







PROGRAM YEAR 2026
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The 2026 Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) is the second action plan in the City of Auburn (City) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan (Consolidated Plan) cycle. The Action Plan establishes annual goals and proposes programs and services funded during Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, beginning June 1, 2026, and ending May 31, 2027. The City receives CDBG funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an entitlement grant, and in turn, allocates funds for projects designed to achieve the goals and outcomes included in the Con Plan. The CDBG program provides various eligible community development and housing projects that benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons.

According to HUD, the entitlement funds' primary objectives are to increase the availability, accessibility, affordability, and sustainability of 1) decent housing, 2) suitable living environments, and 3) expanding economic opportunities, principally for LMI persons. The CDBG regulations require that each activity meet one of the following national objectives: Benefit low- and moderate-income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or activities meeting a need having a particular urgency.

The City's CDBG funding allocations are listed in the Annual Action Plan, administered by the City's Community Services Department (ACSD). The entitlement amount is supplemented by projected program income and reprogrammed prior-year funds. If CDBG programs receive an increase in unanticipated Program Income (PI) during the year, the following program activities will utilize the additional funds:

- Affordable Housing Program Second Mortgage Homebuyer Assistance and Housing Rehabilitation

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The Action Plan identifies programs and services that will be used to meet the City's annual goals. The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 created the CDBG Program, which included three

primary objectives. Each activity for FY 2026 is linked to one of these federal objectives. The activities that will enable the City to achieve these objectives in FY 2026 are listed below:

Decent Housing

Increasing the availability, accessibility, affordability, and sustainability of decent housing for LMI persons through:

1. Homebuyer second mortgage assistance.
2. Rehabilitation assistance to qualified LMI homeowners

Homeless Prevention

Provides supportive services directly related to the prevention of homelessness to eligible individuals and families in danger of eviction, foreclosure, homelessness, or are currently homeless.

1. Provide temporary supportive services on an interim basis related directly to the prevention of homelessness
2. Service to HIV/AIDS populations (i.e., rental and mortgage assistance)

Suitable Living Environment

1. Youth, childcare, and after-school programs
2. Supportive services for populations with special needs (e.g., seniors, and persons with disabilities)
3. Services for those at risk of becoming homeless
4. Public improvements, infrastructure, and broadband infrastructure

Economic Development

Increase access to economic opportunities for LMI persons including, (1) industrial and manufacturing high-demand career opportunities for LMI persons and (2) small business development.

As identified in Section NA-10 "Housing Needs Assessment " of the five-year Consolidated Plan, one challenge facing the City is cost-burdened households. The Consolidated Plan addresses how the City's rapid economic growth has created upward pressures on housing costs and property values in general due to increased demand. This Action Plan proposes to continue providing financial assistance to qualified households in areas such as housing rehabilitation and supportive services.

Finally, this Action Plan provides for allocating CDBG dollars for street resurfacing in an LMI area. The project is located on Clark Avenue, Auburn, AL. Public Improvements and infrastructure are identified as

a high priority based upon the “Non-Housing Community Development Needs” Section NA-50 of the five-year Consolidated Plan.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Accomplishments for the first year of the Consolidated Plan, June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026, will be included in the 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), available in the Fall of 2026.

After completing the first year of the five-year Consolidated Plan, the City has made significant progress in achieving many of its five-year goals and has surpassed several. Senior Supportive Services and Youth Supportive Services are expected to exceed the five-year goals. The goal to expand economic opportunities available to LMI persons is also expected to surpass the goals set for this Consolidated Plan. The goals to provide rental, utility, mortgage, and homeless emergency assistance are anticipated to surpass the Consolidated Plan goals.

The City will continue to work to surpass the Consolidated Plan goals over the next year.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The ACSD is responsible for producing the Action Plan. This role requires the ACSD to work closely with several City departments, Auburn Housing Authority (AHA), NAHDC, and other community stakeholders during the planning process to ensure that the Action Plan addresses community needs. The ACSD solicits input from other City departments, residents, non-profits, the private sector, neighborhood groups, and faith-based organizations regarding the current conditions and future needs of the community.

ACSD actively seeks and provides citizens, the primary partner, numerous opportunities to provide input in developing the Action Plan, including:

- Publications and postings
- Public hearings
- Meetings with community organizations and agencies

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The ACSD received no public comments from the public hearings and the 30-day comment period relating to the draft Action Plan.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

No comments were received.

7. Summary

The City continues to focus on the provision of and/or the repairing of affordable housing. The City will allocate CDBG funds to housing activities to the extent funds are available. Also, ACSD continues to work with Auburn's Economic Development Department to provide special economic development activities and industrial training to provide economic opportunities for LMI citizens. This relates to the affordable housing strategy because resources to provide affordable housing are limited and insufficient to meet the needs. Improving family incomes is an important means of making housing more affordable to more households.

The City continues to make strides in addressing community priorities and the goals set in the Consolidated Plan.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	Auburn	City of Auburn Community Services Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Auburn is the lead agency responsible for preparing the Action Plan. Also, the City of Auburn Community Services Department (ACSD) is responsible for administering the programs covered by the Consolidated Plan and the Action Plan.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

The contact for ACSD staff assigned to receive inquiries and comments from the public and other stakeholders specific to the Action Plan is as follows:

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The Action Plan planning process requires the grantee to consult with local agencies and citizen stakeholders to analyze needs, develop strategies, and plan for activities to be funded. This process resulted in discussions with citizens in stakeholder sessions, public meetings, and hearings. It included consultation with local agencies and city departments-an in-depth review of homelessness. It also included monitoring the short-term and long-term needs of agencies serving LMI citizens in Auburn. This section describes, in detail, the findings of the planning process.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

During the Action Plan preparation, the ACSD staff consulted with the AHA and other assisted housing providers to determine the availability of affordable housing units receiving government assistance. An attempt was also made to determine the inventory of units available to special needs persons, such as handicapped, elderly, etc.

ACSD also consulted with local agencies, including the East Alabama Mental Health Center (EAMC), Unity Wellness (an HIV/AIDS provider), and the Lee County Health Department. ACSD consulted these agencies to determine the extent of need and the resources available to these organizations to address special needs populations. Housing that is affordable to their clients was the primary need identified in these consultations. Coordination and communication between these service agencies and assisted housing providers are encouraged as a means of providing affordable housing and necessary services to low-income individuals, as the need for affordable housing and services often overlaps. The City will support additional affordable housing options when appropriate.

One essential consultation undertaken by the ACSD was to ascertain any issues related to lead-based paint (LBP) hazards. The ACSD determined that all AHA units have been remediated and contain no lead-based paint. All privately owned assisted housing units in the Auburn area were built after 1980 and contain no lead-based paint. The Lee County Department of Health staff reports not encountering LBP poisoning cases during 2023 or the last Consolidated Plan cycle.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The Continuum of Care (CoC) agency serving the City is the Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless (ARCH). The ARCH is the Collaborative Applicant and manages the Homeless Management Information

System (HMIS). It is the lead agency for the Balance of State Continuum of Care for the 42 rural counties in Alabama. The ACSD meets monthly with ARCH representatives to ascertain the existing and planned resources available to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness. ARCH coordinates with local governments, religious institutions, non-profits, philanthropic organizations, shelter and permanent housing providers, property owners, and the private sector. ARCH engages citizens to develop and implement data-driven strategies to respond to homelessness and address its root causes.

ARCH works closely with the City to look for ways to provide housing through Permanent Supportive Housing and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) to families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth in the City. Lacking funding from the CDBG program to influence supportive housing or short- and long-term shelters for displacement assistance, the City will support appropriate applications for displacement assistance funding by ARCH.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City is not an entitlement recipient of ESG funds due to its population. Any entity applying for ESG funding must apply under the balance of state ESG funds administered and allocated through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). The City would likely support an application by the ARCH or other qualified organization, provided it complied with the City zoning, subdivision, and planning ordinances.

Not being an ESG grantee, the City has no role in the administration of the HMIS.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction’s consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Auburn Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with the AHA regarding sections of the Action Plan related to public housing.
2	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Auburn Opelika Habitat for Humanity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with the Auburn Opelika Habitat for Humanity regarding the Affordable Housing sections of the Action Plan.
3	**Agency/Group/Organization**	North Auburn Housing Development Corp.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with North Auburn Housing Development Corporation (NAHDC) regarding the Affordable Housing sections of the Action Plan.
4	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Presbyterian Community Ministry
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with the Presbyterian Community Ministry (PCM) regarding the rehabilitation of existing housing units.
5	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Food Bank of East Alabama
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with the Food Bank of East Alabama regarding efforts to alleviate hunger.

6	**Agency/Group/Organization**	AUBURN DAYCARE CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with the Auburn Day Care Center, Inc. regarding comprehensive childcare and afterschool services and the needs of LMI parents who utilize these services.
7	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Joyland Child Development Center Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with the Joyland Child Development Center, Inc. regarding comprehensive childcare and afterschool services and the needs of LMI parents who utilize these services.
8	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lee County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lee County on services that primarily benefit youth and their families.
9	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Unity Wellness Center of East Alabama Medical Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with the Unity Wellness Center of EAMC regarding the housing and public services of persons with HIV/AIDS.
10	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Salvation Army Lee County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with the Salvation Army Lee County regarding homelessness.
11	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Esperanza House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with Esperanza House regarding comprehensive afterschool programs, family services, and the needs of LMI parents who utilize these services.
12	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless (ARCH)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with the Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless regarding homelessness.
13	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Lee Russell Council of Governments Area on Aging
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consults regularly with the Lee Russell Council of Governments Area on Aging Foundation regarding services for the elderly.
14	**Agency/Group/Organization**	City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with the Auburn Parks and Recreation Department regarding LMI youth access to youth recreation sports leagues.

15	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Twin Cedars Child Advocacy Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with Twin Cedars Child Advocacy Center regarding forensic interviews and counseling for victims of child abuse.
16	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Child Care Resource Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with the Childcare Resource Center regarding comprehensive childcare and afterschool services and the needs of LMI parents who utilize these services.
17	**Agency/Group/Organization**	City of Auburn Information Technology Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The ACSD consulted with City of Auburn Information Technology Department to coordinate and leverage resources related to providing broadband access to low-to-moderate income areas.

18	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Lee County, Alabama Emergency Management Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Emergency Management
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Auburn coordinates with the local emergency management organization to monitor floodplain areas and identify potential risks associated with flooding, severe weather, and other natural hazards. The City uses available hazard and emergency management information to help identify areas that may be vulnerable to flooding, storm events, and other threats.As part of its planning process, the City considers these risks when developing and implementing programs and activities funded through the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The City works to promote safe and resilient neighborhoods by considering potential impacts on low- and moderate-income residents, housing, public facilities, and community infrastructure. Coordination with emergency management officials also helps the City remain informed of changing conditions and take appropriate measures to support preparedness, mitigation, and protection of vulnerable populations and community assets.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless (ARCH)	ARCH's strategy to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people experiencing homelessness as they move to stable housing and maximum self-sufficiency corresponds to ACSD goals relating to homelessness.
2035 Long Range Transportation and Unified Plan	Auburn-Opelika Metropolitan Planning Organization (AOMPO	AOMPO is responsible for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process for the Auburn-Opelika Urbanized Area, including transportation services to the greater Lee County area. AOMPO Strategic Plan overlaps with the City's transportation and infrastructure plans.
Lee Russell Public Transit Plan	Lee Russell Council of Governments	The Lee-Russell Public Transit Plan serves as a guide for public transportation in Lee-Russell counties. Lee-Russell Public Transit (LRPT) provides LMI and Senior services. The LRPT offers Dial-a-Ride service in Lee and Russell County, a first-come, first-served, and space available service. LRPT provides curb-to-curb service only.
City of Auburn Capital Improvement Plan	City of Auburn Finance Department	The City of Auburn Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) addresses infrastructure needs in Auburn.
Northwest Auburn Neighborhood Plan	City of Auburn	The Northwest Auburn Neighborhood Plan's goal is to revitalize the neighborhood through further investment in infrastructure, and planning that encourages redevelopment, including affordable housing and incentives to attract business opportunities.
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	City of Auburn Community Services Department	The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) provides essential and detailed information to policymakers, administrative staff, housing providers, lenders, and fair housing advocates on the availability, status, and affordability of housing in the City.
Annual PHA Plan	Auburn Housing Authority	AHA Public Housing Authority Action Plan addresses the AHA services, mission, goals, objectives, operations, and programs. Both AHA and the City aim to provide services to low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families.
Family Self-Sufficiency Action Plan	Auburn Housing Authority	AHA Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program enables families to increase their earned income and reduce their dependency on welfare assistance and rental subsidies. Both the AHA and the City have goals to help families become self-sufficient and optimistically obtain homeownership.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City continues its efforts to involve other local agencies and organizations in the Action Plan's planning process. Outreach techniques include individual and joint meetings, emails, and conference calls. Local partners like the Auburn Opelika Habitat for Humanity, AHA, NAHDC, and PCM provide clarity when determining housing priorities. Likewise, agencies such as ARCH, Food Bank of East Alabama, Salvation Army Lee County, and Unity Wellness Center of East Alabama Medical Center help to align objectives addressing homelessness. The City believes maximum input during the planning process results in an Annual Action Plan that aligns funding priorities with actual needs.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The City has adopted and adheres to a Citizen Participation Process (CPP) that complies with Federal regulations set forth at 24 CFR 91.105 and 91.200 (c). The City's CPP establishes a means by which citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties may actively participate in developing the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and any substantial amendments.

