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CITY OF NEW  
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ACTION PLAN

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# Executive Summary

## AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

### 1. Introduction

The City of New Albany is designated an entitlement community by the U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). HUD awards Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to "Entitlement Communities" across the U. S. Awards are based on a formula calculation including factors such as population, pre-1940's housing stock, growth, and decline.

To receive funding, the City of New Albany must develop a One-Year Action Plan to summarize the projects and activities to be undertaken. The Fiscal Year 2026 One-Year Action Plan is developed to provide opportunities in housing and quality of life projects, including public infrastructure improvements. The City partners with public and private not-for-profit and for-profit providers to promote enrichment and educational services.

### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The City of New Albany's FY26 Annual Action Plan supports ongoing efforts to revitalize neighborhoods through community-based programs and projects. Specific programs/projects seek to create reinvestment in the City's infrastructure and housing stock to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing for low-and moderate-income residents and improve walkability and livability in the City's CDBG Target Area to ensure a high quality of life for residents. In addition, funding is provided for community organizations to facilitate enrichment programs that benefit families and focus on education and at-risk afterschool programming. Specific programs and projects are detailed in Section AP-35.

### 3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Since 1975, approximately \$25.5 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds have been invested in the City of New Albany. The City has a good performance record meeting HUD standards and has invested in infrastructure projects such as street improvements, sidewalk replacement, and drainage improvements. Community development projects such as neighborhood parks and neighborhood centers have been undertaken in low-and moderate-income areas. Public

service and housing programs, including youth enrichment programs, first-time homebuyer assistance, owner-occupied rehabilitation and emergency repairs programs, have been a staple of the City's CDBG plans to stabilize neighborhoods and support homeowners. The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP2) invested over \$6 million in the City's Midtown neighborhood, building 42 new affordable homes in 45 parcels, creating a community garden, selling one parcel to an adjoining property owner, and constructing an addition at the Cardinal Ritter House, providing new community space.

#### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The New Albany Redevelopment Commission adopted the FY26 Citizen Participation Plan on December 23, 2025, at which time they approved a summary to be published on the City's CDBG Website and distributed to local agencies via email. The entire Citizens Plan was posted in the City Hall and on the City's website.

Annual Redevelopment meetings are scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The current schedule for 2026 public meetings, public hearings, and key dates is as follows:

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**5. Summary of public comments**

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This will be added after the conclusion of the public comment period.

**6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them**

The draft was completed before the comment period commenced.

**7. Summary**

The City of New Albany has undertaken all efforts in outreach to all segments of the community that may benefit from the CDBG program, and those activities are consistent with the priority needs identified in the 2025-2029 Consolidation Plan and the following FY26 Annual Action Plan.

**PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)**

**1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan**

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

<b>Agency Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Department/Agency</b>
Lead Agency	NEW ALBANY	
CDBG Administrator	NEW ALBANY	Redevelopment
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

As a recipient of funding from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), New Albany is required to complete a 5-year Consolidated Plan, annual Action Plan, and CAPER, as well as the Analysis of Impediments. This Annual Action Plan represents an assessment of New Albany’s affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions. The Plan is used to help the City make data-driven, place-based investment decisions. Community engagement is an essential part of each of the processes to create these documents.

**Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**

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The New Albany Redevelopment Commission leads the process that yields the Annual Action Plan.

## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

The New Albany Redevelopment Commission (NARC) serves as the lead agency for the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and is responsible for program planning, grant administration, implementation, compliance monitoring, and coordination with community partners. In order to effectively utilize its revenue streams and expertise of non-corporate organizations with interests in urban development, NARC intentionally engages its community partners and citizenry groups to help validate its processes and outcomes. Planning with purpose and meaningful stakeholder engagement is a key component of NARC's standard operating practice.

#### **Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))**

The City of New Albany adopted a new Comprehensive Plan in 2025, bringing together housing advocates, governmental agencies and community leaders to reiterate the City's commitment to affordable housing. New Albany City Departments such as Redevelopment, the Plan Commission, Public Works, and the City Engineer collaborate on a variety of activities: 1) Deconcentrating several areas of extreme poverty concentration, 2) Planning and Redevelopment of affordable housing in various neighborhoods, 3) Participating in monthly meetings of the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region (Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA), and 4) Collaborating with other entities such as the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana, IU Southeast Applied Research and Education Center, One Southern Indiana (Chamber of Commerce) to execute tasks that are a part of the shared vision for New Albany.

The City of New Albany participates in the local Continuum of Care (CoC), the regional collaborative group of housing, and service providers hosted by the Homeless Coalition of Southern Indiana (HCSI). Additionally, organizations such as LifeSpan Resources, the YMCA, Center for Women & Families, St. Elizabeth, and LifeSpring Health Systems a mental health provider, all provide a variety of supportive services to the jurisdiction and surrounding communities to assist people in having a better quality of life.

#### **Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.**

The local Continuum of Care (CoC) along with Southern Indiana Housing Initiatives (SIHI) has been absorbed by the Homeless Coalition of Southern Indiana (HCSI). The local Continuum of Care (CoC) members meet as a planning council of this coalition bi-monthly.

The Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care includes 91 of the 92 counties in the state. These counties are categorized into 16 individual regions, which are overseen by regional planning councils and the chairperson(s) that lead them. These councils meet regularly to develop and implement strategies for homelessness alleviation. Each region is in contact with and shares a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the IN-502 BOS CoC Board of Directors. Region 13 represents New Albany (Floyd County) and other counties such as: Clark, Crawford, Harrison, Jefferson, Orange, Scott and Washington. The Point in Time Count in January each year, which is now coordinated by Brandi Tibben of New Hope Services and Leslea Townsend-Cronin of the Homeless Coalition of Southern Indiana, brings many of these agencies together. The City completes the Certification of Consistency with the City's Consolidated Plan as appropriate and needed for any of these agencies. The City also aids with any environmental review process as needed.

The region's homeless service infrastructure has evolved significantly, with Saint Elizabeth Catholic Charities operating multiple programs. Their expanded services now include a women and children emergency shelter (12 beds), transitional housing for domestic violence survivors (10 beds), a maternity program, and affordable supportive housing (16 beds). Catalyst Rescue Mission continues to provide the largest emergency shelter capacity in the region with 107 total beds, serving both families with 8 beds and individuals with 99 beds.

Supportive housing services have been strengthened through LifeSpring Health Systems, which operates 20 total beds for individuals with serious mental illness. This represents a significant resource for the most vulnerable homeless populations who require long-term housing stability combined with supportive services. Veterans receive specialized attention through the VASH Jeffersonville Housing Authority program, which provides 9 beds of permanent supportive housing specifically for homeless veterans.

The White Flag Emergency Shelter program continues to provide critical seasonal overflow capacity (83 beds) during extreme weather conditions, coordinated by HCSI to ensure no one is left without shelter during life-threatening weather events.

Utilization rates across the region remain exceptionally high, with most programs operating at or near 100% capacity, clearly indicating strong ongoing demand for homeless services throughout Region 13.

**Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS**

The City of New Albany does not receive ESG funding. Local agencies apply to the State of Indiana for funding through the CoC. The agencies receiving funding must report on HMIS.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction’s consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

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**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	New Directions Housing Corporation
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Service-Fair Housing Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	New Directions requested funding for the Emergency Repair Program, which assists with emergency minor repairs to low/mod homeowners. They were consulted through email to provide input on community needs.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	LifeSpan Resources
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Transportation
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	LifeSpan Resources requested funding for the New Albany Rides Program, which provides rides to the elderly and disabled. They were consulted through email to provide input on community needs and attended the public hearing.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Hope Southern Indiana
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Non-Homeless Special Needs Youth Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Hope Southern Indiana requested funding for the Clothe a Teen Program that assists youth with clothing approved by the school corporation to begin school. They were consulted through email to provide input on community needs.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	YMCA of Greater Louisville
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Childcare
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The YMCA requested funding for Building Assets for New Albany Youth, which provides before and after-school care. They were consulted through email to provide input on community needs.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Open Door Youth Services
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Education Services - Victims
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Youth Services

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Open Door Youth Services requested funding for the New Directions Program, which focuses on character development and early delinquency prevention. They were consulted through email to provide input on community needs.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Olive Tree Resources, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Health Mental Health Services Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Quality of Life Services, Mental Health Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Olive Tree Resources requested funds for their Teen-Parents Connection Program. They emphasized the need for additional staff to enhance follow-up support for teens and parents in the program. They were consulted through email to provide input on community needs.
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Blessings in a Backpack Floyd County
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Child Welfare
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Blessings in a Backpack requested funding for the Blessings in a Backpack program, which focuses on food insecurity for children from low-moderate income families. They were consulted through email to provide input on community needs.

