

City of Meridian PY26 CDBG Action Plan Summary

Overview

The City of Meridian, an Entitlement Community, receives annual funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. These funds support local efforts to strengthen housing stability, preserve affordable housing, improve neighborhoods, and expand access to services for low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents.

The PY26 Action Plan covers the program year from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. It is part of the City's 2022–2026 Consolidated Plan, which identifies community priorities based on public input and local needs.

Community Priorities

The City's CDBG program focuses on three priority areas:

- Decent Housing: Preserve and improve affordable housing, prevent homelessness, and support vulnerable households
- Suitable Living Environment: Improve neighborhood safety, accessibility, and connectivity
- Economic Opportunity: Support stability and self-sufficiency through housing and community services

Citizen Participation and Consultation

The City encourages public participation in the development of the Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, substantial amendments, and CAPER. Outreach efforts are designed to engage a broad range of stakeholders, including low- and moderate-income residents, neighborhood populations, minority communities, persons with disabilities, public housing residents, and local service providers and organizations.

Public input is collected through meetings and other engagement methods held in accessible locations. This feedback is used to inform community needs, priorities, and program planning for the Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plans.

Summary of Public Comments

All public comments and survey feedback received during the public participation process are documented and considered in the development of Consolidated Plan priorities. This input helps ensure that funding decisions and program activities reflect identified community needs.

Priority Needs and Goals

The City of Meridian's 2022–2026 Consolidated Plan identifies three priority needs:

- Decent Housing: Preserve and expand affordable housing, support vulnerable populations, and reduce homelessness

- Suitable Living Environment: Improve neighborhood safety, accessibility, and livability in low- and moderate-income areas
- Economic Opportunity: Expand access to opportunities that support housing stability and self-sufficiency

To address these needs, the City supports the following goals:

- Housing: Preserve and improve affordable housing through rehabilitation and related activities
- Public Services: Support housing stability through services such as rental assistance and childcare support
- Public Infrastructure: Improve neighborhood connectivity and accessibility, including sidewalks and pedestrian improvements
- Program Administration & Fair Housing: Ensure compliant program administration and support fair housing activities

PY26 Funding Overview

The City will allocate a total of \$555,314 in CDBG funds for PY26 toward the following categories:

- Housing Stability Services
- Housing Assistance and Preservation (including homeowner repairs and critical repairs)
- Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements
- Program Administration and Fair Housing Activities

All project funding, excluding administration and fair housing, is directed toward activities that benefit low- and moderate-income residents or LMI areas.

Recommended Projects for Funding

Housing Stability Services

Total Funding Available: \$83,297

- Emergency Rental Assistance (Jesse Tree) – \$41,649
Provides rental assistance and support services to households at immediate risk of homelessness.
- Youth Scholarship Program (Boys & Girls Club) – \$41,648
Provides childcare scholarships for low- and moderate-income families to support housing stability and employment.

Housing Assistance & Preservation

Total Funding Available: \$212,509

- Homeowner Repair Program (NeighborWorks Boise) – \$187,509
Provides critical home repairs including safety, accessibility, weatherization, and energy efficiency improvements.
- Critical Home Repair Program (Habitat for Humanity) – \$25,000
Provides essential home repairs for low-income homeowners, with priority for seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities.

- Affordable Housing Opportunities (Alternate Activity) – \$0
Funds may be reallocated if eligible affordable housing opportunities arise, including acquisition, rehabilitation, preservation, or other eligible housing activities.

Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements

Total Funding Available: \$212,508

NW 7th Walkability Project

Multi-year pedestrian infrastructure improvements in low- and moderate-income areas, including completion of remaining phases along NW 7th Street.

Program Administration & Fair Housing

Total Funding Available: \$47,000

- Program Administration (City of Meridian) – \$41,000
Supports CDBG program management, compliance, monitoring, reporting, and administration.
- Fair Housing Activities (City of Meridian) – \$6,000
Supports fair housing education, outreach, and activities to affirmatively further fair housing.

Conclusion

The City of Meridian’s PY26 Action Plan focuses on strengthening housing stability, improving neighborhoods, and supporting residents with the greatest need. These investments help ensure safe, stable, and accessible communities for all residents.