



San Bernardino County

Legislation Text

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**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

May 5, 2026

FROM

ROBERT GILLIAM, Acting Director, Community Development and Housing

SUBJECT

Final Program Year 2026-27 Annual Action Plan

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve the Final Program Year 2026-27 Annual Action Plan for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant program, in the amount of \$10,052,652.
2. Direct the Assistant Executive Officer, Deputy Executive Officer, or Director of the Community Development and Housing Department to submit the Final Program Year 2026-27 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, including all comments received during the public comment period.
3. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, Assistant Executive Officer, Deputy Executive Officer, or Director of the Community Development and Housing Department, upon award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, to accept and execute the following grant agreements and all other subsequent non-substantive amendments and documents related to the acceptance or administration of the grants, including documents necessary for the administration of loans made with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development grants, subject to County Counsel review:
 - a. Community Development Block Grant Agreement (Agreement No. B26UC060503)
 - b. HOME Investment Partnerships Program Agreement (Agreement No. M26DC060532)
 - c. Emergency Solutions Grant Agreement (Agreement No. E26UC060503)
4. Direct the Director of the Community Development and Housing Department to transmit the grant agreements and non-substantive amendments in Recommendation No. 3 to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of execution.

(Presenter: Robert Gilliam, Acting Director, 382-3983)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Promote and Fulfill the Countywide Vision.

Create, Maintain and Grow Employment Opportunities and Economic Value in the County.

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

Foster Sustainable Development Through Strategic Partnerships.

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The Community

Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) are federally funded entitlement programs. San Bernardino County's (County) 2026-27 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant, totaling \$10,052,652, is comprised of the following: \$6,537,712 for CDBG, \$2,927,224 for HOME, and \$587,716 for ESG. Local match requirements for HOME and ESG are passed down to awarded contractors and may be satisfied with private funds and in-kind donations; CDBG does not require a local match. Adequate appropriation and revenue will be included in future Community Development and Housing (CDH) recommended budgets.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Approval of the Program Year (PY) 2026-27 Annual Action Plan will authorize submission of the County's annual funding application to HUD and enable the County to receive \$10,052,652 in CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. These federal resources support affordable housing, neighborhood improvements, and homelessness response efforts that primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents throughout the county.

Since 1975, San Bernardino County has participated in the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs as an Urban County Entitlement grantee and has received annual funding from HUD to address local housing and community development needs. As a condition of receiving these funds, the County must submit an Annual Action Plan each year outlining how CDBG, HOME, and ESG resources will be used to implement the County's adopted Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The PY 2026-27 Annual Action Plan implements the goals and priorities outlined in the County's 2025-30 Consolidated Plan, adopted by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on April 29, 2025 (Item No. 25). Consistent with federal requirements and the County's Citizen Participation Plan, the proposed PY 2026-27 Annual Action Plan was made available for a 30-day public review period, and the Board conducted a public hearing on April 21, 2026 (Item No. 69) to receive public input. One public comment was received during the comment period, which was reviewed and incorporated into the Final PY 2026-27 Annual Action Plan as part of the submittal to HUD.

The Annual Action Plan governs the use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds throughout the County's federally designated Urban County, which includes the unincorporated communities and the participating cities of Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, and the Town of Yucca Valley. The County administers CDBG and ESG funds on behalf of these communities. The Cities of Chino Hills and Rancho Cucamonga participate exclusively in the HOME program and, together with the County and participating cities, form the HOME Consortium for administration of HOME funds.

For PY 2026-27, approximately \$1.6 million in CDBG funds will be distributed to participating cities based on HUD's formula using current census data, while approximately \$3 million will support projects in the unincorporated areas. These investments focus on capital improvements in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, including accessibility upgrades, infrastructure rehabilitation, and public facility improvements that enhance safety and quality of life. Public service activities will also support homelessness prevention and transitional housing, food and nutrition programs, transportation, childcare, senior services, and job training for income-eligible youth, seniors, and veterans.

HOME funds will support the development and preservation of affordable housing through new construction within the HOME Consortium. The PY 2026-27 allocation includes an affordable rental housing development and is expected to produce approximately 105 new units, including 22 dedicated housing units for Transitional-Age Youth, with the remaining units serving low- and very low-income households.

ESG funds will strengthen the County's coordinated response to homelessness by supporting street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, and related data collection activities. Together, these investments expand access to stable housing and improve coordination across the regional homelessness response system.

To administer the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs, HUD requires local governing bodies to delegate signature authority to implement and manage these federal funds. Recommendation No. 3 delegates this authority to the Chief Executive Officer, Assistant Executive Officer, Deputy Executive Officer, or Director of CDH to administer and implement the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. This authority includes execution of HUD certifications; SF-424 and HUD-424B forms; Consolidated and Annual Action Plans; Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports; Environmental Assessments; Requests to Initiate Project Activity (Attachments A and B); use of HUD reporting systems such as the Integrated Disbursement and Information System and Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting; and execution of loan-related documents including Loan Payoff Demands, Loan Forgiveness agreements, Substitutions of Trustee, Deeds of Reconveyance, Annual Affidavit Letters, Requests for Full Reconveyance, and any related correspondence for previously authorized HUD Community Planning and Development loans, as well as other HUD-required reports, correspondence, and supporting documents.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Suzanne Bryant, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on April 7, 2026; and County Finance and Administration (Paul Garcia, Administrative Analyst III, 387-4205) on April 13, 2026.