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July 29, 2026

RE: Dauphin County PY2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program.

Accepting applications from August 1, 2026 – October 30, 2026

Dear Prospective Grantee:

On behalf of the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, I am pleased to announce the acceptance of project proposals for the anticipated FY 2027 Dauphin County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program funding. The County of Dauphin will be submitting their CDBG funding plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in or about May 2027. Applications received during this round that are deemed eligible and approved for an award by Dauphin County will be included in this plan.

Under the CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership Program Guidelines, the County is eligible to receive a funding allocation based upon population and other demographic information. Use of this allocation will then be determined by the County based upon their HUD approved Consolidated and Annual Action Plan. The Action Plan is adopted every year in response to eligible project proposals received from municipalities and organizations of their needs.

The funding allocation for Dauphin County is estimated to be \$1.35 million (based on our 2026 allocation). However, to receive the CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership funding allocation, the County must submit the plan to HUD for specific projects. On a case-by-case basis, municipalities and organizations may be asked to provide matching funds for the proposed activity. This will be based upon the type of project proposed and the financial capability of the municipality or organization.

The staff of Dauphin County Office of Community & Economic Development will be responsible for submission of the Annual Action Plan and the coordination and preparation of applications submitted.

The 2027 CDBG & HOME Investment Partnership Program application, which includes eligibility guidelines, will be available on the County's website on **August 1, 2026** at http://www.dauphincounty.org/government/departments/community_and_economic_development/economic_development_corporation/community_development_block_grant.php.

All applicants must **submit three (3) single-sided hard copies of the project application and supporting documentation. All documents must be on 8-1/2 x 11 paper. Applications should not be stapled or bound. In addition, all applicants must contact Deb Laudenslager @ dlaudenslager@dauphincounty.gov for a OneDrive link so that an electronic application can be uploaded by you. Please put CDBG 2027 in the subject line and make sure to include the name of your project in the body of the email.**

Applications will be accepted for any needs in accordance with the list of eligible activities for CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership funding.

If income surveys are required to establish eligibility, please contact Deb Laudenslager, Program Coordinator. She may be reached by telephone at (717) 780-6256 or via email at dlaudenslager@dauphincounty.gov.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE BY October 30, 2026 by 4:00 p.m. Applications for funding can be hand-delivered or mailed to the Dauphin County Office of Community & Economic Development, 2 South 2nd Street, Room 124, Harrisburg, PA 17101, Attention: Deb Laudenslager, Program Coordinator. Your requests will then be reviewed, prioritized, and possibly selected for submission to HUD.

*When listing your needs, please keep in mind that the project must be considered an eligible activity. In addition, the activity must benefit a population of which at least 51% percent are in low/moderate income (LMI), or the project must eliminate slum and blight. Please note that the income levels may change every year. Income surveys may be necessary depending on the proposed project and location. The survey form is attached for your convenience. **Please provide this information to your municipal authority to identify water and sewer related projects.***

In meeting with the provisions of the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, you should take steps to remove any impediments to fair and affordable housing and handicapped accessibility. Funding for the handicap curb access ramps at street intersections and handicap accessibility to public buildings do not require the low- and moderate-income requirement.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation in this endeavor. Should you have any questions concerning possible projects or the program, please contact Deb Laudenslager, Dauphin County Office of Community & Economic Development at (717) 780-6256.

Sincerely,

Debra Laudenslager

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Grants Program Coordinator

Dauphin County Department of Community & Economic Development
 2027 Annual Action Plan
 Program Year 2027 CDBG/HOME Application and Award Process Timeline**
 Program Year July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028
 SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON BUDGET NOTIFICATION FROM HUD

2026

August 1, 2026	PY 2027 CDBG/HOME application cycle opens. Application can be found on the Dauphin County website at https://www.dauphincounty.org/government/departments/community_and_economic_development/economic_development_corporation/community_development_block_grant.php
October 30, 2026	PY 2027 CDBG/HOME application deadline (4:00 p.m.). Applications must be dropped off or sent USPS. <i>Applications will not be accepted after this deadline, regardless of postmark date. EMAILS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. See program guidelines for further instructions.</i>
November & December 2026	DCED review of applications for compliance with national objectives and Consolidated Plan priorities

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January & February 2027	Continuation of DCED review of applications for compliance with national objectives and Consolidated Plan priorities
February & March 2027	Tentative Budget meetings with DCED Executive Director and County Commissioners to review selected projects.
March 8, 2027	1 st Public Hearing to discuss countywide needs in the areas of housing, community development and economic development to be included in the 2027 Annual Action Plan. <i>All applicants are encouraged to attend.</i>
March 22 - April 30, 2027	Thirty (30) day public comment period for DRAFT 2027 Annual Action Plan (30 day) at which time the DRAFT of the plan will be on display
April 14, 2027	2 nd Public Hearing to discuss proposed activities to be included in the 2027 Annual Action Plan. <i>All applicants are encouraged to attend.</i>
May 14, 2027	FINAL 2027 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUBMITTED TO HUD
July 1, 2027	2027 Program Year Starts
September – October 2027	Tentative time frame that DCED will receive notification of Grant Award at which time DCED will send letters of grant awards.

All notices of hearings are advertised in the Patriot News/PennLive and on the County's website

Dates are subject to change based on when the County receives the Notice of Award from HUD