8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	CASA of Floyd County
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Child Welfare
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	CASA of Floyd County requested funding to support the salary for one of their case coordinators, who serves several Children in Need of Services (CHINS) who are victims of abuse or neglect. They were consulted through email to provide input on community needs.
9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Kerith Family Recovery
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services - Victims
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Youth Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Kerith Family Recovery requested funds for their Camp Kerith of Southern Indiana program, which supports children who experience parental incarceration, active substance abuse in the home, adverse childhood experiences, and complicated grief. They were consulted through email to provide input on community needs.
10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Our Place Drug and Alcohol Education Services
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Services-Education

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Elderly Support
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Our Place Drug and Alcohol Education Services applied for funding for the Raising Our Children's Kids (ROCK) program, which provides resources and tools to improve the quality of life of families, specifically of grandparents raising grandchildren, or other family members who have found themselves unexpectedly stepping in to help raise children. They were consulted through email to provide input on community needs.
11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	LifeSpring Health Systems
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Health Agency Mental Health, Substance Abuse
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	LifeSpring Health Systems was consulted over email and asked to provide input on the FY26 Annual Action Plan. Their Vice President of Development & Grants emailed a letter on February 20, 2026, outlining what they feel the City's priorities should be for the upcoming fiscal year. They stress stable and affordable housing as a primary need for the community.

12	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	New Albany Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The NAHA Director was consulted on the current status and plans for the upcoming year.
13	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Salvation Army of New Albany
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Education
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Salvation Army applied for funding for their Emergency Assistance & Homeless Prevention Program, which provides supports utility and/or rent payments for clients to help prevent evictions. They were consulted through email to provide input on community needs.
14	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Catalyst Rescue Mission
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Catalyst Rescue Mission applied for funding for their Housing Permanency Program, which enables individuals using their shelter to work with our case manager to apply for work and benefits, access substance use treatment, find doctors and therapists, receive life skills training, and search for permanent housing. They were consulted through email to provide input on community needs.
15	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	New Albany Parks & Recreation
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Youth Services
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City of New Albany Parks & Recreation department applied for funding for their Youth Enrichment Program, which addresses the need for social experiences, cultural enrichment, educational opportunities, health and fitness education, and environmental needs of youth within the low- income areas of New Albany. They were consulted through email to provide input on community needs.

**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

There were no types of agencies excluded from consulting.

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Homeless Coalition of Southern Indiana (HCSI)	There are some similarities in the City's goals and that of the community-based organizations listed above. Much of the overlap is intentional, such as the City's focus on ensuring affordable housing is available and allocating funding to address infrastructure needs. Typically, we work collaboratively with these organizations to ensure the effort to serve the City's constituents is comprehensive and fully utilizes all of the available community resources.
Housing: The Affordability Challenge in a Growing	Community Foundation of Southern Indiana (CFSI) in partnership with Indiana University Southeast	This comprehensive study examining structural dynamics of income and housing markets in Clark and Floyd counties directly aligns with the City's CDBG goals of addressing affordable housing needs. The study's findings that one-third of Clark and Floyd County households have incomes below \$50,000 and that approximately 52% of Clark County renters spend more than 30% of income on housing costs directly support the City's strategies for affordable housing development and housing cost burden reduction programs. The study's recommendations for mixed-income housing development, community land trusts, and innovative financing mechanisms complement the City's approach to creating diverse housing options.
New Albany Housing: Present and Future	Urban Studies Institute at the University of Louisville for the City of New Albany	This 2023 housing study provides critical data and analysis that directly informs the City's CDBG housing strategies. Key overlapping goals include: addressing the city's relatively low homeownership rate (54.5%) through homeowner assistance programs; targeting the 582 persistently vacant units for rehabilitation or redevelopment; addressing the concentration of short-term rentals that may be impacting housing availability; and supporting the projected need for 782 additional owner housing units and 325 renter housing units by 2050. The study's recommendations for increasing homeownership, particularly among younger residents, aligns with the City's first-time homebuyer assistance programs.

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City of New Albany Comprehensive Plan 2025-2045	City of New Albany	The Comprehensive Plan's housing and neighborhood goals directly support CDBG objectives through shared priorities, including encouraging continued investment in traditional neighborhoods; promoting a varied housing stock to serve households across income levels; supporting aging in place through accessible and adaptable housing design; and strengthening housing quality through proactive code enforcement and neighborhood stabilization efforts. The Plan's emphasis on walkable neighborhoods, infrastructure improvements, infill development, and mixed-use areas complements CDBG's community development focus and commitment to equitable access to housing and services.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**

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## **AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

### **1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

A Citizen Participation Plan was developed for FY 2026 to guide participation during the development and approval of the Annual Action Plan. The views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties are solicited to ensure reasonable and accessible involvement of the citizens of New Albany in the drafting, implementation, and assessment of the City of New Albany's Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Action Plan.

Participation is solicited through Public Information Meetings, Public Hearings, and the Department of Redevelopment. The full draft of the Citizens Participation Plan is made available at various community centers throughout the City, including:

- The Redevelopment Office
- The New Albany-Floyd County Public Library
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The citizen participation process directly informed the development of goals and priorities outlined in this Consolidated Plan. Input received through public hearings, written comments, and stakeholder consultations helped identify community needs, prioritize funding allocations, and ensure that CDBG investments align with community priorities and address the most pressing needs of low- and moderate-income residents.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	On December 23, 2025, the Commission approved the Citizens Participation Plan for the FY26 One-Year Action Plan. Dates were set for the Planning process. The Plan is published on website in English & Spanish.	No comments were received at this time.	All comments were welcome.	<a href="https://cityofnewalbany.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/FY26-CDBG-Citizen-Part-Plan.pdf">https://cityofnewalbany.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/FY26-CDBG-Citizen-Part-Plan.pdf</a>

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3	Newspaper Ad	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>The FY26 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing Notice was published in the News &amp; Tribune on January 30, 2026.</p>	<p>No comments received at this time.</p>	<p>All comments were welcome.</p>	<p><a href="https://cityofnewalbany.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Public-Notice-of-Public-Hearing.pdf">https://cityofnewalbany.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Public-Notice-of-Public-Hearing.pdf</a></p>

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4	Internet Outreach	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>The Citizens Participation Plan was posted on the City's website in English &amp; Spanish. The Citizens Participation Plan was also sent out to community stakeholders for notice &amp; posting at their agency.</p>	<p>Several agencies responded and inquired about funding opportunities and application processes.</p>	<p>All comments were welcome.</p>	<p><a href="https://cityofnewalbany.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/FY26-CDBG-Citizen-Participation-Plan-Spanish.pdf">https://cityofnewalbany.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/FY26-CDBG-Citizen-Participation-Plan-Spanish.pdf</a></p>

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5	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Stakeholders/Community Leaders	A public hearing was held on February 24, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall, 142 E. Main Street, Suite 100, to receive public input on the Plans.	No comments received at this time, although, there was great attendance.	All comments were welcome.	<a href="https://cityofnewalbany.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Public-Notice-of-Public-Hearing.pdf">https://cityofnewalbany.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Public-Notice-of-Public-Hearing.pdf</a>

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6	Email Outreach	Stakeholders/Community Leaders	On January 13, 2026, an email was sent to community leaders to request input on the upcoming FY26 Annual Action Plan. Nearly 50 community leaders were contacted and provided information on the CDBG program, the timeline for citizen participation, and asked for input on the Plan.	We received statements of input for the Plan from Lifespring and Olive Tree Resources.	All comments were welcome and incorporated into plan development.	<a href="https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/kg7ejlroze35r03qsq3e4/Participation-Plan-Email.pdf?rlkey=4ssr9xh2sm467otlav0dv2h29&amp;st=o5jxmcdl&amp;dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/kg7ejlroze35r03qsq3e4/Participation-Plan-Email.pdf?rlkey=4ssr9xh2sm467otlav0dv2h29&amp;st=o5jxmcdl&amp;dl=0</a>

