Program Year 2026 Annual Action Plan Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Public Hearing and Application Information

The City of Muncie Community Development Dept. (CD) will be holding meetings related to the Program Year 2026 (PY 2026) June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027 Annual Action Plan. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs, funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CD anticipates PY 2026 resources in the amount of \$1,242,123 for CDBG and \$508,762 for HOME activities. These are estimates based on PY 2026 funding as funds have not yet been appropriated by Congress.

PUBLIC HEARING

CD will hold a public hearing to educate citizens about the range of activities that can be undertaken with CDBG and HOME funds and to solicit comments from residents, public agencies, other interested parties on community needs, including but not limited to:

- Assessment of housing
- Efforts needed to affirmatively further fair housing
- Long-range unmet housing and non-housing community development needs
- Proposed activities to be undertaken with CDBG funds
- Proposed activities to be undertaken with HOME funds

Community groups are encouraged to present programs to meet specific community needs. In order to be considered for funding, an application must be submitted as described at the public hearing and in the legal notice below.

The public hearing will be held on at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 in City Hall Auditorium. The hearing will also be livestreamed via the City of Muncie Facebook page.

The public comment period runs from December 18, 2025 thru January 19, 2026.

Oral Comment Submission: comments may be submitted by speaking at the public hearing or by calling the CD Office (765-747-4825) between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM. If submitted by phone, caller must disclose that the purpose of the call is to submit a comment.

Written Comment Submission: comments may be submitted in writing via

- US Mail to: Community Development Director, City Hall, 300 N. High St., Muncie, IN 47305
- Personal delivery to address above
- Email to: commdev@muncie.in.gov

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To arrange accommodations for people with disabilities, non-English speakers or if alternative document formats are needed, contact the CD Office.

PY 2026 APPLICATIONS

CDBG and HOME Applications are available at: wwww.muncie.in.us > departments > community development >document center > forms and applications

A training/informational meeting related to the CDBG applications will be held at 10:00 am on Friday January 9, 2026 via Zoom. Contact nadams@muncie.in.gov to register and obtain the meeting link.

PY 2026 CDBG public service applications will be limited to programs that assist homeless people and address the causes of homelessness. Applications must be submitted electronically via the Cognito Forms portal. Paper copies of applications will not be accepted. The electronic submission deadline for CDBG applications and required additional documentation is 12 PM Noon on Monday, February 9, 2026.

HOME applications are accepted quarterly, on a rolling basis. HOME application deadlines are: January 15, 2026, April 15, 2026, July 15, 2026, October 15, 2026 and January 15, 2027 at 4 PM. HOME projects must be prepared to proceed within 90 days of application submittal.

Gretchen Cheesman, Director, Community Development Department

Ad runs Wednesday, December 17, 2026