The preparation process of the Action Plan included several outreach activities that encouraged citizen participation, including the following:

• The City contacted local agencies and organizations to respond to the City's Request for Proposals (RFPs) for CDBG funding. The City conducted interviews with community stakeholders, including social service organizations, community development groups, and housing providers.

• The City held public hearings related to the development of the Action Plan. The first public hearings (one in the morning and one in the evening) allowed citizens and nonprofit agencies to comment on needs and improvements for the CDBG program and how CDBG funds may be used related to housing, public improvements, and supportive services in developing the Action Plan. The second public hearings (one in the morning and one in the evening) allowed the City to communicate the budget, goals, and strategies related to housing, public improvements, and supportive services for the draft Action Plan and receive citizens' input.
• In compliance with the City's CPP, the City published public notices and held public hearings during the development phase of the FY 2026 Action Plan. The public hearings were advertised in the Auburn Villager and held on February 3, 2026, and March 4, 2026.
• All stakeholders on the City's CDBG contact list received emails and phone calls notifying them of the public hearings. The City offered any community stakeholders who did not participate in agency consultations or attend a meeting an opportunity for a phone interview.
• The City published a public notice in the Auburn Villager on February 19, 2026, announcing the availability for public inspection of the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Annual Action Plan Proposed Budget, notification of public hearings on March 4, 2026, and announcement of the start of a 30-day public comment period.
• An Executive Summary of the Draft Annual Action Plan was available for review on the City's website and at the following locations: Auburn City Hall, Auburn Public Library, and the Community Services Department.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	ACSD held a public hearing on February 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. relating to the Draft 2026 Action Plan. Two (2) persons attended the public hearing.	No comments were received.	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Meeting	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	ACSD held a public hearing on February 3, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. relating to the Draft 2026 Action Plan. Two (2) persons attended the public hearing	No comments were received.	N/A	
3	Public Meeting	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	ACSD held a public hearing on March 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. relating to the Draft 2026 Action Plan Proposed Budget. Three (3) persons attended the public hearing.	No comments were received.	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Meeting	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	ACSD held a public hearing on March 4, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. relating to the Draft 2026 Action Plan Proposed Budget. Three (3) persons attended the public hearing.	No comments were received.	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	734,911.00	100,000.00	0.00	834,911.00	0.00	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Utilizing a combination of public and private funds, the City will leverage grants and other funding, when appropriate, to meet the objectives of

the Annual Action Plan. Current private funding leveraged by the City's CDBG activities is the Homeownership Assistance Program (down payment and closing cost) provided by the City to LMI homebuyers. Under this program, a private mortgage lender provides first mortgage financing, and the City provides a second mortgage as a down payment for qualified applicants. Typically, the second mortgage represents 20 percent of the house's cost, thereby incentivizing the lender to provide 80 percent of the financing.

Over the past nine years, the City's Economic Development Department has made economic development loans to qualified business borrowers from the proceeds of the Section 108 Loan received from HUD.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

In FY 2017, the City used CDBG funds to acquire approximately 2.2 acres of vacant property to construct new affordable single-family homes. Beginning in FY 2023, this acquistion allowed the construction of seven affordable housing units which were completed during the last Consolidated Plan.

Discussion

ACSD is responsible for overseeing the City's CDBG program activities. However, the City cannot achieve the goals outlined in the Action Plan without other community partners. These non-profits and local agencies, and organizations help carry out the strategies included in this Action Plan, using other federal, state, local, and private funding sources. The City provides services to LMI families by utilizing a number of resource and funding, including the City's General Fund.

As usual, expected resources tend to fall far short of the City's housing and community development needs identified in the Con Plan. ACSD continues to work with other City departments to identify additional funding sources to address these needs.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing Construction	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing	CDBG: $130,814.00	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 6 Households Assisted
2	Housing Rehabilitation	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: $155,066.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 7 Household Housing Unit
3	Public Services	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Services	CDBG: $99,213.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 450 Persons Assisted
4	Public Infrastructure	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development	CDBG: $124,936.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted
5	Economic Development	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Economic Development	CDBG: $88,924.00	Jobs created/retained: 2 Jobs
6	Administration, Planning, and Management	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Administration, Planning, and Management	CDBG: $135,958.00	Other: 2 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	**Goal Name**	Housing Construction
	Goal Description	Increase the supply of new affordable, decent, safe, and accessible housing in collaboration with the NAHDC who designs/builds new affordable home opportunities for LMI households. Six (6) LMI households will be provided with second mortgage financing, both requiring housing counseling and homeownership training.
2	**Goal Name**	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Provide financial assistance to seven (7-10) LMI homeowners to rehabilitate their existing owner-occupied housing.
3	**Goal Name**	Public Services
	Goal Description	Assist public service providers serving four-hundred fifty (450) LMI persons, particularly those that benefit LMI youth, seniors, and persons and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
4	**Goal Name**	Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Improve the availability of a suitable living environment by funding public improvements that will benefit LMI persons in Auburn. Public Improvement will include a street resurfacing project in an LMI area, The funds dedicated to this project will be used to resurface a street in a LMI area in Auburn.
5	**Goal Name**	Economic Development
	Goal Description	Support and encourage new job creation, job retention, employment, and job training for two (2) LMI adults and youth. Support the Section 108 Loan Program in the form of interest payments

6	**Goal Name**	Administration, Planning, and Management
	Goal Description	Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of CDBG programs, including planning, environmental clearance, housing, and compliance with Federal, state, and local laws and regulations, to achieve the goals stated above.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Annual Action Plan includes projects based on the Consolidated Plan's priorities, available resources, and public involvement in the Annual Action Plan's development. These projects align directly with the federal objectives: 1) decent housing, 2) a suitable living environment, or 3) economic development opportunities. During FY 2026, ACSD will lead the City's CDBG activities, which will focus on increasing the availability of new affordable housing units, delivery of public services, investment in public infrastructure, revitalizing neighborhoods, and expanding economic development activities.

ACSD solicited Requests for Proposals from qualified public agencies or private non-profit organizations, demonstrating the capacity to carry out eligible program activities in partnership with the City as a CDBG sub-recipient.

To address the City's identifiable housing and community development needs, the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan includes the projects listed below.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Affordable Housing
2	Housing Rehabilitation
3	Prevention and Housing
4	Youth Supportive Services
5	Family Supportive Services
6	Senior Supportive Services
7	Public Infrastructure Improvement
8	Section 108 Loan Program
9	Administration, Planning, and Management

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	**Project Name**	Affordable Housing
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Construction
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: $130,814.00
	Description	This funding will provide second mortgage loan assistance and promote homeownership opportunities for qualified LMI households. to qualified first-time homebuyers in an amount sufficient to provide an initial housing cost that is equal to 30% of borrower's household income.
	Target Date	5/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activity will assist approximately six (6) households.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Planned activities included providing second mortgage assistance to qualified LMI first-time homebuyers in an amount sufficient to provide an initial housing cost that is equal to 30% of borrower's household income.
2	**Project Name**	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: $155,066.00
	Description	This funding will support repairs to existing single-family homes owned by LMI families and individuals. Funds will also include Housing Professional Services.
	Target Date	3/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activity will assist approximately seven to ten (7-10) households.
	Location Description	The location is the address of LMI Homeowners identified by the Presbyterian Community Ministry Church and Alabama Rural Ministry for home repairs.

	Planned Activities	Planned activities include repairs to existing single-family residential homes and remediation of lead-based paint hazards, if necessary.
3	**Project Name**	Prevention and Housing
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: $34,000.00
	Description	This funding is for services that assist families and individuals at risk of becoming homeless and those needing assistance due to being temporarily displaced. This project will support cost-burdened and severely cost burdened LMI citizens and combat the risk of eviction and homelessness by providing emergency assistance grant payments for utility and rent/mortgage to the provider on behalf of the LMI individuals or families at risk of homelessness and those temporarily displaced. Unity Wellness Center of EAMC extends services to those experiencing displacement as it relates to HIV-AIDS.
	Target Date	3/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activities will assist approximately 150 persons in benefiting from public service activities.
	Location Description	Address of Unity Wellness Center of EAMC and ACSD, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn, Alabama.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include providing utility, mortgage, and rental assistance to qualified LMI persons. Additionally, planned activities include assisting those who are temporarily displaced with emergency housing, support services, and counseling.
4	**Project Name**	Youth Supportive Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: $39,000.00

	Description	This funding will assist LMI youth, including daycare and after-school programs, sports vouchers, and educational supplies. Subrecipients include the I Am My Brother's Keeper ($6,000), Auburn Day Care Center, Inc. ($6,000), Joyland Child Development Center ($6,000) Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lee County ($6,000), True Deliverance ($6,000), and Esperanza House ($6,000). In addition to the subrecipients, The City of Auburn will administer the sports voucher Program ($3,000).
	Target Date	3/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activities will assist approximately 300 persons.
	Location Description	Address of subrecipients I Am My Brother's Keeper, True Deliverance, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lee County, Esperanza House, Auburn Housing Authority, Auburn Day Care Center, Joyland Child Development Center, and ACSD, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn, Alabama.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include providing funding to subrecipients who offer programs that aid in youth development, child and family services, or other youth opportunities.
5	**Project Name**	Family Supportive Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: $20,000.00
	Description	This funding will help low-to moderate-income citizens address their food insecurity needs, assist LMI youth after-school programs and family enrichment programs. Subrecipient includes the Auburn Community Development Corporation (Boykin Food Pantry) ($8,000), Auburn Housing Authority (6,000) and Discipline Accountability Commitment (D.A.C.)($6,000).
	Target Date	5/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activities will assist approximately 150 persons.

	Location Description	Address of subrecipients Auburn Community Development Corporation and Discipline Accountability Commitment (D.A.C.).
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include providing funding to support the Boykin Food Pantry, assisting LMI youth after-school programs and family enrichment programs.
6	**Project Name**	Senior Supportive Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: $6,213.00
	Description	This funding will help the senior citizen population address their human, health, social, and enrichment needs. Subrecipient includes the Food Bank of East Alabama ($6,000).
	Target Date	5/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activities will assist approximately 100 persons.
	Location Description	Address of subrecipient (Food Bank of East Alabama).
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include providing funding to subrecipients who offer programs that specialize in meeting the senior's needs, including brown bag meals, other related services, and programs.
7	**Project Name**	Public Infrastructure Improvement
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: $124,936.00
	Description	This funding is for a street resurfacing project in an LMI area.
	Target Date	5/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activity will benefit approximately 50-100 LMI persons in Auburn.

	Location Description	This street resurfacing project is located on Clark Avenue, Auburn Al.
	Planned Activities	Street Resurfacing
8	**Project Name**	Section 108 Loan Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: $88,924.00
	Description	This funding will support the Section 108 Loan Program in the form of interest payments.
	Target Date	5/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This economic development-related activity will result in the creation or retention of two (2) jobs.
	Location Description	This administrative activity will mainly take place at ACSD, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn, Alabama.
	Planned Activities	The planned activity includes interest payments for the Section 108 Program.
9	**Project Name**	Administration, Planning, and Management
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Administration, Planning, and Management
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management
	Funding	CDBG: $135,958.00
	Description	This funding is for planning, administration, and oversight activities associated with and in support of the CDBG Program.
	Target Date	5/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is an administrative activity.
	Location Description	This administrative activity will mainly take place at ACSD, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn, Alabama.
	Planned Activities	CDBG administration, planning, and management

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The proposed projects for FY 2026 are in LMI Census Block Groups for Auburn, Alabama. Based on the information contained in the five-year Consolidated Plan Needs Analysis and the resources available to meet those needs, the City does not choose to allocate its resources to a specific target area.