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7	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Public input session held on March 10, 2026, during which NARC adopted the DRAFT summary of the FY26 Annual Action Plan.	Input received on draft plan priorities and proposed activities.	All comments were welcome.	<a href="https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/2xinxhubbixklq2caqmck/03.10.26-NARC-Agenda-SIGNED.pdf?rlkey=e4yjeg5sqxagwpwuapmnmncr3&amp;st=p612j36h&amp;dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/2xinxhubbixklq2caqmck/03.10.26-NARC-Agenda-SIGNED.pdf?rlkey=e4yjeg5sqxagwpwuapmnmncr3&amp;st=p612j36h&amp;dl=0</a>
8	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Stakeholders/Community Leaders	The DRAFT Plan was posted on the City's website for a 30-day comment period from March 10 to April 10, 2026.		All substantive comments were incorporated into the final plan where appropriate.	<a href="https://cityofnewalbany.com/cdbg/">https://cityofnewalbany.com/cdbg/</a>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
9	Public Posting	Non-targeted/broad community  Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	The DRAFT Plan was placed at the Redevelopment Office, the Floyd County Library, Silver Street Park, and the New Albany Housing Authority for review during the 30-day comment period from March 10 to April 10, 2026.		All substantive comments were incorporated into the final plan where appropriate.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
10	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	The DRAFT Plan 30-day comment period notice was posted on Facebook on March 10, 2026, to tell citizens about where they can find the plan and who to reach out to with input.		All substantive comments were incorporated into the final plan where appropriate.	
11	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	NARC adopted the final FY26 Annual Action Plan on April 21, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.	Final comments and clarifications were addressed before plan adoption.	All comments were considered in final plan approval.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
12	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The final Plan was posted on the City's website and submitted to HUD on May 1, 2026.	Plan made available for ongoing public reference and transparency	Ongoing feedback welcome for future plan amendments.	<a href="https://cityofnewalbany.com/cdbg/">https://cityofnewalbany.com/cdbg/</a>

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

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## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

The City of New Albany is still using previous fiscal year funds on several projects, so the expected prior year resources are kept at \$0.00 for this draft, but will likely be more once it is clearer how many funds will remain from previous years.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	691,524.00	0.00	0.00	691,524.00	0.00	Formula grants for housing and community development activities. Beneficiaries must have low- or moderate-income (up to 80% AMI), or reside in a low/moderate-income neighborhood. Prior year resources are reprogrammed in the first year of this CP cycle.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

Projects with funding commitments from non-federal sources, including state, local, or private funding, shall have priority. Additionally, projects with firm financial obligations will have priority over those with pending, tentative, or speculative commitments.

**Leveraging Strategy Framework**

New Albany's leveraging strategy emphasizes strategic partnerships that multiply the impact of federal CDBG investment through coordinated use of local, state, and private resources. The city has established a track record of successful resource leveraging that serves as the foundation for continued partnership development during the 2026 Annual Action Plan period.

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**If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

The City of New Albany will actively review opportunities for currently owned land or land available for acquisition to support affordable housing development. The City of New Albany will continue to explore opportunities internally and with partner organizations to access viable public lands whenever possible to help address critical needs identified in this Plan.

**Discussion**

Opportunities to leverage federal funds are explored with each proposed activity.

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## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Administration and Planning	2025	2029	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless	City of New Albany	Provide Decent Housing Create A Suitable Living Environment Expand Opportunities for LMI New Albany Residents	CDBG: \$100,000.00	Other: 1 Other
2	Public Facilities and Neighborhood Improvements	2025	2029	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of New Albany	Create A Suitable Living Environment Expand Opportunities for LMI New Albany Residents	CDBG: \$312,824.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1200 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Housing	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	City of New Albany	Provide Decent Housing	CDBG: \$175,000.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 12 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 5 Households Assisted
4	Public Services	2025	2029	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of New Albany	Create A Suitable Living Environment Expand Opportunities for LMI New Albany Residents	CDBG: \$103,700.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 800 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

### Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Administration and Planning
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Implementation of the fiscal year 2025 CDBG One-Year Action Plan including but not limited to staff time, office supplies, advertising, and other related costs associated with the CDBG Program. An estimated \$5,000 is set aside to further Fair Housing education or planning activities. Eligible per 24CFR 570.206 & 205, Matrix 20,21A & 21D.

2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Facilities and Neighborhood Improvements
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Neighborhood Improvement activities may be undertaken in eligible service areas in New Albany. The service area map will identify the low- to moderate-income service area for each activity undertaken. Public Facility improvements may be undertaken to improve access to services and critical needs for LMI New Albany households/individuals.
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p>The City of New Albany will have two housing programs during FY26:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Emergency Repair Program will provide minor emergency repairs/rehabilitation for low- and moderate-income (80% AMI) homeowners in the City including furnace and water heater installation, plumbing and electrical repairs, roof replacement, windows, etc., and other repairs meant to sustain the property. Eligible per 24CFR 570.202(a)(1), low/mod housing benefit Matrix Code 14A.</li> <li>• The Homeownership Assistance Program will support first-time low- and moderate-income (80% AMI) home buyers in New Albany to purchase a home by providing 50% of the required downpayment cost and potentially reasonable closing costs. Eligible per 24 CFR 5.100, Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance Matrix Code 05R.</li> </ul>
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Public services providing enriching opportunities for youth, teens, and parents are provided by several agencies and organizations. These opportunities might otherwise be unattainable.

# Projects

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

### Introduction

The City of New Albany develops the Annual Action Plan through a coordinated planning and citizen participation process designed to identify projects that meet Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) national objectives, address priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan, and comply with all applicable federal regulations. The City evaluates proposed activities to ensure they are eligible under 24 CFR Part 570, demonstrate a clear benefit to low- and moderate-income persons or areas, and are feasible within the program year.

The project selection process begins with outreach to community stakeholders, City departments, nonprofit and faith-based organizations, and elected officials to identify potential activities that address housing, community development, and public service needs. A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is issued announcing the availability of CDBG funds, application requirements, and timelines. The City conducts application workshops to provide guidance regarding program eligibility, national objectives, administrative requirements, and Consolidated Plan priorities.

Applications are made available to the public for a minimum of 30 days. Following submission, the CDBG Grant Manager reviews each proposal to determine eligibility, completeness, and consistency with federal requirements. Eligible applications are evaluated and scored by the CDBG Steering Committee using established criteria that include community need, benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, organizational capacity, prior performance, readiness to proceed, and alignment with Consolidated Plan goals and outcomes.

Funding recommendations developed through the scoring and ranking process are presented to the New Albany Redevelopment Commission (NARC), which establishes project priorities and approves activities for inclusion in the draft Annual Action Plan. The draft plan is then released for public review and comment for a minimum of 30 days and includes a public hearing to solicit citizen input on proposed activities and community needs.

Following the public comment period, the City incorporates comments as appropriate, completes internal review, and presents the final Annual Action Plan to NARC for approval. The approved plan is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by the required deadline. Selected projects are implemented in accordance with federal requirements, and the City maintains responsibility for monitoring subrecipients, documenting compliance, and ensuring that funded activities meet national objectives and program performance standards.

Projects included in this Annual Action Plan were selected based on demonstrated need, consistency with the Consolidated Plan, eligibility under CDBG regulations, and the City's commitment to investing

resources in activities that benefit low- and moderate-income residents and neighborhoods.

**Projects**

#	Project Name
1	FY26 Administration & Planning
2	FY26 New Directions - Emergency Repair Program
3	FY26 Homeownership Assistance Program
4	2026 Public Facilities/Improvement Projects
5	FY26 CASA
6	FY26 Hope Southern Indiana - Clothe a Teen
7	FY26 Kerith Family Recovery - Camp Kerith
8	FY26 LifeSpan - Rides to Go
9	FY26 New Albany Parks & Rec - Youth Enrichment Program
10	FY26 Olive Tree - Teen-Parent Connections
11	FY26 Open Door Youth Services - New Directions
12	FY26 Our Place - ROCK
13	FY26 YMCA - Building Assets

**Table 7 - Project Information**

**Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs**

Federal CDBG funds are intended to provide low-and moderate-income households with viable communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and extended economic opportunities. Eligible activities include housing rehabilitation and preservation, homeownership opportunities, public services, community infrastructure improvements, planning, and administration.

The system for establishing the priority for the selection of these projects is predicated upon the following criteria:

- Meeting the statutory requirements of the CDBG program
- Meeting the needs of low- and moderate-income residents
- Coordination and leveraging of resources
- Response to expressed community needs
- Sustainability and/or long-term impact, and
- The ability to demonstrate measurable progress and success.

The primary obstacles to meeting underserved needs are the limited resources available to address identified priorities. When feasible, the City of New Albany will partner with other public agencies and nonprofit organizations to leverage resources and maximize outcomes in housing and community

development. Ultimately, however, the need far exceeds the funding available from all sources combined.

