

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 24

**SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ANNUAL PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS,
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT, AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
PERSONS WITH AIDS; REALLOCATION OF PROGRAM FUNDS; A
RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ANNUAL PLAN; AUTHORIZE
APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO
SUPPORT FUTURE HOUSING OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

As a recipient of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement program funding, the County of San Diego (County) develops a five-year Consolidated Plan to guide long-term planning and investment of housing and community development activities that serve residents across the region. On March 11, 2025 (08), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan establishes goals for four federal entitlement programs, which are locally administered by the County Health and Human Services Agency, Housing and Community Development Services (HCDS). These programs include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). Funds from these federal entitlement programs support a variety of housing and community development activities in the region.

Each year of the five-year Consolidated Plan cycle includes an annual planning process consisting of three key documents: the Annual Plan Strategy, the Annual Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Annual Plan Strategy, which sets forth the priorities for activities that will be funded in the FY 2026-27 Annual Plan was approved by the Board on November 4, 2025 (16).

Today's action requests approval of the draft FY 2026-27 Annual Plan. The Annual Plan includes specific projects identified to be funded based on the anticipated funding allocations for each program. The recommendations in the Annual Plan represent a wide range of services and projects that will support community revitalization and affordable housing for low-income residents and persons with special needs. Recommendations are based on estimated funding allocations, anticipated program income, and reallocations from prior years' program balances. In total, it is anticipated that \$22.9 million will be available in FY 2026-27.

Today's requested action concludes a formal public comment period for the FY 2026-27 Annual Plan, which opened February 20, 2026. During the comment period, the draft plan was available for the public to review and comment. It will be updated to reflect any appropriate revisions from public testimony and final funding amounts made by HUD. After adjustments, the final Annual Plan will be submitted to HUD.

Approval of today's action authorizes the FY 2026-27 project funding and memorializes the steps taken to engage the public and stakeholders in planning, reporting, and program administration. Today's action also authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer or designee to reallocate funding as necessary due to changes in funding amounts, program income, or project cost savings. In addition, it authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer or designee to execute contracts related to projects identified in the FY 2026-27 Annual Plan and issue Notices of Funding Availability as necessary. Finally, it authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer or designee to apply for future funding opportunities that advance affordable housing and community development.

This item advances the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all residents, with a particular focus on communities that have been historically underrepresented. This item also aligns with the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities by ensuring low-income residents have access to suitable living environments and by enhancing quality of life through decent and affordable housing. Additionally, this action supports the County Housing for All initiative, the Framework for Ending Homelessness, and the Housing Blueprint by ensuring funding supports programs across the homeless-to-housed continuum for San Diego's most vulnerable residents.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Hold this public hearing to receive testimony and approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Plan outlining the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program funds for submittal to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ANNUAL PLAN certifying compliance with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to authorize the execution and transmittal of necessary documents and amendments for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Plan.
3. Authorize the reallocation of up to \$7.0 million in prior years' resources, including up to \$0.6 million of CDBG funds, up to \$5.7 million of HOME funds and up to \$0.7 million of HOPWA funds, to supplement the Fiscal Year 2026-27 HUD Entitlement Programs.
4. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or designee to issue Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA), publish notices, award contracts and execute agreements, amend existing contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding, execute certification forms, prepare and execute all necessary documents for the submittal, regulatory processing and implementation, and take any other actions necessary as required by HUD for Recommendations 2 and 3, and the Fiscal Year 2026-27 recommended and/or alternative CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs following the completion of environmental processing and HUD release of funds, as applicable.
5. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or designee to adjust the amount of funding to projects identified within the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Plan as necessary to reflect the actual entitlement grant amounts when they are determined by HUD.

6. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or designee to reallocate as necessary, in accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan, project balances from cancelled or completed projects and program income, to existing and/or alternative CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA projects.
7. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or designee to apply for additional funding opportunities to support future affordable housing or community development projects, in the current and future fiscal years, as they will provide overall value to the County and its residents by helping to build safe and affordable neighborhoods.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs were established to address the housing, community development, and public service needs of the county's most vulnerable residents. These programs specifically serve low-and-moderate income households.

To reduce barriers to participation, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Housing and Community Development Services (HCDS) implemented an inclusive community engagement strategy. This included hosting community input sessions in diverse geographic locations, offering translated public notices, and community input surveys in the County's threshold languages to serve non-English speaking residents, and leveraging the County's social media platforms and website to broaden awareness and accessibility for hard-to-reach populations. By actively seeking and integrating community input for the development of the Annual Plan, this process helps ensure that funding priorities reflect the lived experiences and needs of historically underserved communities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's action supports the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community, Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access, and Goal #4 to protect health and well-being. This is accomplished by continuing to provide diverse engagement opportunities to seek community input on funding priorities for the development of the Annual Plan and administering programs that prioritize underserved populations and communities. These programs create opportunities for affordable housing, community infrastructure, shelter, and supportive services for the most vulnerable residents of San Diego County. They help build safe and affordable neighborhoods with access to sidewalks, playgrounds, and green space; assist non-profit organizations that provide care and services to residents in need; and support access to diverse housing options, which impact individual and community health.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request will be included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-28 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in an estimated cost and revenue of \$22.9 million for FY 2026-27.

The anticipated funding sources and amounts consists of approximately \$13.8 million in FY 2026-27 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development entitlement grant awards, which includes \$4.2 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$2.8 million in HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), \$0.4 million in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and \$6.4 million in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). An estimated \$2.0 million in total program income from repayment proceeds from loans funded with CDBG (\$1.0 million) and HOME

funds (\$1.0 million) are included. An estimated \$7.0 million will be reallocated from prior years' of CDBG (\$0.6 million), HOME funds (\$5.7 million), and HOPWA funds (\$0.7 million). There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed recommendations will have a positive impact on the business community. Many of the recommended projects include construction that will be implemented by private firms who will be selected through competitive bid processes.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 26-019, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ANNUAL PLAN.

AYES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

NOT PRESENT: Anderson

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter