

City of Auburn
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Draft 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan/2025 Annual Action Plan
Draft 2025-2029 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice
Draft 2025-2029 Citizen Participation Plan

Public Notice

Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) – The Con Plan is a five-year planning framework, which describes needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities to be undertaken with funding under the CDBG program. The Con Plan also includes a one-year Action Plan. Each year thereafter during the five-year period, a one-year Action Plan is required. Based on the housing needs assessment, housing market analysis, non-housing community needs assessment, and the Community Needs Assessment Survey, the Community Services Department has recommended the following as high priorities to be included in the CDBG 2025-2029 Con Plan:

<u>Housing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing Construction• Homeownership Assistance• Housing Capacity Assistance	<u>Public Service</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prevention and Housing (Utility, Mortgage, Rental, and Homeless Assistance)• Youth Supportive Services• Senior Supportive Services• Family Supportive Services	<u>Administration, Planning, and Management</u>
<u>Housing Rehabilitation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing Rehabilitation• Housing Services		
<u>Community Development</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Infrastructure• Community Facilities• Revitalization of Neighborhoods (Demolition and Clearance Land Acquisition)	<u>Economic Development</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small Business Assistance• Commercial-Industrial Assistance	

Annual Action Plan – The Annual Action Plan is a yearly update of the Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan provides information on the use of CDBG funds to address the needs and priorities established in the Consolidated Plan.

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) – The AI is a process that entitlement cities of grant funds from HUD undertake as part of their obligation to affirmatively further fair housing under the Fair Housing Act. The Plan includes an analysis of fair housing data, assesses fair housing issues and contributing factors, identifies impediments to fair housing choice in the City, and outline the strategies to address impediments identified.

Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) – The CPP set forth the manner and period in which citizens will be informed and encouraged to participate in the development of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, subsequent amendments to these plans, and the Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER).

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has not released the Program Year (PY) 2025 allocations. The City of Auburn estimates its PY 2025 allocation to be \$726,721. The following categories of activities are recommended to be funded by the PY 2025 allocation, starting June 1, 2025:

Project Categories	Proposed Allocation
Housing Construction	\$194,761
Housing Rehabilitation	\$133,717
Public Services	\$93,020
Public Infrastructure	\$125,723
Economic Development	\$66,132
Administration, Planning, and Management	\$113,368
Total	\$726,721

The Community Services Department anticipates generating \$100,000 or more in program income (PI) during PY 2025 from the Affordable Housing Program and the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program. PI accrued from these programs will be recycled to leverage funds to further affordable housing and housing rehabilitation programs. During PY 2025, the Economic Development Department will support Section 108 business loan activities.

The Draft 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan/2025 Annual Action Plan, Draft 2025-2029 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, and the Draft 2025-2025 Citizen Participation Plan will be available for review, from January 30, 2025, until March 1, 2025, at the following locations:

Auburn City Hall
144 Tichenor Avenue, Suite 1
Auburn, AL 36830

Auburn Public Library
749 East Thach Avenue
Auburn, AL 36830

Community Services Department
400 Boykin Street
Auburn, AL 36832

City Website:
<https://www.auburnalabama.org/community-development/resources/>

Written comments will be accepted for consideration from January 30, 2025, until March 1, 2025, at 5:00 PM. Comments received after 5:00 PM, March 1, 2025, will NOT be considered. Written comments should be mailed to the City of Auburn Community Services Department, 144 Tichenor Avenue, Auburn, Alabama 36830. Please include a name, address, and phone number.

You are invited to attend and participate in either of the following public hearings:

Monday, March 17, 2025, 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The public hearings will be held at the Boykin Community Center Auditorium, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn, Alabama. The same information will be presented at both hearings.

All requests for accommodations are considered and should be forwarded to the Community Services Department or the Auburn City Hall no later than March 12, 2025. Request for accommodations and questions regarding this public notice and the public hearing may be sent to the Community Services Department, Attn: Ashley Simpson, 144 Tichenor Avenue, Auburn, Alabama 36830 or via email at athomas@auburnalabama.org.

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