**Contingency Notice**

The funding amounts shown in this Annual Action Plan are based on the City of New Albany’s estimated FY 2026 allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

At the time this Plan was released for public comment, HUD had not yet issued the City’s official FY 2026 formula allocation. Therefore, all funding amounts contained in this Plan are preliminary estimates and may be adjusted once the final allocation is announced.

Upon receipt of HUD’s official allocation notice, the City will adjust funding amounts as follows:

*If the final allocation is greater than the estimated amount:*

Funding increases will be distributed proportionally among all activities (i.e. whatever percentage of the total public service budget a certain activity made up will not change but the final amount will) except for housing and administration & planning. The City of New Albany intends to fund administration & planning at \$100,000 which is below the 20 percent cap allowed under the CDBG program, and will continue to capture less than 20 percent of the total allocation regardless of the final funding amount.

*If the final allocation is less than the estimated amount:*

The reductions will be done proportionally among all activities (i.e. whatever percentage of the total public service budget a certain activity made up will not change but the final amount will) except for administration & planning and housing. The City of New Albany intends to fund administration & planning at \$100,000 which is below the 20 percent cap allowed under the CDBG program, and will continue to capture less than 20 percent of the total allocation regardless of the final funding amount.

These adjustments will affect only the funding amounts, not the activities themselves. The projects identified in this Plan will remain the same unless a substantial amendment is required under the City’s adopted Citizen Participation Plan.

The final funding amounts for each activity will be reflected in the final FY 2026 Annual Action Plan after the City receives its official allocation from HUD.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

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1	<b>Project Name</b>	FY26 Administration & Planning
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Albany
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administration and Planning
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide Decent Housing Create A Suitable Living Environment Expand Opportunities for LMI New Albany Residents
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000.00
	<b>Description</b>	Implementation of the fiscal year 2026 CDBG One-Year Action Plan, including but not limited to staff time, office supplies, advertising, and other related costs associated with the CDBG Program. An estimated \$5,000 is set aside to further Fair Housing education or planning activities. Eligible per 24CFR 570.206 & 205, Matrix 20,21A & 21D.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1 - Administration for the City of New Albany
	<b>Location Description</b>	Department of Redevelopment, City of New Albany 142 E. Main St, Suite 212, New Albany, Indiana 47150
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Implementation of Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, Fair Housing and Planning.
2	<b>Project Name</b>	FY26 New Directions - Emergency Repair Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Albany
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide Decent Housing Create A Suitable Living Environment
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$125,000.00
	<b>Description</b>	Minor emergency repairs/rehabilitation for low-and moderate-income (80% AMI) homeowners in the City, including furnace and water heater installation, plumbing and electrical repairs, roof replacement, windows, etc., and other repairs meant to sustain the property. Eligible per 24CFR 570.202(a)(1), low/mod housing benefit Matrix (14A)
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	12 housing units for low- and moderate-income (80% AMI) homeowners in the City.
	<b>Location Description</b>	The Emergency Repair Program will serve homeowners in the City of New Albany since the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan does not create a restricted CDBG Target Area.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	To provide minor emergency repairs to things such as plumbing, roofing, electrical, HVAC, etc. to an estimated 12 low/mod income housing units.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY26 Homeownership Assistance Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Albany
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide Decent Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$50,000.00
	<b>Description</b>	
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	5 first-time low-moderate income homebuyers
	<b>Location Description</b>	This activity will take place within the incorporated city limits of New Albany, Indiana. Eligible properties must be single-family homes, townhomes, or condominiums that will be owner-occupied as the buyer's principal residence. Priority will be given to properties located within HUD-designated Qualified Census Tracts in New Albany. Assistance will be provided on a scattered-site basis depending on where eligible homebuyers purchase homes within the city.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Planned activities include providing down payment and closing cost assistance to eligible homebuyers.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2026 Public Facilities/Improvement Projects
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Albany
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Facilities and Neighborhood Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Create A Suitable Living Environment
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$312,824.00

	<b>Description</b>	Neighborhood Improvement activities may be undertaken in eligible service areas in New Albany. The service area map will identify the low-to moderate-income service area for each activity undertaken. Public Facility improvements may be undertaken to improve access to services and critical needs for LMI New Albany households/individuals.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The City estimates 1200 individuals will benefit from FY26 Public Improvement & Public Facilities Projects.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Activities may be undertaken citywide in any eligible LMA or facility.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The City plans to invest in public infrastructure and neighborhood improvements that will benefit New Albany residents in greatest need. Work with internal and external stakeholders continues as New Albany staff review needs and opportunities to improve the lives of LMI residents through vital improvements in eligible service areas and facilities.  All eligible improvements will be considered, as funding allows.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	FY26 CASA
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Albany
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Expand Opportunities for LMI New Albany Residents
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$12,180.00
	<b>Description</b>	CASA of Floyd County submitted a request for funding to support a portion of the salary and benefits of one of its Case Coordinator positions. The organization serves children involved in Child in Need of Services (CHINS) cases—legal proceedings initiated when a child has experienced abuse or neglect and court oversight is required to ensure the child’s safety and well-being. Each Case Coordinator manages up to 20 children or sibling groups while also supervising up to 15 trained CASA volunteers, providing ongoing guidance and oversight to ensure effective advocacy. Funding would help sustain these essential services for vulnerable children in New Albany. Eligible per 24 CFR 570.201(e), low/mod clientele benefit, Matrix 05N Services for Abused and Neglected Children.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027

<p><b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b></p>	<p>Each Case Coordinator manages up to 20 children or sibling groups while also supervising up to 15 trained CASA volunteers, providing ongoing guidance and oversight to ensure effective advocacy. Thus, a Case Coordinator will expect to support around 35 children from New Albany in a year. These children are victims of abuse/neglect, which qualifies them as a limited clientele that is presumed by HUD to be Low- to Moderate-income.</p>
<p><b>Location Description</b></p>	<p>CASA serves children across Floyd County. Funds from CDBG will only be used to support New Albany children.</p>

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	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>The Floyd County CASA program currently serves Child in Need of Services (CHINS) court cases. A CHINS case is a legal proceeding that occurs when a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect. In these cases, the state, or child welfare agency, seeks court intervention to protect the child's best interests. The goal of a CHINS case is to ensure that the child receives appropriate care and services, including medical treatment, counseling, and education. A judge may order that the child be removed from their home and placed in foster care or another type of out-of-home placement if it is determined that the child's safety is at risk. The CHINS process addresses the child's needs while protecting their rights and welfare. The work of a case coordinator is complex and often unique to each child and case. Case coordinators learn about the history of abuse, neglect, and trauma when a case opens. They meet one-on-one with children or sibling groups to establish trust and rapport, build relationships with children, and offer emotional support and guidance. They get to know foster parents to understand how children are coping with the disruption and changes to their lives, and ensure they are safe in the foster home. When sibling groups are split up and placed in different homes, case coordinators help arrange visits and reunions. Case coordinators advocate for medical care, therapy, and educational supports that children need. They travel to schools to meet with children one-on-one. They participate in regular meetings with families, foster placements, the Department of Child Services representatives, and social services providers to ensure cases are moving forward, caregivers are held accountable, and, most importantly, that the child's needs and voice are being heard. Finally, case coordinators appear in family court and report directly to the family court judge on the progress of the case and well-being of the child. They write detailed court reports on the status of the case and work, and advocate for the best placement. Each case coordinator is doing this work for up to 20 children or sibling groups. In addition to their own case load, a case coordinator supervises up to 15 volunteers, who each have a case of their own. In this supervisory role, case coordinators check in monthly with volunteers offering guidance, feedback, and support during family meetings, visits, and court hearings.</p>
6	<b>Project Name</b>	FY26 Hope Southern Indiana - Clothe a Teen
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Albany
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	<p>Create A Suitable Living Environment  Expand Opportunities for LMI New Albany Residents</p>

	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000.00
	<b>Description</b>	The Clothe a Teen Program provides middle and high school students (& elementary if in need in the same family) with a \$100 voucher to purchase new back-to-school clothing to begin the school year. Eligible per 24 CFR 570.201(e), low/mod clientele benefit, Matrix 05Q
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	100 low/mod students
	<b>Location Description</b>	This program is city-wide, and students are determined by need
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Clothe A Teen provides each eligible student with a \$100 voucher to purchase new school-appropriate clothing. This initiative gives students and their families the ability to shop for the necessary attire within the guidelines of the school dress code while also promoting financial responsibility. Shopping trips are scheduled on two different occasions to accommodate families' scheduling needs. Families are identified through referrals from school counselors, case workers, and social service agencies, and past program participants, if still eligible. The program aims to serve 100 children from New Albany, helping them start the school year with confidence and dignity.
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY26 Kerith Family Recovery - Camp Kerith
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Albany
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Expand Opportunities for LMI New Albany Residents
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$5,000.00

