Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing on the City of Duluth 2027 Action Plan AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS for Housing and Community Development

* Federal Funding Recommendations Included *

The City of Duluth is seeking citizen comments on the 2027 Draft Action Plan and Funding Recommendations for Housing and Community Development. All input is welcome including identification of current community issues, especially those affecting people with low and moderate incomes. Comments about the City's progress toward five-year community development goals are outlined in the Plan. These funding recommendations are for approximately $3 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Community Development Committee (CD Committee) plans and advises on the use of these funds to the Duluth City Council.

CD Committee Recommendations for 2027 Funding:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
(at least 70% of CDBG funds must benefit persons with low or moderate incomes)

Housing (all applications are for housing improvements that will benefit people with low or moderate incomes)

Property Rehab Program – Duluth Housing & Redevelopment Authority - $ 310,500
CLT Acquisition-Rehab Resale – One Roof Community Housing - $ 280,000
CLT New Home Construction – One Roof Community Housing - $ 300,000
Park Place of Duluth Construction – Family Rise Together - $ 0
Park Place of Duluth Acquisition of Neighboring Lots – Family Rise Together - $ 0

Economic Development (all applications will create full-time jobs or assist businesses to create jobs to be filled by people having low or moderate incomes at the time of employment)

Growing Neighborhood Businesses – Entrepreneur Fund - $ 24,000
Futures Program - Life House, Inc. - $ 90,000
Work Readiness & Advancement Project – True North Goodwill - $151,000
START Business Incubator – Family Freedom Center - $ 0

Public Facility Improvements (all applications will provide improvements to neighborhoods having a majority of persons with low and moderate incomes)

Pine Grove Elevator Rehab Project - ASI Duluth - $ 0

Hillside Proud, Health & Culture Corridor– Zeitgeist Center for Arts and Community - $ 0
1st Street = Flow Street – City of Duluth - $50,000
4th Street Pedestrian Improvements Project – City of Duluth - $286,000

Public Services (all applications will provide programs or services to persons with low or moderate incomes) Federal regulations stipulate a maximum of 15% of grant funds to public service applications.)

Basic Needs Drop-in-Youth Center – Life House - $32,000
Duluth Hunger Project – CHUM - $113,500
Tenant Landlord Connection – One Roof Community Housing - $30,000
Programming for Children at the Steve O'Neal Apartments – CHUM - $20,000
Heather's Happy Days Daycare – Divine Konnections Inc. - $20,000
Community Tax Site – Community Action Duluth - $ 0

Homeless (all applications are for providing housing services that will benefit people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing homelessness)

Family Supportive Housing – Center City Housing Corp - $30,000
Save Haven Shelter Program – Safe Haven Shelter for Battered Women - $40,000
CHUM Homeless Services – CHUM - $40,000
Annie's House of Refuge and Restoration – Divine Konnections, Inc. - $20,000
Family Transitional Housing - The Salvation Army - $ 0
DKI Supportive Housing Program – Divine Konnections, Inc. - $ 0
Comprehensive Services for Homeless Duluth Veterans – MACV - $20,000
Coordinated Entry - Housing & Redevelopment Authority of Duluth, MN - $ 24,000

Planning
Program Administration – CD Division - $470,000
HOME Investment Partnership Program Administration – CD Division - $30,000
Tenant Based Rental Assistance Administration – Duluth HRA - $10,000
Emergency Solutions Grant Program Administration – CD Division - $15,525

HOME Investment Partnerships Program - Year 2027 Funding Recommendations

Tenant Based Rental Assistance – Duluth HRA - $55,000
Permanent Housing Mission Heights Housing – Union Gospel Mission - $400,000
(CLT) Acquisition-Rehab Resale – One Roof Community Housing - $ 120,000

Emergency Solutions Grants Program - Year 2027 Funding Recommendations

Family Supportive Housing - Center City Housing Corp - $20,000
Safe Haven Shelter Program – Safe Haven - $20,000
Homeless Services – CHUM - $20,000
Street Outreach – CHUM - $20,000
Annie's House of Refuge and Restoration – Divine Konnections, Inc. - $20,000
Family Transitional Housing - The Salvation Army - $24,053
Rapid Rehousing & Homelessness Prevention – Duluth HRA - $63,222
HMIS Administration - $4,200

Contingency Plan: If there should be a higher level of funding allocated to the city for FY 2027 than estimated, such funding shall be distributed to each funding category, with the highest-ranking projects that did not receive full funding receiving these increased funds. If less funding is allocated, the lowest ranked projects in each of the categories shall be reduced. If the final allocated amount varies by more than 3% of the estimated amount, then the Community Development Committee shall reconvene and revise the funding recommendation and submit it to the City Council.

There is a 30-day public comment period for the 2027 Annual Action Plan and funding recommendations from November 08, 2026 – December 8, 2026.

A public hearing on the recommendations will be held by the CD Committee during this time period at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, in Room 430, Lakeview Room – 4th Floor - City Hall. The purpose of the public hearing is for citizens to comment on the Draft Plan and the funding recommendations. Members of the public, especially persons having low and moderate incomes, are encouraged to attend and provide comments.

Written/Email comments are highly encouraged during this Public Comment Period. To submit comments or questions about the Action Plan and recommendations. All comments will be shared with the CD Committee. Please title your email "2027 Action Plan". They can be emailed to: duluthcommdev@DuluthMN.gov

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The project summary for FY 2027, is available for comment at: https://duluthmn.gov/planning-development/community-development-funding/annual-funding-process/

If you need accommodations, such as an interpreter, please contact the Planning and Development Division at 730-5580 or duluthcommdev@DuluthMN.gov so that your needs can be accommodated. Hearing impaired persons may call the City’s TTY/Information Assistance at 730-5000 or the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.