



CDBG & HOME Participation

Consolidated Plan General Planning and Participation - Housing and Community Needs Minutes

November 17, 2025 4:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting; City Hall, 111 E. Maple Avenue, Conference Room D (Ground Floor)

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INTRODUCTION

CEW Advisors, Inc.: Brian Hull and David Grenier

City Staff: Chris Ballinger, Community Development Program Administrator; Jodi Baker, Community Development Program Specialist

In Person: Ilene Shehan (Hope House); Alicia Janssen (Mother's Refuge); Paul Raddant (Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity)

Online: Christiana Leakey (Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity)

DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY NEEDS

- The City is developing a 5-year strategic plan (2026–2031) for using CDBG and HOME funds.
- Reviewed eligible funding areas, including infrastructure, public services, economic development, and affordable housing.
- Participants completed a prioritization exercise. Top needs identified: 1) Affordable Housing, 2) Domestic Violence & Mental Health Services, 3) Basic Needs/Emergency Assistance, 4) Homelessness, 5) Public Transportation.

- Key themes included:
 - Affordable Housing: Need for quality units, rehab, mixed-income development, transitional housing, and tools to address vacant/dangerous buildings.
 - Homelessness: Need for low-barrier shelters, transitional housing, more case management, and youth housing.
 - Mental Health/DV Services: Need for quicker access to appointments, crisis support, and shelter/transitional options.
 - Basic Needs: Assistance with utilities, transportation, and access to services in underserved neighborhoods.
 - Public Transportation: Limited routes impact access to jobs, food, and services; interest in micro-transit or other alternatives.

FOLLOW UP AND NEXT STEPS

- Review priority rankings and incorporate into the 2026–2031 Consolidated Plan.
- Assess zoning, housing conditions, and vacant/dangerous structures to identify target areas.
- Explore coordination opportunities with County partners, land trust models, and acquisition tools.
- Continue engagement with housing, mental health, DV, and homelessness service providers.
- Evaluate transportation options and service models to address identified gaps.
- Collect additional community input and data to refine plan priorities.