	<b>Description</b>	Kerith Family Recovery requested funding to support Camp Kerith of Southern Indiana, a trauma-informed prevention program serving children ages 5-18 who are impacted by parental incarceration, substance use in the home, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and complicated grief. In prior years, more than 60 New Albany residents participated in the program, and requested funds would provide additional camp scholarships for city youth. Camp Kerith offers day, overnight, sensory-friendly, and leadership camp options within a structured framework that combines traditional camp activities with specialized emotional support, grief processing, and positive childhood experience development. Eligible per 24 CFR 570.201(e), low/mod clientele benefit, Matrix 05Z Other Public Services.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Funding will allow the camp to support 5 additional New Albany children. Children come from homes with parental incarceration, substance abuse, adverse childhood experiences, etc. The children who will be supported will come from low/mod families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	The program will take place at 7230 Old Forest Rd, Corydon, IN 47112
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Camp Kerith provides a five-day trauma-informed camp program for children impacted by family incarceration, addiction, and other adverse childhood experiences. Activities include structured mentoring sessions, social-emotional learning, recreational camp activities, peer engagement, and grief-support discussions in a safe and supportive environment. The program maintains a low camper-to-staff ratio to provide individualized support and ensure basic needs such as meals, hygiene supplies, and safe lodging are met. Older participants may also engage in leadership development programming focused on life skills, mentorship, and positive youth engagement.
8	<b>Project Name</b>	FY26 LifeSpan - Rides to Go
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Albany
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Expand Opportunities for LMI New Albany Residents
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$8,060.25

	<b>Description</b>	LifeSpan Resources, Inc., is a federally designated Agency for the Aging in Indiana. They promote independent living for people of all ages and provide transportation for the elderly and disabled to medical and life-enhancing locations such as the grocery, pharmacies, senior centers, etc. Eligible per 24 CFR 570.201(e), low/mod clientele benefit, Matrix 05E
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 175 low and very low-income New Albany residents aged 60+ or individuals of any age with disabilities
	<b>Location Description</b>	This program is offered city-wide.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The program provides wheelchair-accessible transportation for older adults and individuals with disabilities to grocery stores, pharmacies, government offices, libraries, senior centers, work or day programs, and other essential destinations. In addition to federally funded medical transportation through the Section 5310 program, LifeSpan offers affordable social transportation, including service prioritized for low-income residents through a Memorandum of Agreement with the New Albany Housing Authority.
9	<b>Project Name</b>	FY26 New Albany Parks & Rec - Youth Enrichment Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Albany
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Expand Opportunities for LMI New Albany Residents
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$30,000.00
	<b>Description</b>	This program is facilitated by the New Albany Parks Department and is meant to improve social skills and overall behavior of youth 5-17 years of age through weekly group workshops, cultural and field trip experiences. Eligible per 24 CFR 570.201(e), low/mod clientele benefit, Matrix 05D
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	200 low/mod income families
	<b>Location Description</b>	1140 Griffin Street New Albany, IN 47150

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	A program meant to improve social skills and overall behavior for youth 5-17 years old.
<b>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY26 Olive Tree - Teen-Parent Connections
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Albany
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Expand Opportunities for LMI New Albany Residents
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000.00
	<b>Description</b>	The Teen-Parent Connections Program focuses on strengthening relationships between adolescents and their parents in Floyd County. Building on services provided to more than 200 teens since 2020 and the launch of its 2025 parent conference, the program offers ongoing education and support designed to foster healthy communication, emotional intelligence, and family connection. Proposed activities include monthly teen-parent connection sessions and a February 2027 day retreat for parents and teens to participate together. Funds would support a portion of the program administrator's salary, as well as program costs associated with the monthly sessions and retreat, helping families build resilience and stronger relationships at home. Eligible per 24 CFR 570.201(e), Matrix 05D.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	40 low/mod children and parents from New Albany
	<b>Location Description</b>	110 E. Market St, Suite 202 New Albany, IN 47150
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Proposed activities include monthly teen-parent connection sessions and a February 2027 day retreat for parents and teens to participate together.	
<b>11</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY26 Open Door Youth Services - New Directions
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Albany
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Expand Opportunities for LMI New Albany Residents
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$9,826.75

	<b>Description</b>	After-school program for elementary-aged youth that focuses on character development, early delinquency and abuse prevention education utilizing a curriculum-based support group program. Eligible per 24 CFR 570.201(e), low/mod clientele benefit, Matrix 05D
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	60 low/mod income children
	<b>Location Description</b>	This Program will take place at Fairmont, Green Valley, Slate Run, and S.E. Jones Elementary Schools.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	New Directions is an afterschool program that serves approximately 60 elementary-aged children annually with a focus on character development and early delinquency prevention. The program conducts at least 60 sessions across multiple New Albany elementary schools, utilizing evidence-based curricula to build resilience, reduce risk-taking behaviors, and strengthen social-emotional skills. The majority of participants come from single-parent and low-income households. In addition to after-school services and transportation home, the program provides school break sessions featuring enrichment activities such as nature hikes, arts, and games.
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY26 Our Place - ROCK
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Albany
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Expand Opportunities for LMI New Albany Residents
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$3,633.00

	<b>Description</b>	ROCK is a six-week, cohort-based support and education program serving grandparents and other caregivers raising children impacted by substance use and trauma. The program serves up to 30 participants annually in three cohorts and is facilitated by a trained prevention educator, with support from a licensed clinical addictions counselor and local subject-matter experts. Sessions address mental health and wellness, stress management, parenting skills, legal resources, trauma-informed care, and strategies to break generational cycles of addiction. Participants also receive educational materials and are connected to an ongoing peer support network beyond the formal sessions, creating sustained community support for caregivers. Eligible per 24 CFR 570.201(e), low/mod clientele benefit, Matrix 05Z Other Public Services
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	20 total participants from New Albany
	<b>Location Description</b>	Floyd County Public Library 180 W Spring Street New Albany, Indiana
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The program will provide weekly two-hour support and education sessions for grandparents and other caregivers raising children affected by substance use and family trauma. Participants will attend a six-week cohort focused on caregiver wellness, coping strategies, childhood trauma, substance abuse impacts, parenting skills, and access to community resources. Sessions will be led by a trained prevention educator with support from licensed professionals and local subject-matter experts. The program also facilitates ongoing peer support connections among participants and provides educational materials, resource referrals, and light refreshments during sessions.
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY26 YMCA - Building Assets
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Albany
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Expand Opportunities for LMI New Albany Residents
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000.00

<b>Description</b>	A before and after school childcare program providing a structured, caring environment with mentors that assists with homework, character development and motor activity. Eligible per 24 CFR 570.201(e), low/mod clientele benefit, Matrix 05L
<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	90 children from low/moderate families
<b>Location Description</b>	Childcare sites are expected to be at Fairmont, Green Valley, Mount Tabor, and Slate Run Elementary Schools.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Before and after school childcare.

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## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

### **Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed**

The projects in FY26 do not emphasize any one geographic area of New Albany. The City does not have a singular concentration of low- to moderate-income residents. Funds are generally dispersed geographically to have the most significant impact.

While some projects and activities may focus on a low-to-moderate-income area (LMA), they are not part of a greater neighborhood plan.

The City of New Albany does not have a HUD-designated R/ECAP.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
City of New Albany	100

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

The City did not identify a geographic target area as a basis for funding allocation priorities. Goals and projects are not limited to a specific area within the City.

### **Discussion**

All projects funded with CDBG dollars support City of New Albany residents. The projects listed in the 2026 Action Plan will benefit low- and moderate-income residents throughout the City of New Albany.

# Affordable Housing

## AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

### Introduction

The City of New Albany will continue to explore opportunities and partnerships to increase the availability of affordable and supportive housing.

Innovative projects to address homeless and special needs populations are currently in discussion with CoC partners.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	12
Special-Needs	5
Total	17

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	12
Acquisition of Existing Units	5
Total	17

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

### Discussion

The City's Zoning Ordinance addresses specific zoning regulations that can assist in creating affordable housing. The City's Comprehensive Plan recognized the need to expand the supply of affordable housing units. The City will work to encourage developers to assess opportunities for affordable housing. Repair and Rehabilitation programs are ongoing to support the sustainability of the aging housing stock in the city, allowing families to stay in their homes and the elderly to age in place.