Also, ACSD's move to the newly renovated Boykin Community Center has had an immediate impact. The Center is in and serves the portion of Census Tract, Block Group 406.02, 2 identified as the Northwest Auburn neighborhood. Many of the anticipated subrecipients of FY 2026 CDBG funds, which provide services to LMI residents throughout the City, are located at the Boykin Community Center. ACSD is also more accessible to those who benefit the most from the City's CDBG entitlement funding. While the City's CDBG dollars benefit families and individuals City-wide, according to income and household size, it is also reasonable to consider most beneficiaries in Auburn reside in the Census Tract 406.02, 2 or an adjacent Census Tract or Block Group.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City does not choose to allocate its CDBG resources to a specific targeted geographic area. By not selecting a specific target area, this allows the City to invest CDBG funds to assist LMI persons wherever they may reside in the City of Auburn.

Discussion

The City will continue citywide community development efforts related to priority needs, including housing, public services, and public improvements in eligible locations. CDBG projects and activities are offered and available to all LMI citizens of Auburn.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

In previous program years, the City of Auburn has elected to allocate CDBG funds to the construction of new affordable housing provided through the non-profit North Auburn Housing Development Corporation. This "new construction" project is contigent, in large part upon being able to acquire vacant land or lots at a reasonable price that allows for the house to be built at an affordable cost.

Due to the rapid development and high housing demand in the City of Auburn, the price of vacant land has escalated to the point that the city has been unable to acquire land suitable for executing its affordable housing program. When suitable building lots can be acquired at a reasonable cost, the high costs of construction push the limits of affordability. In addition, the median price of a single-family home in Auburn is now $432,500, well beyond being affordable to low- and moderate-income households. Demand for housing is high, and competition is driving sales prices much higher than they have trended in the past.

As a result, the Community Development staff has reluctantly determined that the construction of new affordable homes that has been successfully undertaken in the past, is no longer feasible.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	0

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	50
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	7
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	57

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Since the biggest single need identified in the Comprehensive Plan is affordable housing, the city has determined that a different approach is necessary. While the production of new affordable housing is still a desirable goal, it is currently unattainable within the scope of the CDBG program and available funding. Therefore, it has been determined that the most efficient and achievable use of CDBG funds is to promote homeownership opportunities for qualified low- and moderate-income households to seek for and purchase housing within the existing housing market supply. This will be accomplished by providing second mortgage loan assistance to qualified first-time homebuyers in an amount sufficient to provide an initial housing cost (first mortgage loan payment, insurance and taxes) that is equal to 30% of borrower's household income.

According to HUD's definition of "affordable", housing cost should not exceed 30% of household income.

CDBG homebuyer assistance will be provided in the form of a deferred second mortgage loan that when combined with the initial housing costs is adequate to allow for the purchase of the home for 30% of the household's annual income. Second mortgage loans will be extended for one year at no payment of principal or interest. Such loans will not exceed $50,000.00 and are renewable annually on the anniversary of the loan, at which time three percent (3%) simple interest will be added to the unpaid balance, creating the renewal balance. Borrowers will be required to provide annual proof of household income as of the loan anniversary date by providing copies of the most recent filing of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1040 for all adult members (occupants) of the household. Prior to the renewal of the mortgage loan, a monthly payment amount will be calculated to equal 30% of any increase in household income. Such payments will be in effect until the anniversary date thereof and the unpaid balance renewal will be determined as before.

The goal of this program is to establish and maintain the successful homebuyers housing costs at an amount that will not exceed 30% of household income, thereby maintaining the HUD definition of affordable housing. Since the repayment of the second mortgage homebuyer assistance loan is variable and unpredictable, loan renewals will be for one year at a time, with renewal certainty, as long as the borrower complies with its obligations and repayment requirements. All payments made on the second mortgage will go solely toward the payment of principal on the unpaid balance. The entire principal on the second mortgage will become due and payable upon the sale, transfer, lease, or failure of the borrower to occupy the premises as its primary and legal residence.

All funds recaptured through the payment of second mortgage loans, will be allocated (i.e., reprogramed) back into this homebuyer assistance program. During CDBG Program 2026, the city will allocate $100,814 to this program.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Auburn Housing Authority is the public housing authority that operates within the City. Public housing is probably the most crucial housing source for low- and extremely low-income families and individuals and represents a significant housing asset to the City. The City supports the AHA board and staff and collaboratess closely with them to address public housing residents' and facility's needs.

The AHA manages 304 affordable housing units in Auburn. It is authorized to administer 280 Housing Choice Vouchers units and 18 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers (VASH). The AHA anticipates developing the following strategy to expand affordable housing options for low-income families in Auburn:

- Utilize Tenant-Based Vouchers (TBV) for homeownership opportunities
- Choice Mobility for eligible Project-based vouchers (PBV) participants
- Continue the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program
- Partner with the City in its efforts in expand affordable housing
- Other housing initiatives to expand affordable housing opportunities for families in need

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The City supports housing development for households earning 80 percent or less of the Median Family Income in Auburn. The City's objective is to encourage and help facilitate housing construction for extremely low-income individuals and families by collaborating with community partners such as Auburn Opelika Habitat for Humanity and the North Auburn Housing Development Corporation.

As the need to rehabilitate the existing housing stock grows, so does the demand for affordable housing, with 3147 families on the AHA TBV/Section 8 waiting list, as of February 2026.

Also, the City continues to invest in upgrades to the Boykin Community Center, which houses a variety of services that benefit public housing residents.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The AHA employs strategies to promote public housing residents' involvement in the AHA policy development and the strategic decision-making process. AHA encourages residents to become involved through participation in the Resident Advisory Board, which reviews AHA's proposed Action Plan and meets regularly with AHA staff to receive updates on major issues at AHA. The Resident Advisory Board andAHA staff also discuss residents' matters relating to participation in governance, public housing programs, and related subjects AHA staff works to promote the FSS Program to public housing residents.

The Program provides participants with job training opportunities, employment counseling, case management services, household skill training, and homeownership counseling.

Also, the AHA and the City work together collaboratively to prepare public housing residents to become homeowners by improving creditworthiness, establishing a good credit history, and creating personal savings.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

The AHA is a high-performing PHA and does not have a troubled designation. Therefore, the City does not need to provide financial or other assistance to remove such designation.

Discussion

The AHA is a well-managed public entity, scoring an average of 95% on its housing condition evaluation. The agency provides support that assists its residents to access the following services:

- Educational Assistance/GED Classes
- Childcare
- Transportation
- Job Readiness Skills (Correctly filling out job applications, attire, personal hygiene, interview preparation and resume writing)
- Job Linkage & Placement
- Job Skills Training
- Communication Skills/Interpersonal Interactions/Behavior Management
- Household/Time Management Skills
- Substance Abuse
- Counseling/Self-Esteem Building
- Budget Training/Management
- Home Ownership Information
- Legal Assistance
- Entrepreneurial Training/Information
- Financial/Debt Management

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The City works closely with ARCH and other community-based non-profits and organizations such as The Salvation Army of Lee County that work to eliminate homelessness. The City also works with the One Voice Shelter Coalition, Inc., whose goal is to secure temporary dwellings for homeless women and children in Lee County, Alabama.

The Consolidated Plan identifies emergency assistance as a high priority for LMI citizens of Auburn. The City will continue to fund emergency assistance for households who have lost their homes due to fire, utility disconnections, family separations, or other emergencies. Instances where families or individuals are suddenly evicted or dislodged, the City will provide emergency assistance funds to pay for a short stay at a local hotel to enable individuals or families to arrange for more permanent shelter. Approximately 35-50 persons receive emergency assistance annually.

The Consolidated Plan references other community partners who address the needs of residents experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The Unity Wellness Center of Alabama provides HIV testing and counseling, HIV primary medical care, medical case management services, and HIV prevention education and awareness programs for HIV/AIDs patients. The Family Resource Center promotes strong families by providing support services and education for childcare providers, parents, and employers.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Volunteers seeking out unsheltered homeless individuals conduct the Point in Time (PIT) count each year. This analysis indicated that there is no existence of a chronic homelessness problem in Auburn. Instead, homelessness is often the result of sudden dislocation caused by the loss of a job, family violence, illness, fire, or natural disasters. Therefore, the City's actions for the Consolidated Plan period are those discussed in the above introduction.

The City will continue cooperating in the annual PIT count to locate and identify homeless persons in its jurisdiction. Likewise, the City will continue collaborating with other service agencies to support programs and strategies that address homeless prevention and family priority needs. The City will financially support programs and services for homeless prevention.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City is an active member of the ARCH and serves victims of homelessness via temporary hotel

vouchers. Earlier sections point to the City's involvement as an area resource.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The Consolidated Plan recognizes homelessness in Auburn as a low priority. The City will support, to the extent CDBG regulations and funding allow agencies that deliver homelessness prevention assistance for displaced citizens and assistance to those at risk of becoming homeless. This assistance also includes supportive services.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

Other public and private social service agencies provide needed services to individuals released from institutional facilities and homes. ACSD will continue to explore opportunities to coordinate with such agencies to assist extremely low-income individuals and families and those discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care.

Discussion

The ACSD Consultation with homeless shelter providers in Lee County and the point-in-time count of homeless persons has revealed that homelessness is not prevalent in Auburn. Homelessness is most often the result of emergencies temporarily rendering households displaced. The City does offer a short-term hotel stay to provide shelter for persons in these situations.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

The City has looked at its governmental policies to determine if such policies are harming affordable housing production. This section addresses those findings.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

ACSD will work closely with the following entities involved in housing to ensure constructive practices are considered and/or in place for prospective LMI homeowners:

- The City's Economic Development, Inspection Services, Planning, and Engineering departments.
- Housing agencies
- Lenders
- Insurance providers
- County Appraiser

Discussion:

Section MA-40 –"Barriers to Affordable Housing" of the Consolidated Plan provides an extensive discussion of the adverse effects of the cost of housing in the City. The high housing demand has resulted in higher housing costs, which negatively affects LMI households' ability to obtain safe and decent housing at an affordable price.

The City plans no modifications or amendments to its policies currently.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

In the implementation of the Action Plan, the City will invest CDBG resources to achieve the following:

- Address obstacles to meeting underserved needs
- Foster and maintain affordable housing
- Reduce lead-based paint hazards as needed
- Reduce the number of poverty-level families
- Develop institutional structures
- Enhance coordination among service providers

The City will also identify obstacles to meeting underserved needs and propose actions to overcome those obstacles.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The Consolidated Plan describes eligible programs, projects, and activities to be undertaken over the five years with anticipated entitlement funds. Each year, assuming funding remains consistent, citizens, non-profits, organizations, and private entities help identify specific projects as part of the Action Plan process that meets underserved needs.

Obstacles to meeting underserved needs generally fall into the category of available resources and affordable housing options. In FY 2026, the City will address these obstacles as follows:

<u>Available resources</u>

- The City will support applications submitted by various non-profit agencies to local, state, or federal agencies for funding to address underserved needs.
- The City will research and pursue other grant opportunities to meet the underserved needs.
- The City will look for opportunities to leverage entitlement funding.

<u>Affordable housing options</u>

- The City will work with the NAHDC to use CDBG entitlement funds to complete design and site work for new home construction slated for the completion of construction in PY2029.
- The City will work with the AHA on its comprehensive housing strategy and resident development plan.
- The City will seek partnerships with other private sector providers, including financial institutions, to support the construction of affordable housing units.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue its efforts to develop and support more affordable housing opportunities for LMI families. By coordinating with NAHDC, the City will create new affordable housing opportunities in Auburn.

Also, the City will continue to repair the existing housing stock by providing funds to non-profit housing organizations to repair deteriorated housing units. During FY 2026, the City will provide funding to the Presbyterian Community Ministry (PCM) to perform housing repair projects.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Houses accepted for assistance under the housing repair and maintenance program built before 1978 will be tested for LBP. Should LBP be detected, the house will may be treated or abated per federal guidelines. The CSD Department would assess the project at that time to determine if adequate resources are available.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan represent the City's programs and activities for addressing the community's housing and economic needs, particularly the number of poverty-level families.

