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**TO:** City Planning Commission

**FROM:** Christopher Gulock, AICP, Deputy Director

**RE:** **2026-27 Community Development Block Grant/Neighborhood Opportunity Fund (CDBG/NOF) Overview and Public Service funding recommendations**

**DATE:** February 16, 2026

On February 19, 2026, the City Planning Commission (CPC) is scheduled to review the 2026-27 CDBG/NOF Public Service (PS) funding recommendations. The Housing and Revitalization Department (HRD) is the City's lead department in administering the CDBG/NOF program. The Mayor's office has completed its review for the 2026-27 program year and is submitting a chart summarizing the groups that applied and listing the recommendations from HRD and the Mayor's office. The same as with previous years, within PS, there are 5 funding categories: public safety, education, health, seniors, and recreation.

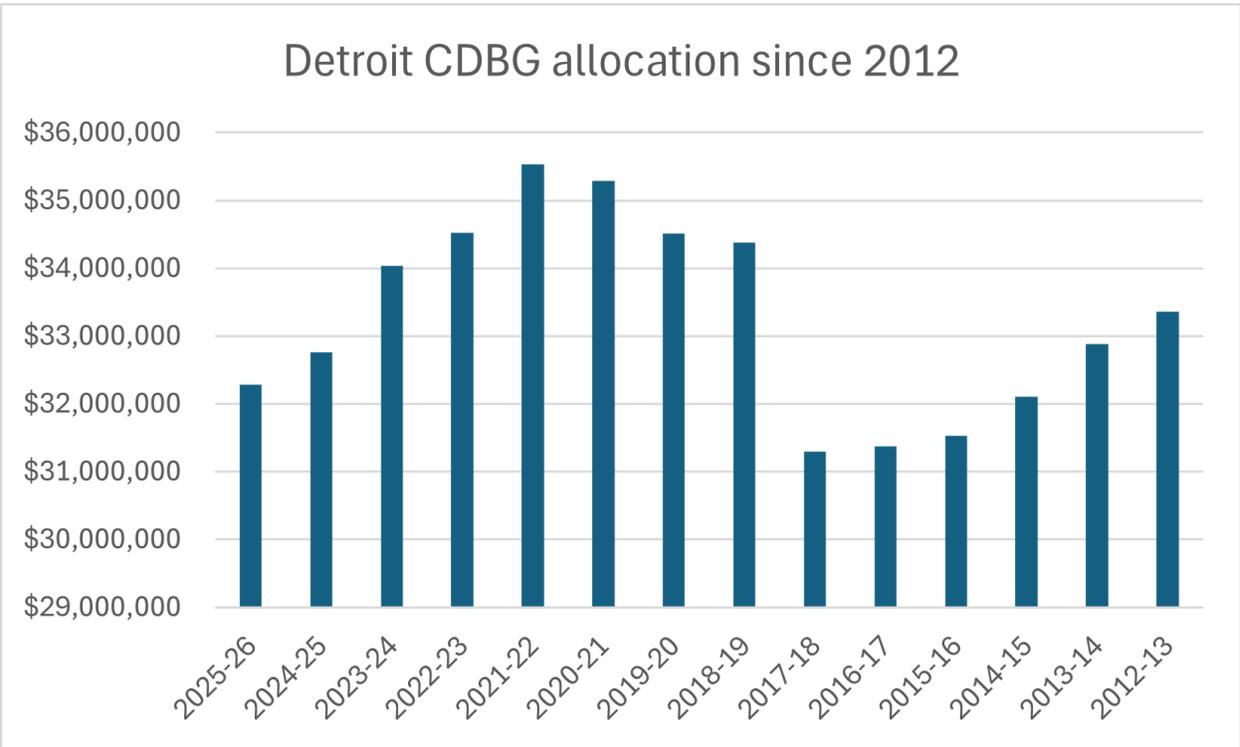
## **BACKGROUND**

### ***Funding Programs***

The three primary objectives of CDBG funding are to: 1) benefit low to moderate income persons, 2) prevent or eliminate slums or blight, or 3) meet an urgent community need. The subject review focuses only on PS organizations addressing these objectives. In the Spring 2026, the Administration and Council will review Homeless Solutions Funding programs, which include Homeless Public Service (HPS) and Emergency Solutions Grants.