The City of New Albany seeks to foster an environment of opportunity, innovation, and sustainability in the housing market by planning for and supporting housing options that help increase opportunities for LMI residents.

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## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

The New Albany Housing Authority (NAHA) works to provide opportunities to people experiencing housing barriers while honoring their dignity and maintaining public trust.

NAHA is building a stronger community through public housing, housing choice vouchers, affordable housing, and supportive services, serving families, individuals, people with disabilities, and senior citizens.

The New Albany Housing Authority (NAHA) began providing affordable housing to the residents of New Albany in 1938. Since then, NAHA has evolved to become much more in the lives of its residents than a provider of a roof and four walls. The Housing Authority provides opportunities for self-improvement and personal growth for young families, senior citizens, and those eager to improve their career and life prospects.

Residents of the New Albany Housing Authority have access to:

- General Education Development (GED) training programs
- Home Ownership Program for Residents
- Family Self-Sufficiency Program Assistance
- Computer Lab Access
- Access to more than 40 Community Service Providers who provide services in partnership with NAHA
- Programs for Senior Residents

### **Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing**

The City of New Albany maintains a close working relationship with NAHA staff. We will continue to explore opportunities for further cooperation and coordination through FY26.

### **Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership**

The New Albany Housing Authority is committed to providing not only safe housing for its residents but also opportunities for growth, engagement, and support.

Residents of the New Albany Housing Authority have access to:

- General Education Development (GED) training programs
- Home Ownership Program for Residents

- Family Self-Sufficiency Program Assistance
- Computer Lab Access
- Access to more than 40 Community Service Providers who provide services in partnership with NAHA
- Senior Programming
- Youth Engagement Program

The New Albany Housing Authority (NAHA) has a Resident Advisory Board (RAB) that serves as a forum for residents to voice their concerns and contribute to decision-making processes regarding their housing and community.

By increasing access to programs, services, and direct involvement in governance, NAHA seeks to help residents become self-sufficient and expand opportunities for growth.

In 2022, NAHA earned the designation of HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agency from HUD. Under this designation and new program, NAHA staff are able to partner with local private and non-profit organizations to advance home ownership opportunities for first time home buyers in Southern Indiana.

**If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

The New Albany Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

**Discussion**

The City of New Albany works collaboratively with the New Albany Housing Authority (NAHA) to support the provision of safe, affordable housing and related supportive services for low- and moderate-income residents. NAHA plays a critical role in the local housing delivery system through its administration of public housing units, Housing Choice Voucher assistance, and resident support programming that serves families, seniors, and persons with disabilities.

NAHA’s mission extends beyond housing provision to include opportunities for resident self-sufficiency, education, and economic mobility. Residents have access to a wide range of supportive services, including GED and workforce readiness programming, the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, computer access, senior services, youth engagement activities, and partnerships with more than 40 community service providers. These programs help address barriers to housing stability while promoting long-term independence.

The City maintains an ongoing working relationship with NAHA staff and leadership and will continue to coordinate during the upcoming program year to identify opportunities for collaboration that align with Consolidated Plan priorities. Coordination may include information sharing, referral partnerships, and exploration of potential programmatic or funding opportunities that benefit public housing residents.

NAHA also actively encourages resident participation in housing management and community decision-making through its Resident Advisory Board, which provides a structured forum for resident feedback and engagement. In addition, NAHA promotes pathways to homeownership through its Homeownership Program and its designation as a HUD-approved housing counseling agency through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This designation strengthens NAHA's ability to partner with local nonprofit and private organizations to expand first-time homebuyer opportunities in Southern Indiana.

The New Albany Housing Authority is not designated as a troubled public housing agency, and no corrective financial assistance or intervention measures are required at this time.

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## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

New Albany's homeless and special needs strategy operates within the regional Continuum of Care framework, coordinated by the Homeless Coalition of Southern Indiana (HCSI), which serves eight counties in Region 13 of the Indiana Balance of State CoC.

Supportive housing is an innovative and proven solution to some of the community's most vulnerable individuals. It combines affordable housing with services that help individuals facing the most complex challenges to live with stability, autonomy, and dignity. People in supportive housing live more stable and productive lives. Residents of supportive housing are linked to intensive case management and voluntary, life-improving services, such as healthcare, workforce development, and child welfare. Supportive housing is a type of permanent housing that has no time limit on residency.

Supportive housing improves:

- Housing stability
- Employment
- Mental and physical health
- School attendance
- Engagement with behavioral health services

Several populations of residents in New Albany would benefit from supportive housing. These include elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with behavioral health needs, or persons with HIV/AIDS and their families.

### **Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including**

#### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

The regional coordinated entry system operated by HCSI ensures efficient identification and assessment of homeless individuals and families. Street outreach services connect unsheltered persons to housing and services, while centralized intake provides standardized assessment and referral to appropriate interventions.

#### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

Current emergency shelter capacity includes 12 beds through Saint Elizabeth Catholic Charities and

access to 107 beds at Catalyst Rescue Mission in neighboring Clark County. The White Flag Emergency Shelter provides seasonal overflow capacity during extreme weather. Transitional housing programs offer beds for families and individuals, with specialized services for domestic violence survivors.

**Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

Transition to permanent housing: Permanent supportive housing through LifeSpring (20 beds) serves chronically homeless individuals and families. Rapid re-housing programs provide short-term rental assistance and supportive services. The substantial Housing Choice Voucher program (860 vouchers) provides additional permanent housing options for homeless households.

Target Population Strategies:

- Chronically Homeless: Permanent supportive housing prioritizes Housing First approach with integrated behavioral health services
- Families with Children: Family shelter and rapid re-housing with school district coordination to ensure educational continuity
- Veterans: VASH program provides specialized permanent supportive housing; coordination with VA services
- Unaccompanied Youth: Specialized programming through regional providers with age-appropriate services
- Domestic Violence Survivors: Dedicated transitional and rapid re-housing services with trauma-informed care

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.**

The city provides information about other community resources to help families and individuals maintain housing, including direct assistance programs, workforce resources, public services, life skills, and housing support.

## Discussion

Regional Coordination: New Albany staff participates in monthly CoC planning meetings, Point-in-Time counts, and coordinated funding strategies.

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## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction:**

Even though construction costs for new housing developments remain relatively stagnant, housing prices continue to rise, severely impacting the availability of affordable housing in the United States. According to Brian Montgomery, former Federal Housing Administration commissioner and assistant secretary for housing, constraints on housing not only reduce the supply of affordable housing but also increase the number of households that are cost-burdened, spending more than 30 percent of their income on rent.

Land-use policies and zoning regulations constrain the supply of affordable housing. Density limits, height restrictions, parking requirements, lengthy permitting and approval processes, and community opposition all contribute to increased housing prices.

Although federal policies play an important role in influencing the availability of affordable housing, according to Sturtevant, the supply of affordable housing depends less on federal policies than on local planning practices, policies, and community engagement. Many local planning procedures currently in place enable community opposition that stalls housing production. Reshaping local regulations allows jurisdictions to make a lasting impact on the supply of affordable housing.

HUD, PD&R Edge, *"Regulatory Barriers and Affordable Housing"*

### **Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment**

The City's Zoning Ordinance addresses specific zoning regulations that can assist in creating affordable housing. The City's Comprehensive Plan recognizes the need to expand the supply of affordable housing units. The City will work to encourage developers to assess opportunities for affordable housing. Repair and Rehabilitation programs are ongoing to support the sustainability of the aging housing stock in the city, allowing families to stay in their homes and the elderly to age in place.

### **Discussion:**

The City of New Albany seeks to foster an environment of opportunity, innovation, and sustainability in the housing market by planning for and supporting housing options that help increase opportunities for LMI residents.

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

The City of New Albany will help to assist low- and moderate-income residents in New Albany in the 2026 program year.

New Albany is committed to improving and increasing access to safe and affordable housing for low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents. Affordable and safe housing helps to provide financial stability, reduces the chances of a person becoming homeless, and promotes housing sustainability. The City prioritized goals and objectives for using CDBG funding to benefit strategically and effectively for low- and moderate-income residents by increasing access to decent housing and creating a suitable living environment while expanding economic opportunities for LMI persons.

Public services are an integral part of a comprehensive community development strategy. Public Service activities provide a wide range of activities that address needs in the community, provided for the target population. Public services can strengthen communities by addressing the needs of specific populations. They can address a range of individual needs and increase CDBG dollars' impact by complementing other activities.

