

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

The City of Elkhart, Indiana will submit the 2026 Annual Action Plan and make an application for Community Development Block Grant funds for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The Community Development Block Grant program provides flexible federal funding to assist in the elimination or prevention of slum and blight, address an emergency that threatens the public health and safety, or assist in projects that principally benefit low and moderate-income persons. In accordance with the regulations pertaining to Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the City of Elkhart, Indiana will hold public hearings to inform citizens of the amount of funds available and the range of eligible activities under the Community Development program, and to provide for citizen input and participation in the development of the application.

The 30-day public comment period will be from April 1, 2026 to May 1, 2026. In preparing the final Action Plan documents, the City will consider any comments or views of citizens or other interested parties that are received during this 30-day period. Public hearings are scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 5:30pm in the Elkhart Public Library Main Branch at 300 S. Second Street, Elkhart Indiana and Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers (2nd floor) of the Municipal Building, 229 South Second Street, Elkhart Indiana. The Common Council will vote on a resolution authorizing the submission of the 2026 Action Plan at the regular meeting on May 18, 2026 at 6:00pm.

In addition to these meetings, the public is encouraged to submit any comments or questions in writing by mail to Mary Kaczka at 201 South Second St., Elkhart, Indiana or via email to mary.kaczka@cityofelkhartin.gov. The deadline to comment on the Plans is 5:00pm, May 4, 2026.

Copies of the draft Action Plan is available at the following locations: City of Elkhart Municipal Building at 229 S Second Street, Elkhart Public Library Main Branch at 300 S. Second Street. The draft Action Plan will also be available on the City of Elkhart's website at www.cityofelkhartin.gov. Copies of the final Plans will be available after May 11, 2026.

Proposed Community Development Objectives

The City of Elkhart's goals for its Community Development program are to improve the quality of life for its citizens through revitalization and development of its neighborhoods and expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

1. Additional Required Information

The following is provided to citizens as information. The City anticipates approximately \$700,000 in FY 2026 Community Development Block Grant funds will be used for activities benefiting low and moderate-income persons. The annual allocation award for these funds has not been finalized by the date of this notice, and the final Annual Action Plan may be subject to change. Per the Citizen Participation Plan, a substantial amendment is a change in any budget line item of more than 25 percent. Any change in funding that constitutes a substantial amendment will be made public and submitted to HUD consistent with the processes outlined in the Citizen Participation Plan.

The City of Elkhart does not intend to displace any businesses and will engage in residential displacement on a voluntary basis only.