Action Plan reflects extensive public outreach, including public hearings and consultation with agencies serving low- and moderate-income populations and special needs groups. The Second Year Action Plan includes the 52nd Year CDBG allocation (\$969,715) and the HOME allocation (\$425,787.80), for a combined total of \$1,395,502.80. The document outlines proposed uses of funds, aligned with the goals and objectives of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, along with anticipated performance outcomes.

A complete draft of the Action Plan was made available for public review beginning April 10, 2026. Public comments will be accepted through May 13, 2026.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Second Year Action Plan is informed by data analysis, existing planning documents, and recommendations from the Community Development Block Grant Policy Committee, the advisory committee comprised of citizens. This process included in-person engagement opportunities such as neighborhood meetings; individual and focus group discussions addressing public services, public facilities, housing, homelessness, and economic development/anti-poverty strategies. A community wide public hearing was held in January to identify community needs and begin the process of developing this Action Plan.

The CDBG Policy Committee convened twice to evaluate progress toward Consolidated Plan goals, offer input on community needs, and assist in setting priorities for the upcoming year.

Proposed CDBG funds prioritize housing-related activities totaling \$661,799. These housing activities include the long-standing Housing Rehabilitation Program, which includes Emergency Repair and Accessibility Modifications, as well as associated program administration. \$60,000 is programmed for neighborhood improvements, and \$65,000 for the Housing Navigator embedded in the Norman Housing Authority. \$182,916 is for program administration and fair housing services. To support the development of affordable housing, the majority of the \$425,787.80 of the HOME Investment Partnerships allocation is designated for collaboration with the Norman 2015 Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO).

Consistent with prior years, the Action Plan includes targeted revitalization efforts in three neighborhoods: Old Silk Stocking, Original Townsite, and First Courthouse. All proposed expenditures comply with federal caps on administrative and public service funding. A detailed list of projects is included in the attached 2026–2027 Second Year Action Plan.

The 30-day public comment period concludes May 13, 2026. Following City Council approval the Action Plan will be submitted to HUD for review.

Funding for CDBG and HOME activities is included in the City of Norman's FYE 2027 annual budget.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the Second Year Action Plan which includes the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program are recommended as proposed.