Public Infrastructure Improvements will focus on safe and accessible infrastructure essential to the quality of life and building communities that support community stability. Public infrastructure improvements generally include the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and installation of public infrastructure. They can also include the reconstruction or repair of public parks.

The City of New Albany is involved in several efforts to address the needs of the underserved and promote efforts to coordinate the many components related to housing, suitable living environments, and safer living environments.

The City's CDBG funds are 100% directed toward activities that assist low- to moderate-income residents.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the lack of identified and available resources. To overcome this obstacle, the City will continue to pursue creative partnerships, both financially and structurally, to leverage available funds

The City will continue to seek ways to expand how the City of New Albany informs underserved residents about the financial and informational resources available through the CDBG program

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The City of New Albany may utilize CDBG and other funding sources to promote the development of affordable housing units within the city. Specifically, the CDBG program may provide monetary and non-monetary support for projects that increase the number of housing units available to low- to moderate-income households and maintain the units' affordability for a specified period into the future. New Albany Housing Authority offers housing counseling and other key services to eligible residents.

The City of New Albany will support owner-occupied housing rehabilitation and homebuyer assistance programs, as well as activities that enhance life skills to promote self-sufficiency.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development issued Title X in 1992 to protect young children and families from lead-based paint hazards. The City of New Albany will take steps to ensure its regulations are in compliance. Program procedures and documents include additional steps for providing notification, identifying lead hazards, performing lead hazard reduction, using safe work practices, and achieving clearance.

As part of the environmental review process, all existing housing that will be repaired or rehabilitated with CDBG funds is screened for lead paint hazards if built before 1978. Once all work is completed, houses are then re-evaluated and must pass a lead-based paint clearance test to ensure the mitigation efforts are effective.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The City's plan includes, though is not limited to, these three components:

1. Support activities that increase the number of jobs in New Albany, especially for low- to moderate-income residents
2. Ensure that a wide variety of housing opportunities are available
3. Provide supportive services to residents in poverty.

These all support the City's goal of helping residents and families achieve self-sufficiency. Not all support will come from CDBG dollars, as general fund and leveraged money may be used for workforce development initiatives

For those residents who cannot work (low-income frail elderly, persons with disabilities), the City's public housing authority and Section 8 voucher providers are vital for those households to avoid homelessness.

A further strategy to reduce the number of poverty-level families includes efforts to diversify New Albany's economy through Economic Development activities, increasing family wage jobs, and expanding the local job base.

Over recent years, Economic Development and Redevelopment staff have worked to bring new job opportunities and opportunities to continue educational advancement in or out of the workplace.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

City staff is responsible for developing and monitoring the Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plan, the year-end CAPER report, IDIS reporting process, and sub-recipient compliance monitoring. Staff will implement the priorities identified in the planning process, with assistance from other departments, stakeholders, partners, and subrecipients. They will conduct outreach and implementation activities related to Citizen Participation and Fair Housing.

When applicable and funding allows, City staff will attend relevant CDBG training to help create a broader institutional knowledge base of the CDBG program.

### **Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies**

The City of New Albany will continue actively encouraging coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Continued efforts will be made to identify opportunities for service providers to expand their services where needed, while minimizing duplication of efforts.

Private businesses are also encouraged to participate in discussions related to the housing and social service provider needs.

Continued coordinated planning efforts with the CoC to address critical needs throughout the area will be key to addressing the needs of New Albany residents.

### **Discussion:**

The City of New Albany is committed to maintaining a robust, efficient, and compliant program that targets the needs of the most vulnerable community members.

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## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction:

The City of New Albany does not expect to have unallocated program income at the start of FY26. No float-funded activities are included in this Action Plan. The City will not receive guaranteed proceeds from a Section 108 loan, nor have surplus funds from any federal urban renewal settlements.

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	75.00%

The City specifies that the aggregate use of CDBG funds during one (1) program year shall principally benefit persons of low- and moderate-income in a manner that ensures that at least 70% of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period (as is required by the program).

## Attachments

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## Citizen Participation Comments



**CITY of NEW ALBANY**  
**Fiscal Year (FY) 2026**  
**Community Development Block Grant Program**  
**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

The purpose of this Citizen Participation Plan is to ensure the timely and accessible involvement of the citizens of New Albany in the drafting, implementation, and assessment of the City of New Albany's Fiscal Year 2026 Community Development Block Grant Annual Plan. The Plan is a requirement in order to receive assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City will submit the FY26 Plan to HUD on or about May 1, 2026 and the Fiscal Year will begin on July 1, 2026, and run through June 30, 2027. This Citizen Participation Plan shall be implemented by the Department of Redevelopment with its office located in City Hall, 142 E. Main Street, Suite 212, New Albany, Indiana. The following elements shall govern citizen participation in the process of formulating, implementing, and evaluating the Consolidated Plan:

- 1. Participation by very low- and low-income persons.**  
Participation by very low-, low- and moderate-income residents particularly those of slum and blighted areas and areas in which funds are proposed to be used is encouraged. Participation shall be solicited through the publication of public hearing notices online at [www.cityofnewalbany.com/redevelopment/cdbg](http://www.cityofnewalbany.com/redevelopment/cdbg), on City of New Albany social media, and emailed to individuals and organizations who request to be on a CDBG email list in accordance with 24 CFR 91. In addition, notices of public hearings shall be posted in and/or made available to such neighborhood congregating places as the Floyd County Public Library, City Hall, Silver Street Park, Griffin Recreation Center, New Albany Housing Authority Main Office.
- 2. Participation by Residents of Publicly Assisted Housing.**  
Participation by residents of publicly assisted housing is encouraged. In addition to the methods listed above, participation shall be solicited by informing the New Albany Housing Authority of public hearings regarding the Plan and requesting that the Housing Authority post notice of public meetings and public hearings at all locations it deems reasonable.
- 3. Access to Information.**  
All citizens shall be provided reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information and records relating to the City of New Albany's proposed use of the Plan funds. Notices of all public hearings shall be published online at [www.cityofnewalbany.com/redevelopment/cdbg](http://www.cityofnewalbany.com/redevelopment/cdbg), on City of New Albany social media, and emailed to individuals and organizations who request to be on a CDBG email list in accordance with 24 CFR 91.

A summary of the proposed FY26 CDBG Annual Action Plan Draft will be posted on [www.cityofnewalbany.com/redevelopment/cdbg](http://www.cityofnewalbany.com/redevelopment/cdbg) and comments will be solicited. This summary shall include the estimated amount of federally funded assistance the City expects to receive, and how the City intends to use such assistance, including the amount that will be made available to very low- and low- and moderate-income persons. The full draft of the proposed Plan is to be made available at various community locations throughout the City, including the Redevelopment Office, the Floyd County Public Library, New Albany Housing Authority management office, Silver Street Park, Griffin Recreation Center, and at [www.cityofnewalbany.com/redevelopment/cdbg](http://www.cityofnewalbany.com/redevelopment/cdbg). The City shall receive written public comments on the draft for a period of not less than thirty days from the date it is first made available.

Environmental Review notices shall be published as required online on the HUD Environmental Review Records page (<https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>) and comments shall be solicited. The opportunity to comment on the City's community development performance will be posted on [www.cityofnewalbany.com/redevelopment/cdbg](http://www.cityofnewalbany.com/redevelopment/cdbg), heard at public hearings, and taken through email to the Grant Manager at [kgibson@cityofnewalbany.com](mailto:kgibson@cityofnewalbany.com). Digital copies of documents are available when requested through email. The staff of the Redevelopment Department will be available by appointment to discuss the community development interests of citizens.

**4. Technical Assistance.**

Any group representing very low- and low-income persons, which requests it in writing shall be provided technical assistance in developing proposals for activities that are consistent with the Consolidated Plan. The staff of the Redevelopment Department will be available by appointment; however, they are unable to submit proposals on behalf of any group.

**5. Public Information Meetings and Public Hearings.**

In order to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program, the following public information meeting and public hearings will be held to solicit comments on the following subjects: suitable living environment; housing; and, economic development needs; proposed activities; project implementation (as requested and/or required); community development program performance; and, amendments to the Plan. Notices of all public hearings shall be published in accordance 24 CFR 91 online at <https://cityofnewalbany.com/cdbg/>, through City of New Albany social media, and emailed to individuals and organizations who request to be on a CDBG email list. In addition, notices of public hearings shall be posted in and/or made available to such neighborhood congregating places as the Floyd County Public Library, City Hall, Silver Street Park, Griffin Recreation Center, New Albany Housing Authority Main Office. Regular Redevelopment Commission meetings are scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 12:00 p.m.. Public Meetings and Public Hearings will be held at City Hall, Suite 100 (unless otherwise notified). The current schedule for 2026 public meetings, public hearings and key dates is as follows. Please verify meetings due to possible dates, rooms, and/or time changes.

