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CDBG & HOME Participation Winter 2026-27 Annual Action Plan Public Participation Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026 2:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Independence Municipal Commons, Conference Room IMC-149-Santa Fe

And over Microsoft Teams: Join via computer, tablet, or smartphone:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting?rtc=1>

Meeting ID: 227 390 423 203 3 Passcode: 3t265wo2

Join by telephone: 1-872-222-5977 ID: 776 196 130#

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:00 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS

Brian of CEW Advisors led the meeting and introduced himself and the City Staff. It was noted that the purpose of the meeting was to gather public input as part of the City's citizen participation process for the development of the 2026–27 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs.

In-person Attendance

Chris Ballinger - City Staff

Jodi Baker - City Staff

Ilene Shehan - Hope House

Online Attendees

Brandi Bair - Hope House

Becky Poitras - Metro Lutheran Ministry

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

1. Overview of Annual Action Plan

Brian from CEW Advisors provided an overview of the Annual Action Plan, including:

- The purpose and requirements of the AAP
- Its relationship to the Consolidated Plan
- Estimated CDBG and HOME funding allocations
- Eligible activities under both programs
- Identified priority needs
- The anticipated timeline for public comment and submission to HUD

It was explained that the AAP serves as the City's annual funding plan outlining how federal resources will be used to address housing, community development, and public service needs.

2. Request for Annual Action Plan Input from Citizens

Brian facilitated discussion and invited public input regarding community needs and funding priorities.

Discussion topics included:

- Housing and rehabilitation needs
- Public service funding considerations
- Community development priorities
- Identification of any emerging needs

Attendees were encouraged to submit additional written comments during the official public comment period.

All input received will be incorporated into the AAP development process.

ADJOURN

With no additional comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned.