



CDBG & HOME Participation Fall 2025-26 Annual Action Plan Public Participation Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2024 2:00 PM

**Hybrid Meeting; City Hall, 111 E. Maple Avenue, Conference Room A (3rd Floor)
And over Microsoft Teams:**

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INTRODUCTIONS

1. Staff Introductions

Chris Ballinger, Program Administrator

Jodi Baker, Program Specialist

2. Participants Introductions

a. In-person

Ilene Shehan - Hope House

Pat Farrell - NWCDC / FCC

Becky Hake - Citizen

Marikate Sears - Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity

Crystal Martinez - Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity

Paul Raddant - Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity

b. Online

Brandi Bair - Hope House

Sarah Tilbury - Community Services League
Alicia Janssen - Mother's Refuge
Ekta Kumar - reStart

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

1. Overview of Annual Action Plan

The Annual Action Plan (AAP) is a required annual report completed by HUD Grantees. The AAP summarizes the activities and resources that will be used during the program year to address priority needs and goals from the 2021-26 Consolidated Plan.

2. 2025-26 Proposed CDBG & HOME Projects and Activities

Ms. Ballinger provided participants with examples of Projects in the 2024-25 AAP. She asked for project needs for the Independence Community as well as challenges their Clients are facing.

3. Request for Annual Action Plan Input from Citizens

Ms. Ballinger reviewed examples of funded services and focus populations. In response to Ms. Ballinger, Alicia with Mother's Refuge mentioned Affordable Housing as a critical community need. Pat with NWCDC mentioned people on the verge of homelessness, struggling to pay for their house, food, etc.

Ms. Ballinger went over HOME funding from the previous year and affordable housing needs in the Independence Community.

Comments regarding top three challenges facing clients are summarized to be:

1. Access to safe, affordable housing - both for renters and homeowners
2. Addressing homelessness and improving blighted areas
3. Expanding resources for individuals with disabilities

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