**Tuesday, December 23, 2025, 12:00 p.m.**

NARC will authorize the Citizens Participation Plan key dates for distribution posting on <https://cityofnewalbany.com/cdbg/>

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 12:00 p.m.**

NARC shall conduct a Public Hearing concerning the nature of the Community Development Block Grant program to accept input into the development of the FY26 Annual Action Plan.

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 12:00 p.m.**

NARC will adopt the DRAFT summary of the FY26 Annual Action Plan and authorize the posting and distribution of the Plan.

NARC will approve an amended Citizen Participation Plan.

Department of Redevelopment will post and distribute a DRAFT summary of the FY26 Annual Action Plan.

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026, through Friday, April 10, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.**

Thirty-day comment period commences and concludes for the FY26 Annual Action Plan.

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 12:00 p.m.**

NARC will ADOPT the final FY26 Annual Action Plan.

**Friday, May 1, 2026**

NARC will submit the FY26 Annual Action Plan to HUD

**Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 12:00 p.m.**

NARC will conduct a Public Hearing to report the Grantee's performance for FY25.

**6. Consultations**

In order to better use the resources and expertise of other corporate and non-corporate organizations with interests in affordable housing, a better living environment, and expanded economic opportunities, the Redevelopment Commission shall involve, to the extent possible, these organizations in developing an assessment of needs for the City. Such consultations may include but not be limited to the following: not-for-profit social service and/or housing organizations, banks, realtors, and other municipal governing bodies.

**7. Written Comments and Complaints.**

All citizen comments and complaints regarding any facet of the Plan should be directed to the New Albany Department of Redevelopment. As per CFR '91.105(b)(5), the City shall consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing, or orally at the public hearings or public information meetings, in preparing the final Plan. Written comments and complaints shall be responded to within 15 working days where practicable. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasoning shall be attached to the final Plan.

**8. Non-English Speaking Persons.**

According to the 2020 U. S. Census of Population, an estimated 1,892 adults in New Albany speak English as a second language, the Department of Redevelopment shall accommodate the needs of this population through the use of interpreters, if necessary. Special arrangements will be made to communicate with these persons, if any desire to participate in a public hearing or public meeting. Any individuals who may require special assistance to attend any Meeting or Hearing open to the public may make their request known by contacting the Department of Redevelopment at 812.948.5333. The citizen participation plan and FY26 Annual Action Plan DRAFT summary will be posted in Spanish on <https://cityofnewalbany.com/cdbg/>

**9. Special Assistance to the Disabled or Handicapped.**

Disabled or handicapped individuals who may require special assistance to attend any Meeting or Hearing open to the public may make their request known by contacting the Department of Redevelopment at 812.948.5333 (Voice) or 1.800.743.3333 (Indiana Statewide Relay for the hearing-impaired {toll free}).

**10. Amendment Process.**

A substantial change is a condition, which requires a formal amendment to the Annual Plan. The Annual Plan amendment process requires the opportunity for public input as per the City of New Albany Annual Plan Citizen Participation Plan. Said criteria include the following:

1. To make a change in its allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds: An increase in the budgeted amount in the grant of more than 50%.
2. To carry out a project, using funds from any program covered by the consolidated plan (including program income), not previously described in the action plan.
3. Adding a priority need, strategy, objective, and/or activity identified in the Annual Action Plan and/or 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

**11. Anti-displacement.**

The City of New Albany maintains a policy of minimizing displacement in its activities funded through CDBG as indicated in its Anti-displacement Plan of March 22, 1995. Said Anti-displacement Plan is available at the Office of the Redevelopment Commission, listed below. The Anti-displacement Plan specifies the general types and levels of assistance that the jurisdiction will make available to persons in the event of displacement. In the event a CDBG activity would cause displacement, the City will have an informational meeting for affected persons.

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Citizens shall be provided with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports. Notice of the availability of performance reports shall be given in the same manner as the notice of the availability of the Plan (as per Number 1, above). Draft performance reports shall be made available at the same locations as the draft Plan (as per Number 3, above). Comments on the performance report prior to its submittal to HUD shall be received for a period not less than 15 days. The City shall consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing, or orally at the public hearings or meetings, in preparing the final performance report. Written comments and complaints shall be responded to within 15 working days, where practicable. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefore, shall be attached to the final performance report.

**13. Jurisdiction Responsibility**

The requirements for citizen participation outlined in this document do not restrict the responsibility or authority of the City for the development and execution of the Annual Plan.

Written comments should be emailed to: [kgibson@cityofnewalbany.com](mailto:kgibson@cityofnewalbany.com)

**Subject:** CDBG Application Workshop  
**Date:** Monday, December 15, 2025 at 2:22:08 PM Eastern Standard Time  
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For those who do not know me, my name is Keeton Gibson and I am the new grant manager for the City of New Albany. As we approach the new year it is time to start thinking about the CDBG program application. This year we are moving to a fully online application process. You can go ahead and start checking out the platform at this link:

<https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/NEWALBANYIN/Participant>

We will also be having two application workshops for people to come in and learn how to apply and use the new software and what is needed in your application. Those will be held:

- Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 12:00pm in City Hall Suite 100 (City Council Chambers)
- Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 3:00pm in the City Hall Media Room (near entrance in basement)

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting with you all!

Best,  
Keeton



**Keeton Gibson**

Grant Manager

142 E. Main St., Suite 212

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)  
PROGRAM**

*Application Workshop*

January 30, 2026 | 2 p.m.

**NEW ALBANY CITY HALL  
MEDIA ROOM**

To the right of the post, the text reads: "City of New Albany Government January 27 - The City of New Albany is hosting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Application Workshop on Friday, January 30, at 2 p.m. in the Media Room at City Hall, 142 E. Main Street. This workshop is open to organizations interested in applying for CDBG funding and will walk attendees through the application process, eligibility requirements, and key deadlines. City staff will be available to answer questions and provide guidance." Below this text are icons for 14 likes and 9 shares, and a "No comments yet" message.

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**Subject:** FY26 City of New Albany CDBG Citizen Participation Plan  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 10:40:09AM Eastern Standard Time  
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**Public Hearing**  
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Claire Johnson, Redevelopment Director  
Department of New Albany Redevelopment

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**Date:** Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 10:40 AM  
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# Written Input on Annual Action Plan



Keeton Gibson  
City of New Albany  
City Hall  
New Albany, IN 47150

February 20, 2026

Ms. Gibson,

I am writing on behalf of LifeSpring Health Systems for comment on the FY26 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). LifeSpring is the state-designated community mental health center for Floyd County, and a federally qualified health center, serving over 20,000 individuals annually across our 11 county service area.

As a safety net provider, many of our clients are below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level and struggle to find affordable housing. Additionally, many of our clients face complex challenges such as substance use, homelessness, and mental illness and would benefit from supportive housing services.

Stable housing is a vital base for recovery from both mental health conditions and substance use disorders. Without a safe and affordable place to live, individuals often experience worsening symptoms, increased hospitalizations, and a greater risk of homelessness. Affordable housing, paired with voluntary supportive services, provides stability, promotes independence, and allows individuals to focus on treatment, employment, and community engagement.

LifeSpring encourages the City to prioritize affordable and supportive housing in their CDBG action plan. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance during this planning period. I can be reached at [Elizabeth.stafford@lifespringhealthsystems.org](mailto:Elizabeth.stafford@lifespringhealthsystems.org) or 812-206-1361.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Stafford".

Liz Stafford  
Vice President of Development and Grants  
LifeSpring Health Systems

**Subject:** Re: FY26 City of New Albany CDBG Citizen Participation Plan  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 11:59:05 AM Eastern Standard Time  
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Sorry, I am unable to attend today. However, I believe the CDBG Action Plan should consider continuing the investment into family empowerment with resources which help parents raising future productive citizens of our community. Education is a key component in this process of development. Parental education is a primary driver of child outcomes (Economics of Education Review, 2019)

Olive Tree Resources is committed to being one of the partners to strengthen families within our community, as well as a supporter of other community entities providing the same.

April L. Staks

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