The City provides various services intended to help reduce the number of persons in poverty. The City's strategies and actions planned for FY 2026 to help families achieve economic and financial stability are as follows:

- Increase income through Auburn's Economic Development Department's work to expand job opportunities through the recruitment of new and expanding industries, assistance to existing industries and businesses, encouragement of entrepreneurial start-ups, and an innovative approach to job training and education.
- Work with the AHA, the faith-based community, and other local organizations to increase financial education, homebuyer counseling, and general financial literacy.
- Provide housing rehabilitation assistance to homeowners who do not have savings to make needed repairs.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The current institutional structure ensures all CDBG functions are performed in a coordinated fashion and in a manner that ensures the efficient use of resources with maximum accomplishments. The City's position is that the existing institutional structure is adequate for a small CDBG program. There are

no specific plans to develop additional institutional structures.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

As the lead agency in the Action Plan development process, the City recognizes the importance of coordinating its planning efforts with other public and private service agencies to accomplish programs needed to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, particularly for LMI persons.

The City will continue to enhance coordination efforts as follows:

- Meet regularly with non-profits and other community agencies to seek their input.
- Work closely with private developers on creating affordable housing options.
- Work with skill training and employment organizations.
- Work with housing and service providers to implement strategies to prevent homelessness.
- Work with local businesses to provide skill training services for LMI persons.

Discussion:

CDBG plans to fund various programs and activities to support area LMI households with affordable housing, emergency assistance, homelessness prevention, special needs activities, and community improvements. These areas have been addressed throughout the Action Plan relative to the level of needs, priorities, goals, and outcomes.

One of the City's most important actions has been its commitment to Economic Development and establishing the Auburn Training Connection (ATC) to educate and train the City's workforce. Providing a well-paying job is any jurisdiction's most crucial action to address poverty issues.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

The City has budgeted a CDBG program to address housing needs in the form of new housing construction, rehabilitation (maintenance and repair), homebuyer assistance (down payment and closing cost), and administration of housing programs. Also budgeted are public services in the form of assistance to persons at risk of becoming homeless (mortgage, rent, and utility assistance), services for youth and the elderly, and public improvements.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	100,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	**100,000**

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income.Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

LEGALS (FROM A4)

hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that J.A. Lett Construction Co. Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Construction at Boyd Residence Hall, Install Fan Coil Units for the State of Alabama and Auburn University, Owners, and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify:

Auburn University
1161 W. Samford Ave.
Auburn, AL 36083

J.A. Lett Construction Co. Inc.
P.O. Box 1350
Auburn, AL 36831-1350

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed September 6, 2022 executed by Earnest McKinney, Jr., a single man and Ashley McKinney, a married person joined by his spouse Ashley McKinney in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as a nominee for Credence Funding Corporation, said Mortgage being recorded September 13, 2022, in Book 3264 Page 234, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama; assigned to Planet Home Lending, LLC by instrument recorded in Book 5108 Page 261, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama. Said default continues and notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Planet Home Lending, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, Lee County, Alabama on 5/14/2026, having been postponed to 06/25/2026, further postponed to 8/6/2026 during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Lee County, Alabama, to-wit:

The following described property in the County of Lee, State of Alabama, to-wit:
Lot 81, Southern Oaks, Phase 2, a subdivision located in Section 25, Township 18 North, Range 28 East, and in Section 30, Township 18 North, Range 29 East, Smiths Station, Lee County, Alabama, as shown on a plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama, in Plat Book 42, Page 161, BEING the same which Ash Grayhawk, LLC, a Virginia Limited Liability Compa ny by Deed dated September 7, 2021 and recorded September 10, 2021 in the County of Lee, State of Alabama in 20220910201732 306829 (book) 2648 (page) 989 conveyed unto Earnest McKinney, Jr., a Single Man.

For information at pur poses only, the property address is: 94 White Oak Place, Smiths Station, AL 36877. Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

Federal law requires that certain residential real estate transactions purchased with all cash or without institutional lender financing, where at least one buyer/transferee is a legal entity, LLC, Corporation, Partnership, trust, trustee or other non-natural person, be reported to the United States Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCen).

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fees and other purposes set out in said mortgage.

The successful bidder may be required to provide identifying information/documentation successful bidders must tender funds and a fully completed FinCen form before noon of the next business day after the sale or the property will be revered to the next highest bid.

Planet Home Lending, LLC

Paul K. Lavelle, Esq.
Attorney for Mortgagee
Spina, & Lavelle, P.C.
One Perimeter Park South Suite 400N
Birmingham, Alabama 35243
(205) 298-3800
46-PC-26-01109

The Villager July 9, 2026

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: The Estate of Michael Charles Sheridan, deceased
Estate No.: 2026-340

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Michael Charles Sheridan, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 26th day of June, 2026 by the Honorable Jerry Colley, Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

/s/ Patricia Deskin
Personal Representative

PREPARED BY
Katie M. Crow
734 N. Dean Road, suite 100
Auburn, Alabama 36830
Ph. (334) 821-1900

The Villager July 9, July 16, July 23, 2026

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: The Estate of Baxter Giles Garner, deceased
Estate No.: 2026-327

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Baxter Giles Garner, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 30th day of June, 2026, by the Honorable Jerry Colley, Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

/s/ Barry C. Garner, Co-Personal Representative

/s/ Darren W. Garner, Co-Personal Representative

PREPARED BY:
H. Taylor Buckner
Buckner, Davis, & Hudson, PC
734 N. Dean Road, Suite 100
Auburn, Alabama 36830
Ph. (334) 821-1900

The Villager July 9, July 16, July 23, 2026

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: The Estate of Mary Elen Poole Stamps a/k/a Ellen Poole Stamps, deceased
Case No.: 2026-287

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Christopher Dyer Stamps on the 29th day of June, 2026, by the Hon. Jerry Colley, Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

/s/ James E. Hall, Attorney at Law

The Villager July 9, July 16, July 23, 2026

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Case No. DR-25-205

TO: Lawanna L. Vega

You are hereby notified that a Complaint for Divorce has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Lee County, Alabama, by Marcus D. Vega Carter.

You must answer with the Clerk of the Court of Lee County, Alabama, within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, failure to do so may result in a default judgment being entered against you.

Done this 3rd day of July, 2026.

/s/ Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lee County, Alabama

The Villager July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated June 30, 2022 executed by Jerry Joseph Grantham, Jr. and Mary Carlton Grantham husband and wife, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Trustmark National Bank, said Mortgage being recorded July 1, 2022, in Book 4681, Page 443, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama; having later been assigned to Trustmark Bank f/k/a Trustmark National Bank by instrument recorded in Mortgage Book 5234 Page 855, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama. Said default continues and notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Trustmark Bank, f/k/a Trustmark National Bank, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, Lee County, Alabama on 08/27/2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Lee County, Alabama, to-wit:

PARCEL II:
Lot 58-A, COLLINWOOD SUBDIVISION, 1ST ADDITION, RESDIVISION OF LOTS 57, 58 & 59, according to said as shown by that certain map or plat thereof of record in Town Plat Book 23, at Page 79, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama.
PARCEL II:
Commence at the Southeast corner of Section 1, Township 19 North, Range 26 East, in Opelika, Alabama and run thence North for a distance of 836.6'; thence run West for a distance of 494.0' to an iron pin and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the property hereinto be described, and continue West from said point of beginning, run thence North 44 degrees 48 minutes West for a distance of 366.6' to an iron pin; thence run West 98.1' to an iron pin and to a point along the Northeasterly margin of Lot 60, COLLINWOOD DIVISION, FIRST ADDITION; thence run South 44 degrees 38 minutes East along the Northeasterly margin of Lots 60, 58 & 59, COLLINWOOD SUBDIVISION, FIRST ADDITION, for a distance of 181.2' to an iron pin; thence run South 45 degrees 39 minutes East for a distance of 202.2' to the POINT OF BEGINNING; said parcel containing 1.81 acres more or less.
Parcel II is further described as Parcel # 43-09-01-01-4-000-036.000, on the records of the Revenue Commissioner of Lee County, Alabama.
ALSO: A 15' foot easement for ingress and egress to McLure Avenue as described in document filed for record on 10/21/2008 in Deed Book 3343, Page 483, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama.
For informational purposes only, the property address is: 1125 E Collinwood Circle, Opelika, AL 36801. Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.
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Trustmark Bank f/k/a Trustmark National Bank
Paul K. Lavelle, Esq.
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Spina, & Lavelle, P.C.
One Perimeter Park South Suite 400N
Birmingham, Alabama 35243
(205) 298-3800
46-PC-26-01253

The Villager July 9, July 16, July 23, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Auburn Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Draft 2026 Annual Action Plan

The City of Auburn's Community Services Department invites you to attend a Public Hearing to review and comment on the 2026 Draft Annual Action Plan and give information on budget priorities. The City of Auburn (City) will hold public hearings as follows:

Date of Public Hearings: Boykin Community Center Monday, July 27, 2026, 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 27, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released funding allocations for the CDBG Program Year 2026. The City will receive $746,911 for the 2026 program year (June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2027) to meet Annual Action Plan goals. Below are the uses of the City's 2026 CDBG Program Year funds based on the following allocation:

Project Categories: Proposed Allocation

Affordable Housing: $136,814
Housing Rehabilitation: $155,686;
Public Improvement: $124,398;
Public Services: $99,223;
Economic Development: $88,924
Administration, Planning, and Management: $135,956;
Total: $734,911

The 2026 Draft Annual Action Plan will be available for review. The Plan shall be made available in an accessible format upon request. Comments will be accepted at the public hearing or by mail to the City of Auburn, Community Services Department, 141 Tichenor Avenue, Auburn, Alabama 36830, Attn: Ashley Simpson, or by email to athomas@auburnalabama.org. Please include a name, address, and phone number.

For additional information or to request special arrangements at the public hearing (interpreter, captioning for the hearing impaired, or other), contact Ashley Simpson at (334) 501-7280 or athomas@auburnalabama.org no later than July 23, 2026.

You can view the Plan at the following location:

- Online at auburnalabama.org/community-development/resources
- Auburn City Hall, 144 Tichenor Avenue, Suite 1, Auburn, AL 36830
- Auburn Public Library, 749 E Thach Avenue, Auburn, AL 36830
- Community Services Department 460 Boykin Street, Auburn, AL 36832

An executive summary of the City's Draft 2026 Annual Action Plan is available for public review at auburnalabama.org/community-development/resources.

The Villager July 9, 2026

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
RE: The Estate of Rajan Naturesian deceased
Case No.: 2026-338

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of June, 2026 by the Honorable Jerry Colley, Judge of the Probate Court of Lee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by the law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Arthi S. Natarajan, Co-Executor

/s/ Venkat S. Sethuraman, Co-Executor

The Villager July 9, July 16, July 23, 2026

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: The Estate of Shawn Dewon Calloway, Sr., deceased
Estate No.: 2026-074

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Shawn Dewon Calloway, Sr., deceased, having been granted to Shawndria Calloway, on the 2nd day of April, 2026, by the Honorable Jerry Colley, Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jerry Colley, Probate Judge Lee County, Alabama

The Villager July 9, July 16, July 23, 2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Water Works Board of the City of Auburn, Alabama will receive sealed bids until 11:00 AM, local time on Thursday, August 6, 2026 at the Office of the City Manager, 144 Tichenor Avenue, Auburn, Alabama, and then publicly opened and read at the City Meeting Room, 129 Tichenor Avenue for the

U.S. Highway 280 Elevated Water Storage Tank

As per the specifications contained in the invitation to bid.

The project generally consists of the construction of a 250,000-gallon elevated water storage tank.