### ***CDBG Funding***

The City of Detroit CDBG allocation for 2026-27 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has not yet been released. Below is a table highlighting Detroit's CDBG annual allocation since 2012 – Attachment A at the end of this report lists the funding amounts in table format. The graph below shows a decline the past 4 years.



From a historical perspective, in the late 1990s and early 2000s, the City usually received over \$50 million for its annual CDBG allocation. In 2001-02, the City received a high of \$59,873,910, which allowed the City to accomplish more with almost double the funding. CPC staff understands that CDBG funds for Detroit have decreased substantially in the past 25 years, due to loss of population, changes in the CDBG formula for funding, and a general decrease in federal CDBG funding for all cities.

***Funding Available & Public Service 15% Cap***

Federal regulations require that no more than 15% of the entitlement funds (plus program income) be allocated toward PS and HPS funding. As part of the City’s overall CDBG budget review, the final CDBG budget will ensure no more than 15% of CDBG funds are spent on PS. For 2026-27, HRD is allocating a total of \$2,246,213 toward PS. The following table compares the funding amounts for each PS category this year vs. last year.

	<b>2025 PS Funding</b>	<b>2026 PS Funding</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	\$196,581	\$154,000
<b>EDUCATION</b>	\$893,862	\$1,196,452.5
<b>HEALTH</b>	\$275,508	\$264,690
<b>SENIORS</b>	\$281,394	\$154,000
<b>RECREATION</b>	\$271,508	\$477,070
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,918,853</b>	<b>\$2,246,212.5</b>

## **APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS**

### ***Outreach for the 2026-27 CDBG/NOF Review***

On July 23, 2025, HRD held a NOF Best Practice Forum to assist applicants with completing the RFP. Additionally, HRD held two proposal writing workshops: one on August 26, 2025, and the other on September 18, 2025. The RFP workshops were also recorded and posted on the HRD website, as well as the City's YouTube page. The NOF application opened on the City's website on September 24, 2025, and closed on October 24, 2025.

### ***Threshold Criteria***

Back in 1994, the City Council and the Administration first approved eligibility criteria for NOF funded proposals. Since then, the City Council has relied increasingly on the criteria to determine eligibility of the proposals. In July of 2007, partly in response to concerns of HUD, the City Council adopted Joint Threshold Criteria to be utilized by both the legislative and executive branches of government. Each year, the Administration and City Council's joint threshold criteria are listed in the application. The application states that groups not meeting the threshold criteria are not eligible for funding; applications missing non-threshold items are eligible, but scored lower.

The current joint threshold criteria listed in the proposal are as follows:

1. Meet HUD National Objective (serves low to moderate income individuals);
2. Attend NOF Proposal workshop or view webinar;
3. Proposal must be complete, submitted by the deadline and on correct form;
4. Have at least five (5) member board which meets at least twice a year;
5. Has 501(c)3 status prior to applying for proposal;
6. Has at least two years of operation and proof of operation;
7. Has no unresolved government audit and monitoring problems (i.e., tax, legal, etc.);
8. Submit most recent fiscal year cash flow statement, financial statement and if available recent audit;
9. Read and sign application certification forms;
10. Submit current Michigan Annual Non-Profit Report;
11. Submit Recorded Articles of Incorporation;
12. Submit Current Certificate of Good Standing; and
13. Provide proof of operating cash on hand (at least 7% of the funding request).

