

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO 2025-2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) of the federal regulations related to citizen participation in Community Planning and Development Programs, Orange County is making a substantial amendment to the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan available to the public through this notice. This amendment is available for a 30-day public review and comment period from December 1, 2025, to December 30, 2025.

Orange County receives federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). As a recipient of federal funds, the County is required to develop an Annual Action Plan that identifies specific activities that Orange County intends to pursue through the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and other state and local housing and community development programs, to address the objectives identified in the 2022-2026 Orange County Consolidated Plan. The FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan covers the period starting October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, and it was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on August 5, 2025.

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) was created by the Housing Economic Recovery Act of 2008 to respond to the rising residential foreclosures and property abandonment, and to stabilize communities negatively impacted by foreclosures. Orange County received two allocations of NSP funds (NSP-1 and NSP-3) that were used for the following activities: 1) acquire, rehabilitate, and re-sell foreclosed homes to income-qualified buyers; 2) provide financial incentives to homebuyers of foreclosed homes; 3) acquire and rehabilitate foreclosed multifamily housing. The County is currently in the process of closing out both of the NSP programs, in accordance with HUD requirements and guidance.

The Orange County Citizen Participation Plan, which was last updated in November of 2023, requires a substantial amendment to an approved Annual Action Plan when there is a change that adds a new activity. In accordance with requirements of the Citizen Participation Plan and 24 CFR Part 91.505, the County is proposing a substantial amendment to its FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan to transfer the program income from the NSP-3 Program, in the amount of \$589,930.22, to the CDBG Program. The re-allocated funds will be expended on the CDBG-eligible activities to address the needs, priorities and goals identified in the 2022-2026 Orange County Consolidated Plan.

The public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendment to the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan beginning Monday, December 1, 2025, through Tuesday, December 30, 2025. The draft amendment document will be available for review at Orange County's website at the following link:
<http://www.ocfl.net/NeighborsHousing/CommunityDevelopment.aspx>.

All comments regarding these documents should be submitted during the public comment period identified above to:
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Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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