Bidding documents and plan specifications are on file and may be examined at the following:

Water Works Board of the City of Auburn
Bailey-Alexander Water and Sewer Complex
1501 West Samford

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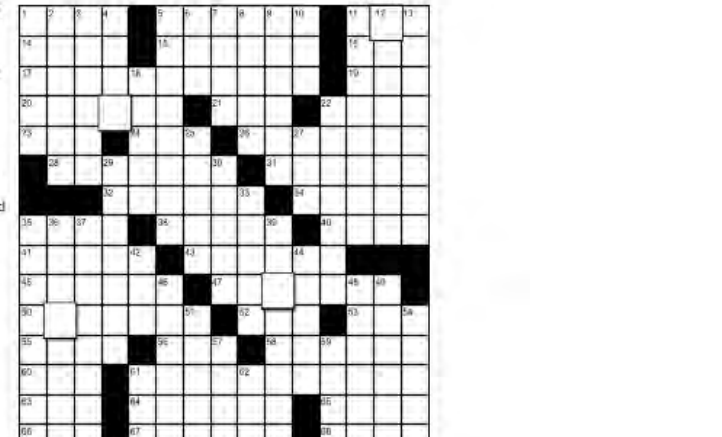
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CDBG Public Hearing Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Project:	2026 DRAFT Annual Action Plan	**Meeting Date:**	7/27/2026 10:00 a.m.
Facilitator:	Ashley Simpson	**Place/Room:**	Boykin Community Center

Name	Title	Organization	Phone	E-Mail
Treva Hadley	CSD Coordinator	COA	501-7376	thadley@auburnalabama.org
Alfred Davis	CSD Director	COA	501-7225	adavis@auburnalabama.org
Ashley Simpson	CSD Manager	COA	501-7277	athomas@auburnalabama.org

OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 09/30/2021)

CDBG Public Hearing Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Project:	2026 DRAFT Annual Action Plan	**Meeting Date:**	7/27/2026 5:30 p.m.
Facilitator:	Ashley Simpson	**Place/Room:**	Boykin Community Center

Name	Title	Organization	Phone	E-Mail
Scott Cumming	Development Services Exec Dir.	City of Auburn	334-501-7381	Scott.cumming@auburnalabama.org
Ashley Simpson	CDBG Manager	COA	334-501-7277	asimpson@auburnalabama.org
Trevor Hadley	CDBG Coordinator	COA	501-7376	thadley@auburnalabama.org
Alfred Davis	CSD Director	COA	501-7275	adavis@auburnalabama.org

OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 09/30/2021)

City of Auburn
Community Development Block Grant Program
Public Hearing Minutes
July 27, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.
FY2026 Action Plan
Boykin Community Center
400 Boykin Street

The City of Auburn held a public hearing related to the 2026 Annual Action Plan DRAFT.

Ashley Simpson, Community Services Manager, called the CDBG public hearing to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendees: Alfred Davis (COA Staff), Ashley Simpson (COA Staff), Treva Hadley (COA Staff), and Scott Cummings (COA Staff). There were no public attendees.

Ashley Simpson adjourned the public hearing at 5:45 p.m.

City of Auburn
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Ashley Simpson, Community Services Manager, called the CDBG public hearing to order at 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Alfred Davis (COA Staff), Ashley Simpson (COA Staff), Treva Hadley (COA Staff). There were no public attendees.

Ashley Simpson adjourned the public hearing at 10:15 a.m.

LEGALS

For legal advertising, email legals@auburnvillager.com

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: The Estate of Jessie L. Sharpe, deceased
Estate No. 2024-714

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Jessie L. Sharpe, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 6th day of January, 2025, by the Honorable Bill England, Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Christopher A. Tomlinson, Personal Representative

PREPARED BY:
Christopher A. Tomlinson, Esq.
Tomlinson Law Firm, LLC
Post Office Box 1836
Auburn, Alabama 36831
334-759-6869

The Villager
December 25, 2025, January 1, January 8, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given Stone Building, LLC Contractor, has completed the Contract for Construction of University Event Center - Addition at 156 A Garden Drive, Auburn, AL 36830 for the State of Alabama and the City of Auburn Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify:

Architecture Works, LLC
Stone Building, LLC
8011 Liberty Parkway Vestavia Hills, AL 35242

The Villager
December 25, 2025, January 1, January 8, 2026

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: The Estate of Susan Byers, deceased
Estate No.: 2025-797

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Probate of Will has been filed by the Petitioner, Nathan Bradley, by and through his attorney, Joseph Tucker. A hearing has been set for the 4th day of February, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. central time at the Lee County Courthouse. Should you intend to contest this, you must appear on the date of the hearing as set above.

/s/ Jere Colley, Probate Judge
Lee County, Alabama

The Villager
December 25, 2025, January 1, January 8, 2026

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: The Estate of Tammy Lynn (Williams) Haines, deceased.
Case No. 2025-702

Letters of Testamentary of deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 8th day of November, 2025, by the Judge of Probate Court of Lee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Rodger G. Haines, Executrix

Walter M. Northcutt
Attorney for the Estate
857 Old Stage Road
Auburn, AL 36830
334-826-0544

The Villager
December 25, 2025, January 1, January 8, 2026

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
RE: In the Matter of the Estate of Theodore Lewis Becker, deceased
Case No. 2025-699

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 8th day of December, 2025, by the Honorable Jere Colley, Judge of the Probate Court of Lee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by the law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Patricia Lantz, Personal Representative

The Villager
January 1, January 8, January 15, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
RE: The Estate of Luther Mulfred Fredrick, deceased, on the 22nd day of December, 2025, by the Hon. Jere Colley

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Joris B. Loftin

The Villager
January 8, January 15, January 22, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that J&L Contractors, Inc., Contractor, has completed the contract for Construction of Southern State Community College Ranger Facility at 915 Aviation Way Auburn, Alabama 36830 for the State of Alabama and Southern Union State Community College, Owners, and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify:

Williams Blackstock Architects
2204 1st Avenue South, Suite 100
Birmingham, AL 35233

J&L Contractors Inc.
729 East Glenn Avenue
Auburn, AL 36830

The Villager
January 8, January 15, January 22, 2026

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

J Mantiloff Construction LLC has completed its work on the Removal and Replacement of Existing Dormitory Lockers at Fire Stations No. 3 and No. 4 for the City of Auburn. The Contractor has made request for final settlement of said contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify and file any such claim with J Mantiloff Construction LLC 555 Opelika Road, Suite 2, Auburn, AL 36830, and the City of Auburn, Public Works Department, 427 Wire Road, Suite 300, Auburn, Alabama 36832, within the next 30 days.

The Villager
January 8, January 15, January 22, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Auburn Public Notice of Funding and 2026 Action Plan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

CDBG Program Year 2026 Notice of Funding

The City of Auburn is currently accepting applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in 2026. Applications will be reviewed to fund housing and public service activities benefiting low-to-moderate-income individuals. Applications are available at the Community Services Department office or can be requested digitally. eHandouts@auburnalabama.org. Applications and information can be found on the City of Auburn website via the link below.

https://www.auburnalabama.org/community-development-resources/

Applications must be completed and received no later than Monday, February 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

A essential component of determining the need for government action is to obtain input from the local public, emphasizing involvement by low-and moderate-income persons. The City recognizes that citizen involvement in the CDBG program planning and development is essential. The public is invited to attend a public hearing related to CDBG funding applications and the 2026 Action Plan process. The funding application and the Action Plan process will be presented at both meetings.

Date of Public Hearing:
Boykin Community Center Auditorium
Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

All requests for accommodations are considered and should be forwarded to the Community Services Department or the Auburn City Hall no later than January 28, 2026. Requests for accommodations and questions regarding this public notice and the public hearing may be sent to the Community Services Department, Attn: Ashley Simpson, 144 Tichenor Avenue, Auburn, Alabama 36830 or via email at athomas@auburnalabama.org.

City of Auburn Community Services Department CDBG-FY2026 Notice of Funding 300 Boykin Street Auburn, Alabama 36832

The Villager
January 8, 2026

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated April 10, 2024 executed by Charles Joseph Reese, a married person, in favor of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., said Mortgage being recorded May 3, 2024, in Book 5034, Page 314, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama; Said default continues and notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, Lee County, Alabama on 02/12/2026, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Lee County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 15, Spring Lake Estates, First Division, according to and as shown by that certain map or plat thereof of record in Town Plat Book 24 at Page 70 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama. Also to include a 2017 Live Oak mobile home, Model Number 16653640A, Make Number LOHGA16653B7 which is permanently affixed to the property.

For informational purposes only the property address is: 111 Lee Road 2065, Opelika, AL 36804. Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property to be sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS-IS WHERE-IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO.

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Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.
Paul K. Lavelle, Esq.
Attorney for Mortgagee
Spina & Lavelle, P.C.
One Perimeter Park South Suite 440N
Birmingham, Alabama 35243
(205) 256-1800
45-FC-25-01305

The Villager
January 8, January 15, January 22, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RZ-2025-027

In accordance with Title 11-52-77 of the Alabama Code, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Auburn, notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Auburn will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 03, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Auburn Public Safety Department located at 141 North Ross Street. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the following:

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1883 OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, DATED DECEMBER 21, 1999, AS AMENDED, TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 320.00 ACRES, LOCATED SOUTH OF PIERCE CHAPEL ROAD, EAST OF SOCIETY HILL ROAD FROM RURAL (R) TO CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT (COD).

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 1883 of the City of Auburn, Alabama dated December 21, 1999, as amended by subsequent amendments is further amended in the following respect:

The zoning map of the City of Auburn, Alabama, which is made an exhibit to and is a part of said Ordinance No. 1883, is amended to rezone approximately 320.00 acres located south of Pierce Chapel Road, east of Society Hill Road, from Rural (R) to Conservation overlay District (COD) to be considered by city council at their February 03, 2026 meeting.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Commencing at a steel bears of the undersigned U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1998-2, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Opelika, Lee County, Alabama, on February 18, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Lee County, Alabama, to-wit: Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 28 East, Lee County, Alabama; run thence East for 311.10 feet; run thence South 361.31 feet to an iron pin and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land to be herein described, and conveyed: from said point of beginning, run thence South 88 degrees 51 minutes 45 seconds East for 295.06 feet to an iron pin; run thence South 01 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds East for 295.32 feet to an iron pin; run thence North 88 degrees 51 minutes 45 seconds West for 295.32 feet to an iron pin; run thence North 01 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds East for 295.32 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 2.00 acres, more or less. According to survey by Lamar Murphy and Cindy Murphy dated 2/20/97, prepared by James L. McCrary, Ala. Reg. Land Surveyor No. 13295. Also a 30 foot wide parcel of land being 15 feet on each side of the centerline of which is more particularly described as follows: to-wit: Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 28 East, Lee County, Alabama; run thence East for 311.10 feet; thence run South for 361.31 feet to an iron pin; run thence South for 01 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West 295.32 feet to an iron pin; run thence South 88 degrees 51 minutes 45 seconds East for 47.31 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the centerline of said property; From said point of beginning, run thence South 14 degrees 37 minutes 45 seconds East for 184.92 feet; run thence South 23 degrees 34 minutes 45 seconds East for 298.27 feet; run thence South 38 degrees 44 minutes 05 seconds West for 314.53 feet; run thence South 31 degrees 44 minutes 42 seconds East for 152.37 feet run thence South 41 degrees 42 minutes 23 seconds East for 271.09 feet; run thence South 53 degrees 15 minutes 47 seconds East for 219.76 feet; run thence South 28 degrees 51 minutes 25 seconds East for 224.68 feet to the Northerly margin of the right-of-way of Lee Road 282 and the POINT OF TERMINATION of said centerline.. Property street address for information al purposes: 668 Lee Rd 283 , Cusseta, AL 36852. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE-IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the address indicated below. Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit it its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1998-2, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 23-80448

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Raymond L. Murphy Jr and Cindy C. Murphy, husband and wife, originally in favor of Green Tree Financial Corp-Alabama on February 20, 1998, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama, in MORT Book 2616 Page 648; together with Order recorded in Deed Book 2710, Page 72; the undersigned U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1998-2, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Opelika, Lee County, Alabama, on February 18, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Lee County, Alabama, to-wit: Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 28 East, Lee County, Alabama; run thence South 88 degrees 51 minutes 45 seconds West for 295.32 feet to an iron pin and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land to be herein described, and conveyed: from said point of beginning, run thence South 88 degrees 51 minutes 45 seconds West for 295.06 feet to an iron pin; run thence South 01 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds East for 295.32 feet to an iron pin and the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 2.00 acres, more or less, according to survey by Lamar Murphy and Cindy Murphy dated 2/20/97, prepared by James L. McCrary, Ala. Reg. Land Surveyor No. 13295. Also a 30 foot wide parcel of land being 15 feet on each side of the centerline of which is more particularly described as follows: to-wit: Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 28 East, Lee County, Alabama; run thence East for 311.10 feet; thence run South for 361.31 feet to an iron pin; run thence South for 01 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West 295.32 feet to an iron pin; run thence South 88 degrees 51 minutes 45 seconds East for 47.31 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the centerline of said property; From said point of beginning, run thence South 14 degrees 37 minutes 45 seconds East for 184.92 feet; run thence South 23 degrees 34 minutes 45 seconds East for 298.27 feet; run thence South 38 degrees 44 minutes 05 seconds West for 314.53 feet; run thence South 31 degrees 44 minutes 42 seconds East for 152.37 feet run thence South 41 degrees 42 minutes 23 seconds East for 271.09 feet; run thence South 53 degrees 15 minutes 47 seconds East for 219.76 feet; run thence South 28 degrees 51 minutes 25 seconds East for 224.68 feet to the Northerly margin of the right-of-way of Lee Road 282 and the POINT OF TERMINATION of said centerline.. Property street address for information al purposes: 668 Lee Rd 283 , Cusseta, AL 36852. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE-IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the address indicated below. Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit it its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1998-2, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 23-80448

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In Memoriam

Doris Elaine Rankin Miller
November 28, 1935 – February 9, 2026

Doris Miller, beloved mom, nana, aunt, and friend died peacefully, surrounded by family, at her home at the age of 90. Doris was born in Nyack, New York while her father was a seminary student. The second of three daughters, Doris grew up primarily in Atlanta, Georgia as a "PK" — preacher's kid — spending much of her time in and around her church. A graduate of Bass High School in Atlanta, Doris worked for the Federal Reserve Bank prior to meeting the love of her life, Gene, in the summer of 1957. Their courtship was a whirlwind long-distance romance — they were engaged by Christmas and married in early 1958.