### ***Funding Priorities***

Every few years, the City Council selects PS funding priorities. The current City Council funding priorities are as follows with #1 being the highest priority:

1. Public safety
2. Education
3. Health
4. Senior
5. Recreation

### ***Submittals and Review***

HRD worked in cooperation with CPC staff and the OCP in reviewing the submitted CDBG/NOF applications. During December 2025 and January 2026, CPC staff met with staff from the other departments to conduct a joint review and scoring of each proposal. Each

proposal was scored separately ranging from 0 to 100 points using a scoring criteria grid; then the staff met to discuss each proposal and develop a single consensus proposal ranking.

As in previous years, proposals scoring less than 80 points are not recommended for funding. After the joint review and score, HRD reviews the number of proposals, final consensus data, those that met threshold, and anticipated entitlement amounts, in order to determine HRD recommended funding amounts.

Below is a summary of this year’s NOF recommendations:

- For this review cycle, 67 applications were submitted (in 2024, 53 applications were submitted; in 2023, 60 proposals were submitted and in 2022, 47 proposals were submitted)
- 42 groups are recommended for funding by HRD and the Mayor’s Office
- 25 groups are not recommended for funding (of these 16 scored 80 points or above but did not meet threshold and 9 scored below 80 points)
- HRD indicates there are applications from 28 new groups this year – these groups are either completely new to NOF or have not applied in several years.

The table below summarizes the proposals received and recommended for funding under each category. Education includes the largest number of proposals.

	<b>TOTAL PROPOSALS RECEIVED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING</b>	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	7	3	4
<b>EDUCATION</b>	33	22	11
<b>HEALTH</b>	8	5	3
<b>SENIORS</b>	7	4	3
<b>RECREATION</b>	12	8	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>25</b>

## CONCLUSION

At your meeting on February 19, 2026, the Commissioners will be asked to disclose or declare any potential conflict of interest prior to voting. The Commission will be asked to make recommendations regarding the Administration’s chart which will then be forwarded to the City Council for review.

On February 23, 2026, the City Council is scheduled to have an overview, public hearing, and appeals hearing for the 2026-27 NOF PS recommendations, and then on March 3, 2026, the Council has planned to vote on the NOF allocations.

Attachments

cc: Julie Schneider, HRD  
 Tamara Fontaine Hardy, HRD  
 Kayla Hester, HRD

**CDBG Funding amounts Since 2012**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Detroit CDBG Allocation</b>	<b>Change From Previous Year</b>
<b>2026-27</b>		
<b>2025-26</b>	\$32,283,682	decrease \$475,528 (-\$1.5)
<b>2024-25</b>	\$32,759,210	decrease \$1,271,549 (-3.9%)
<b>2023-24</b>	\$34,030,759	decrease \$494,928 (-1.5%)
<b>2022-23</b>	\$34,525,687	decrease \$1,003,830 (-2.9%)
<b>2021-22</b>	\$35,529,517	increase \$244,062 (+.7%)
<b>2020-21</b>	\$35,285,455	increase \$766,026 (+2.2%)
<b>2019-20</b>	\$34,516,333	increase \$136,920 (+.4%)
<b>2018-19</b>	\$34,379,413	increase \$3,087,522 (+9.9%)
<b>2017-18</b>	\$31,291,891	decrease \$80,494 (-.3%)
<b>2016-17</b>	\$31,372,385	decrease \$157,663 (-.5%)
<b>2015-16</b>	\$31,530,048	decrease \$579,123 (-1.8%)
<b>2014-15</b>	\$32,109,171	decrease \$767,914 (-2.3%)
<b>2013-14</b>	\$32,877,085	decrease \$476,424 (-1.4%)
<b>2012-13</b>	\$33,353,509	

