

## **Request for Citizen Participation and Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)**

**ATTENTION: Citizens and interested parties with input on community needs and issues, and**

### **Applicants for funding from Lafayette Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Lafayette Housing Consortium HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)**

The City of Lafayette expects to receive an allocation from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2025-2026 CDBG and HOME programs. Because the allocations have not yet been released, the 2024 allocations of \$621,908 CDBG and \$744,594 HOME will be used to start the planning process. If needed, a contingency plan will be discussed at the February 27th meetings to accommodate changes in the funding available.

This notice requests citizen participation in the public hearings and meetings that will be held in-person in the City of Lafayette City Council Chambers. Citizens and interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing meetings to provide input and comments about local community development and housing needs, concerns, or issues. Participation in the meetings by all interested parties is encouraged and not related to subsequent applications for funding. Input and comments about local community development and housing needs, concerns, or issues may also be submitted via email to the addresses above. Input and comments about the proposed Action Plans may be submitted via email to the addresses above between April 15 and May 14, 2025. All comments received must include the name and address of the person(s) providing the comments.

This notice begins the local application process. Interested applicants may access the application utilizing Neighborly Software at the following link: <https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/LAFAYETTEHOUSINGAUTHORITYIN/Participant>, or visit the City of Lafayette website at <http://www.lafayette.in.gov/2044/Federal-Grant-Administration> to access the link for the application on or about Tuesday, January 2, 2025. Interested parties are encouraged to apply as early as possible. For further information or technical assistance, please contact the Lafayette Housing Authority, 2601 Greenbush St., Lafayette IN 47904. CDBG inquiries: (765) 269-4243 or [cdbg@lha.lafayette.in.gov](mailto:cdbg@lha.lafayette.in.gov) HOME inquiries: (765) 771-1309 or [home@lha.lafayette.in.gov](mailto:home@lha.lafayette.in.gov)

Activities funded by CDBG and HOME programs must meet one of the Consolidated Plan priorities: maintain, expand and improve affordable housing options, support residents to become self-sustaining, improve residents' quality of life, or affirmatively further fair housing, and meet all applicable federal requirements. The draft version of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan may be found at <http://www.lafayette.in.gov/2044/Federal-Grant-Administration> during the public comment period 4/15-5/14/2025. Further information on CDBG and HOME may be found at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs>.

The City of Lafayette does not discriminate based on race, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, national origin, religion, income status, veteran status, limited English proficiency, or any other protected classification under federal law and provides. The City will provide reasonable accommodations to afford an individual with a disability or limited English proficiency an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs, and activities; please e-mail [cdbg@lha.lafayette.in.gov](mailto:cdbg@lha.lafayette.in.gov) at least two business days in advance with meeting accommodation requests, and by 1/23/25 for application accommodation requests.

### **2025 Application and Public Hearing / Meeting Dates**

On or about January 2, 2025	2025 online applications available
January 9, 2025—12:00 PM	1st Public Hearing to present CAPER accomplishments for PY 24, funding levels, timeline, gather input.
<u>January 23, 2025— 4:00 PM</u>	<u>CDBG and HOME Application Deadline</u>
January 30, 2025—1:30 PM	City of Lafayette Meeting CDBG applicant presentations
January 30, 2025—2:00 PM	Lafayette Housing Consortium Meeting HOME applicant presentations
February 27, 2025—2:00 PM	Lafayette Housing Consortium Meeting HOME funding recommendations and Action Plan Approval
February 27, 2025—2:30 PM	City of Lafayette Meeting CDBG funding recommendations and Action Plan Approval
April 15, 2025 – 11:00 AM	2nd Public Hearing to present 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plans Drafts
April 15 – May 14, 2025	Public comment period for 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plans for Lafayette Housing Consortium and Lafayette CDBG
June 2, 2025	Action Plans presented to City Council
July 1, 2025	Start of Program Year 2025

**\*All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Lafayette Municipal Building, 20 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Lafayette, Indiana. Meeting dates and times are tentative and are subject to change.\***