Doris and Gene welcomed their three children, Mark, Laura, and Dara in the 1960s. In the early years of their marriage, the couple made their home in several cities throughout the southeast, including Orlando and Miami, Florida, and Anniston, Alabama, finally settling in Atlanta, Georgia where they lived for more than 35 years, enjoying a rich social life, until moving to Auburn, Alabama in the early 2000s to be close to family.

Doris was beloved by her children and grandchildren as much as she was beloved by her spouse. A natural caregiver, gentle soul, and tender, kind spirit, she nurtured not only her children and their friends but also brought a beautiful spirit of love and joy to her many friendships and acquaintances, her extended family, and numerous family pets throughout her life. Being a loving Nana to her grandchildren was one of her greatest joys, and she relished every opportunity to be with them and their friends. Her lovely light will shine on in all whose lives she touched.

As a young mother, Doris learned to play tennis, which became a lifelong hobby and led to deep friendships which she treasured throughout her adulthood. In her later years, she and Gene enjoyed travelling to destinations throughout the world and maintained a rich social life in Auburn where Doris enjoyed the company of a host of friends from church, Campus Club, water aerobics, and her neighborhood.



DORIS ELAINE RANKIN MILLER

Doris was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Gene M. Miller; by her parents, the Reverend Hamilton Paul Rankin and Elaine Clay Hall Rankin; and by her sisters, Joyce Rankin Vickers and Charlotte Rankin Harris. Doris is survived by her children, Markham C. Miller (Kirsten) and their children Sylvan, Kelly, and AnnElise; Laura L. Miller (Peter Lerwill) and his daughter Alexis Nguyen; and Dara L. Miller, and her children Connor and Madelaine Duggan; along with a nephew, Tim (Susie) Vickers.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, February 24th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Frederick-Dean Funeral Home in Opelika, Alabama.

A service of Christian burial will be held on Wednesday, February 25th at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Auburn, Alabama, followed by a private interment. The family will greet guests beginning at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers the family invites friends to consider a memorial donation to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church or to the ALTA Foundation (https://www.altatennis.org/AltaFoundation.aspx)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

On February 11, Auburn-Opelika Habitat for Humanity received a $40,000 grant from Publix Super Market Charities during a special check presentation, supporting the construction of Home #80. This generous partnership helps continue Habitat's mission of building homes, communities, and hope for local families.

LEGALS (FROM A4)

J.A. Lett Construction Co. Inc
P.O. Box 1330
Auburn, AL 36831-1330

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February 19, February 26, March 5, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Auburn Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Draft 2026 Annual Action Plan

The City of Auburn's Community Services Department invites you to attend a Public Hearing to review and comment on the 2026 Draft Annual Action Plan and give input on budget priorities. The City of Auburn (City) will hold public hearings as follows:

Date of Public Hearings:
Boykin Community Center
Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

The 2026 Annual Action Plan (Plan) is the City's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement grant. The Plan estimates that $702,799 in CDBG grant funds and an estimated $100,000 in program income will be available to the City for housing and community development activities for the 2026 Program Year (June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2027). The following table shows the estimated proposed budget activities based on the City's FY 2025 Allocation ($702,799). HUD has not yet announced allocations for the 2026 Program Year. When HUD announces the allocation amount, dollar amounts will be adjusted according to the percentages listed below:

CDBG – $702,799

Project Categories:	Proposed Allocation:	Percent
Affordable Housing:	$123,000:	17.79%
Housing Rehabilitation:	$148,000:	21.06%
Public Improvement:	$119,799:	17.05%
Public Services:	$95,000:	13.52%
Economic Development:	$85,000:	12.09%
Administration, Planning, and Management:	$130,000:	18.50%
Total:		**100.00%**

The 2026 Draft Annual Action Plan will be available for review and comments, starting February 26, 2026, until March 30, 2026. The Plan shall be made available in an accessible format upon request. Comments will be accepted at the public hearing or by mail to the City of Auburn, Community Services Department, 144 Tichenor Avenue, Auburn, Alabama 36830, Attn: Ashley Simpson, or by email to athomas@auburnalabama.org. Please include a name, address, and phone number.

For additional information or to request special arrangements at the public hearing (interpreter, captioning for the hearing impaired, or other), contact Ashley Simpson at (334) 501-7280 or athomas@auburnalabama.org no later than February 27, 2026.

You can view the Plan at the following location:

- Online at auburnalabama.org/community-development-resources
- Auburn City Hall, 144 Tichenor Avenue, Suite 1, Auburn, AL 36830
- Auburn Public Library, 749 E. Thach Avenue, Auburn, AL 36830
- Community Services Department, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn, AL 36832

An executive summary of the City's Draft 2026 Annual Action Plan is available for public review at auburnalabama.org/community-development/resources.

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NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: The Estate of Margaret Claudia Humburg a/k/a Margaret C. Humburg, deceased
Case No. 2026-050

Letters of Testamentary on the Estate of Margaret Claudia Humburg, a/k/a Margaret C. Humburg, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 6th day of February, 2026, by Jere Colley, Jr., Judge of Probate of Lee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jack Manifold
Co-Executor
3371 Jackson Road
Camp Hill, AL 36850

/s/ William "Bubba" Curry Jones, III,
Co-Executor
5041 Woodfield Drive
Millbrook, AL 36054

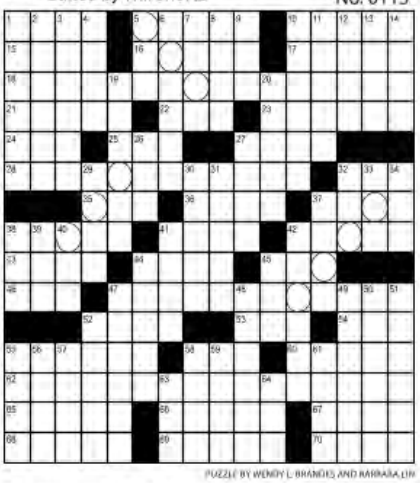
OF COUNSEL:
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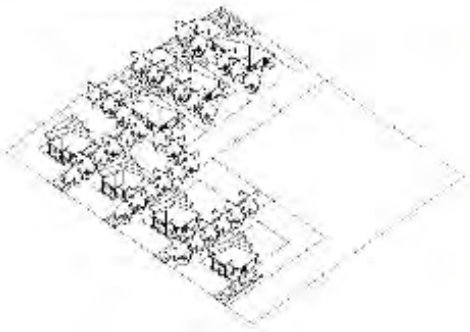
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2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Comment:



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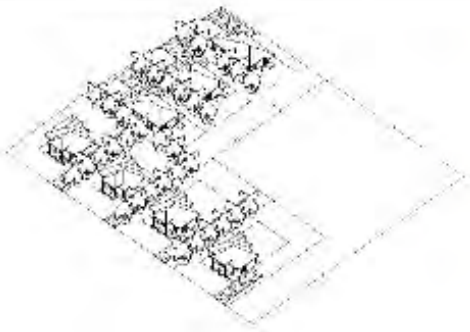
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CDBG Public Hearing Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Project:	2026 CDBG Funding Applications/Action Plan	**Meeting Date:**	2/3/2026 10:00 a.m.
Facilitator:	Ashley Simpson	**Place/Room:**	Boykin Community Center

Name	Title	Organization	Phone	E-Mail
Treva Hadley	Community Serv. Coord.	COA	334 501 7376	thadley@auburnalabama
Ashley Simpson	CSO Manager	COA	334 501-7277	ahhunter@auburnalabama.org

OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 09/30/2021)

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Name	Title	Organization	Phone	E-Mail
Treva Hadley	Community Serv. Coord.	C.U.A	334. 501-7316	thadley@auburnalabama
Ashley Simpson	CSP Manager	C.U.A	334 501-7278	[illegible]

CDBG Public Hearing Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Project:	2026 Annual Action Plan	**Meeting Date:**	3/4/2026 10:00 a.m.
Facilitator:	Ashley Simpson	**Place/Room:**	Boykin Community Center

Name	Title	Organization	Phone	E-Mail
Treva Hadley	Comm. Services Coord.	COA	334-501-7376	thadley@auburnal.gov
Ashley Simpson	CSD Manager	COA	334-501-7200	asimpson@auburnalabama.org
Alfred Davis	CS Prog	COA	334-501-7215	adavis@auburnhome.org

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Grantee Unique Appendices

RESOLUTION NO. 26-156

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn is an entitlement community, making it eligible to receive non-competitive grant funds and is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to prepare an Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, each year, CDBG grantees must submit an Annual Action Plan to the City Council and HUD for adoption. The Annual Action Plan provides a concise summary of the actions, activities, and specific federal and non-federal resources that the City will use to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan that benefit the City's low- and moderate-income citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Action Plan is the process to meet the application requirements for the CDBG formula Program; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires the City of Auburn to adhere to its written 2025-2029 Citizen Participation Plan adopted by the City Council on July 22, 2025, which complies with the various citizen participation provisions of 24 CFR 91.105 and 91.200(c).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, that the CDBG Program Year 2026 Annual Action Plan is hereby adopted, and an Memorandum is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Manager be and hereby are authorized to execute all documents, contracts, and other instruments necessary to facilitate the transaction as contemplated by this Resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, this the 16th day of June 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager

City of Auburn, Alabama
FY2026 Annual Action Plan
Agencies Consultation

AMERICAN RED CROSS
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Hunter Smart

AUBURN CITY SCHOOLS DENTAL CLINIC
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Joy Stanley

AUBURN DAY CARE CENTERS, INC.
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Frixie Melton

AUBURN HOUSING AUTHORITY
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Sharon Tolbert

ALABAMA RURAL MINISTRY
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Lisa Pierce

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF EAST ALABAMA
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Richard Curry

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER CENTRAL EAST ALABAMA
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Katherine Cochrane

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION CENTER
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Tina Evans

EAST ALABAMA FOOD BANK
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Martha Henk

EAST ALABAMA FOOD BANK COMMUNITY MARKET
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Elise Lott

EAST ALABAMA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Jamie Herrin

ESPERANZA HOUSE, INC.
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Catherine Lyle

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Tammy Morgan

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Mark Grantham

NORTH AUBURN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Courtney Lewis

JOYLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Pamela Dumas

PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY MINISTRY
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Mary Turnbull

UNITED WAY OF LEE COUNTY
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Becky Benton and Lindsay Hinds

UNITY WELLNESS OF EAST ALABAMA
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Tracy Wynne

WILLIAM MASON EMERGENCY FUND
Agency Representative(s) Consulted Becky Benton and Chandler Williams

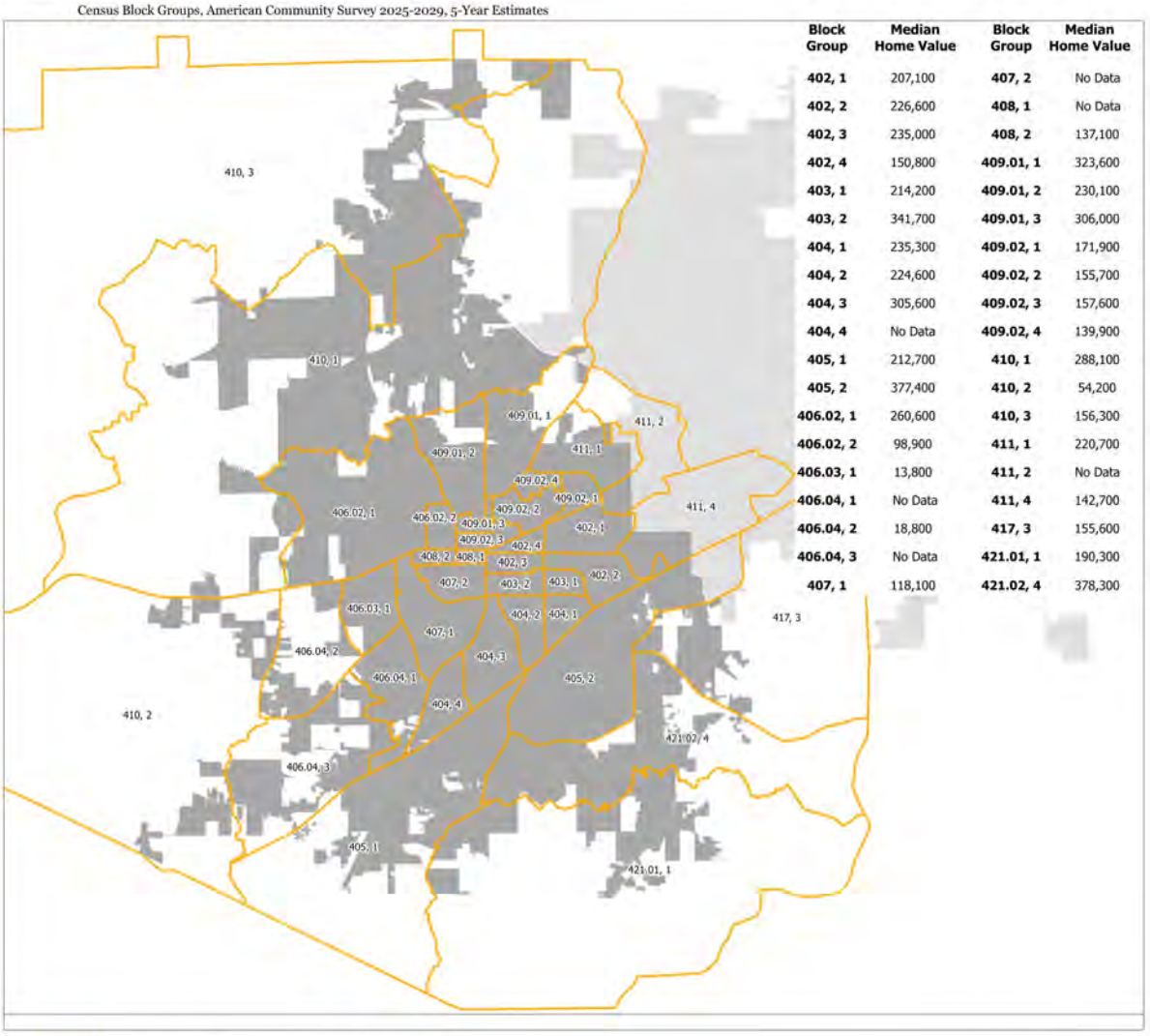
Affordable Housing Locations

Auburn, AL



Median Home Value

Census Block Groups, American Community Survey 2025-2029, 5-Year Estimates



Block Group	Median Home Value	Block Group	Median Home Value
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402, 2	226,600	**408, 1**	No Data
402, 3	235,000	**408, 2**	137,100
402, 4	150,800	**409.01, 1**	323,600
403, 1	214,200	**409.01, 2**	230,100
403, 2	341,700	**409.01, 3**	306,000
404, 1	235,300	**409.02, 1**	171,900
404, 2	224,600	**409.02, 2**	155,700
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Census Block Groups (2020)