<b>2026-2027 CDBG NOF APPLICANTS</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>	
<b>826michigan</b>	Education	new
<b>Accounting Aid Society</b>	Education	
<b>Alkebu-Lan Village</b>	Education	new
<b>All Saints Literacy Center</b>	Education	new
<b>Amor y Esperanza, Inc.</b>	Health (low/mod)	new
<b>Avalon Healing Center</b>	Public Safety	
<b>B.A.S.S., Inc. (Building Assets to Strengthen Society)</b>	Recreation (Youth)	new
<b>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Michigan</b>	Recreation (Youth)	
<b>Boys Hope Girls Hope of Michigan, Inc. DBA: Boys Hope Girls Hope Detroit AKA HOPE IGNITES DETROIT</b>	Education	new
<b>Brillant Detroit</b>	Education	
<b>Center for Employment Opportunities</b>	Education	
<b>Central Detroit Christian</b>	Health (low/mod)	
<b>Children's Center of Wayne County. Inc</b>	Education	new
<b>Clark Park Coalition</b>	Recreation (Youth)	
<b>Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance</b>	Education	
<b>Crossroads of Michigan</b>	Health (low/mod)	new
<b>Detroit African Youth Department Organization</b>	Recreation (Youth)	
<b>Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program (DAPCEP)</b>	Education	
<b>Detroit Horse Power</b>	Recreation (Youth)	
<b>Detroit Justice Center</b>	Public Safety	new
<b>Detroit Youth Golf d/b/a First Tee - Greater Detroit</b>	Recreation (Youth)	
<b>Disability Network Wayne County Detroit</b>	Seniors	
<b>Dominican Literacy Center</b>	Education	
<b>Downtown Boxing Gym Youth Program (DBG Detroit)</b>	Education	new
<b>Embrace Sportz</b>	Recreation (Youth)	new
<b>Enrich Kids Now</b>	Recreation (Youth)	new
<b>FORCE Detroit</b>	Public Safety	new
<b>Gay Elders of Metro Detroit d/b/a Michigan LGBTQ+ Elders Network</b>	Seniors	
<b>Give Merit, Inc.</b>	Education	
<b>Goodwill's Green Works</b>	Education	new
<b>Gospel Tabernacle, INC</b>	Health (low/mod)	new
<b>Hannan Center</b>	Seniors	
<b>International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit</b>	Education	
<b>Islamic Center of Detroit</b>	Health (low/mod)	new

<b>Jefferson Chalmers Farmers Market</b>	Education	new
<b>Jefferson East, Inc.</b>	Public Safety	
<b>L!FE Leaders</b>	Education	new
<b>Latin Americans For Social And Economic Development Inc (LASED)</b>	Seniors	
<b>Lions &amp; Rabbits</b>	Recreation (Youth)	new
<b>Mercy Education Project</b>	Education	
<b>Michigan Interfaith Power &amp; Light</b>	Education	new
<b>Miracles to Inspire Change and Healing After Experiencing Loss (DBA M.I.C.H.A.E.L Organization)</b>	Public Safety	new
<b>Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit</b>	Recreation (Youth)	
<b>My Community Dental Centers</b>	Health (low/mod)	
<b>Neighborhood Building Urban Gardens</b>	Education	new
<b>Northend Village Nonprofit</b>	Seniors	
<b>NPower Inc</b>	Education	new
<b>Project Healthy Community</b>	Health (low/mod)	
<b>RTTM Community Center</b>	Recreation (Youth)	new
<b>Siena Literacy Center</b>	Education	
<b>Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers - Detroit Chapter</b>	Education	new
<b>Sound Mind Sound Body Foundation</b>	Recreation (Youth)	new
<b>Southwest Detroit Business Association</b>	Education	
<b>Southwest Economic Solutions Corporation dba MiSide Wealth</b>	Education	
<b>St Patrick Senior Center, Inc</b>	Seniors	
<b>St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center</b>	Education	
<b>Stafford House</b>	Education	new
<b>Student Advocacy Center of Michigan, Inc</b>	Education	
<b>Teach Empower Achieve</b>	Education	
<b>The Detroit Association of Black Organizations DABO</b>	Seniors	
<b>The Greening of Detroit</b>	Education	
<b>The Youth Connection</b>	Education	
<b>Turning Point, Inc.</b>	Public Safety	new
<b>Urban Neighborhood Initiatives</b>	Education	
<b>Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services dba Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan</b>	Public Safety	
<b>Wellspring</b>	Education	
<b>World Medical Relief</b>	Health (low/mod)	