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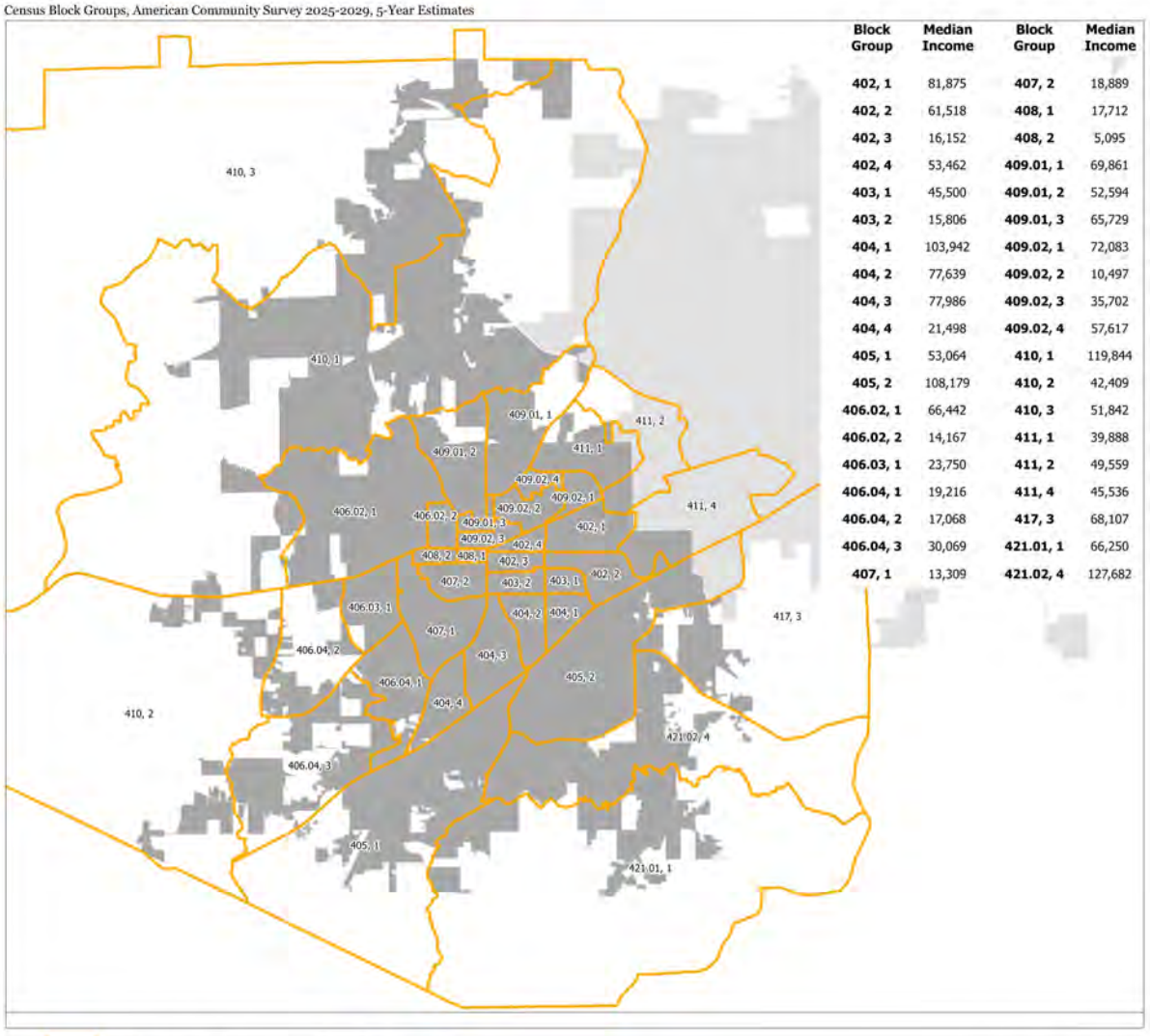
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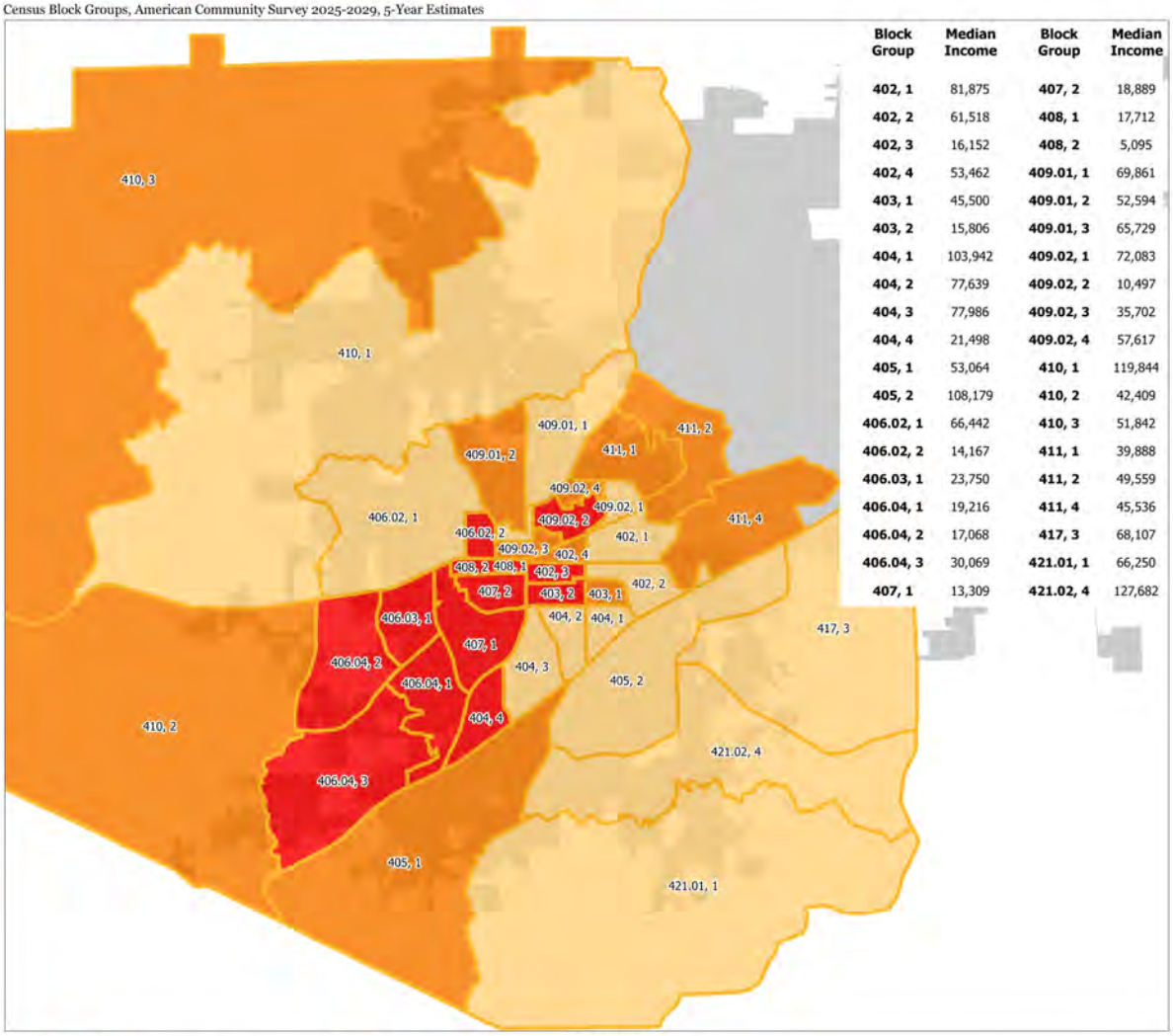
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Block Group	Median Income	Block Group	Median Income
402, 1	81,875	**407, 2**	18,889
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402, 3	16,152	**408, 2**	5,095
402, 4	53,462	**409.01, 1**	69,861
403, 1	45,500	**409.01, 2**	52,594
403, 2	15,806	**409.01, 3**	65,729
404, 1	103,942	**409.02, 1**	72,083
404, 2	77,639	**409.02, 2**	10,497
404, 3	77,986	**409.02, 3**	35,702
404, 4	21,498	**409.02, 4**	57,617
405, 1	53,064	**410, 1**	119,844
405, 2	108,179	**410, 2**	42,409
406.02, 1	66,442	**410, 3**	51,842
406.02, 2	14,167	**411, 1**	39,888
406.03, 1	23,750	**411, 2**	49,559
406.04, 1	19,216	**411, 4**	45,536
406.04, 2	17,068	**417, 3**	68,107
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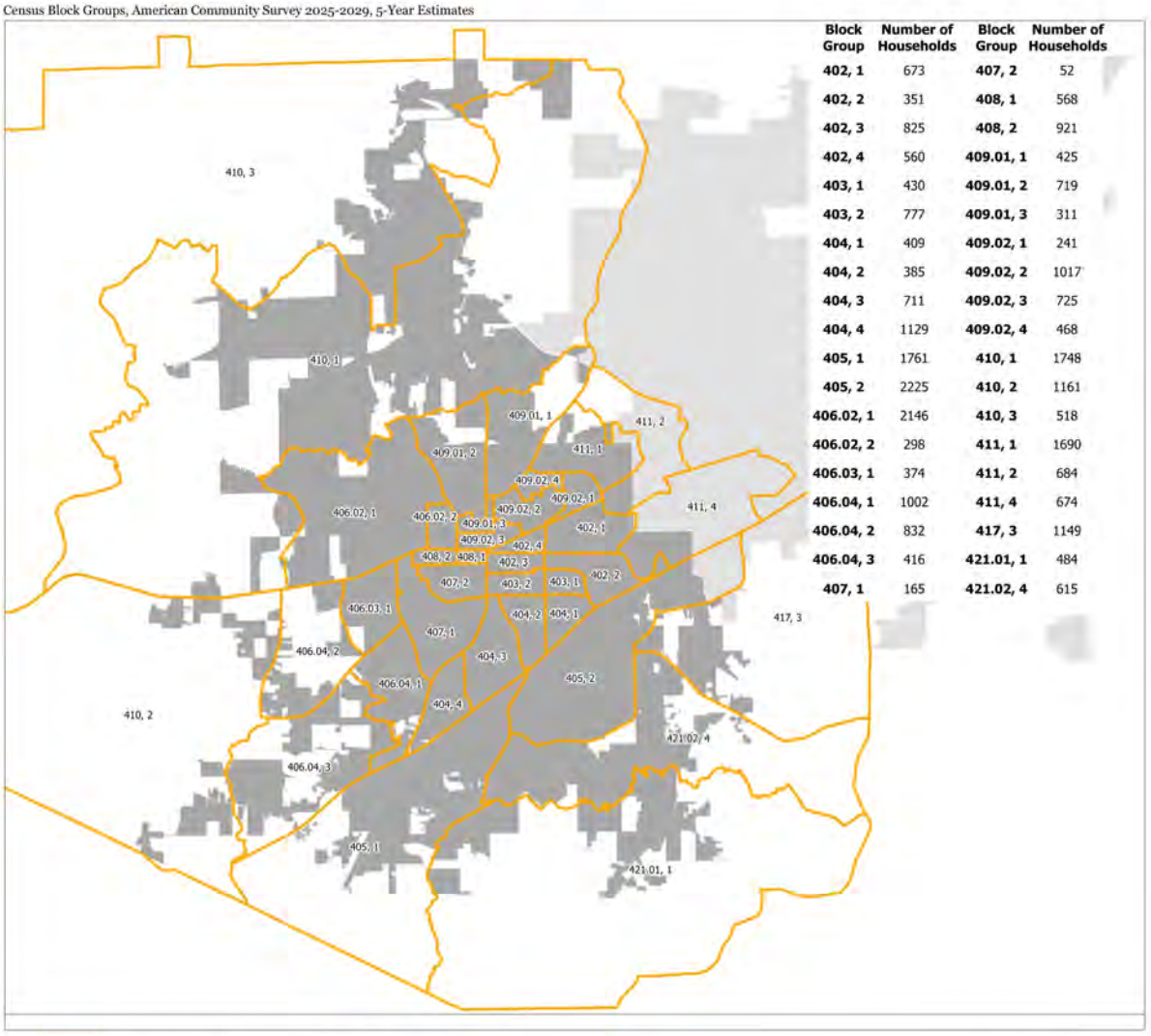
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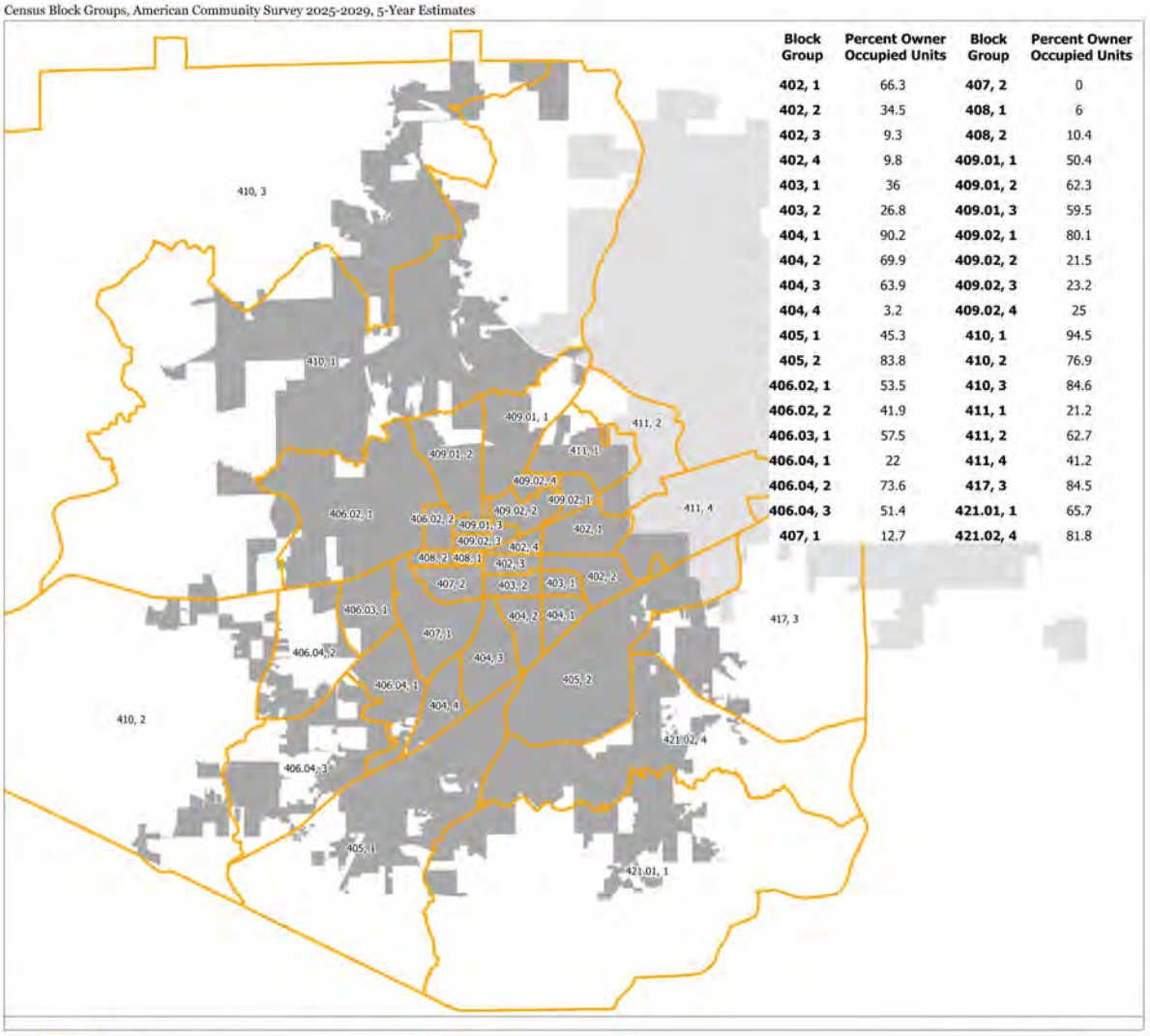
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402, 1	673	**407, 2**	52
402, 2	351	**408, 1**	568
402, 3	825	**408, 2**	921
402, 4	560	**409.01, 1**	425
403, 1	430	**409.01, 2**	719
403, 2	777	**409.01, 3**	311
404, 1	409	**409.02, 1**	241
404, 2	385	**409.02, 2**	1017
404, 3	711	**409.02, 3**	725
404, 4	1129	**409.02, 4**	468
405, 1	1761	**410, 1**	1748
405, 2	2225	**410, 2**	1161
406.02, 1	2146	**410, 3**	518
406.02, 2	298	**411, 1**	1690
406.03, 1	374	**411, 2**	684
406.04, 1	1002	**411, 4**	674
406.04, 2	832	**417, 3**	1149
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407, 1	165	**421.02, 4**	615

Percent of Owner Occupied Units

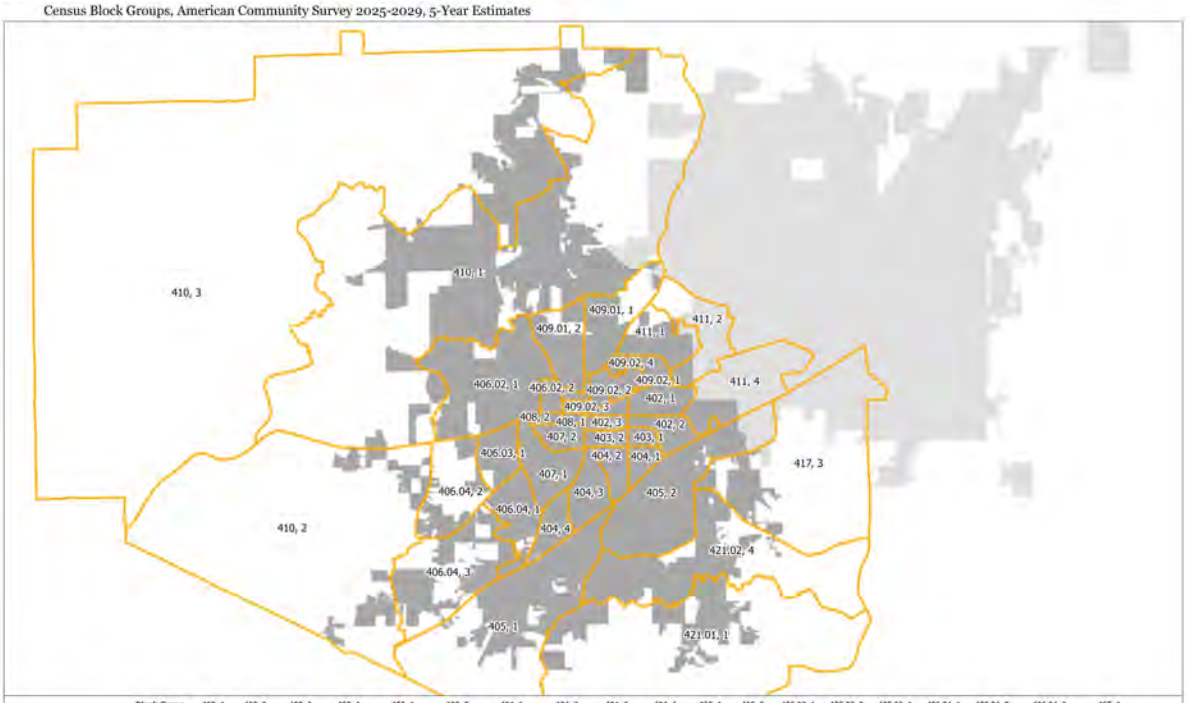
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402, 1	66.3	**407, 2**	0
402, 2	34.5	**408, 1**	6
402, 3	9.3	**408, 2**	10.4
402, 4	9.8	**409.01, 1**	50.4
403, 1	36	**409.01, 2**	62.3
403, 2	26.8	**409.01, 3**	59.5
404, 1	90.2	**409.02, 1**	80.1
404, 2	69.9	**409.02, 2**	21.5
404, 3	63.9	**409.02, 3**	23.2
404, 4	3.2	**409.02, 4**	25
405, 1	45.3	**410, 1**	94.5
405, 2	83.8	**410, 2**	76.9
406.02, 1	53.5	**410, 3**	84.6
406.02, 2	41.9	**411, 1**	21.2
406.03, 1	57.5	**411, 2**	62.7
406.04, 1	22	**411, 4**	41.2
406.04, 2	73.6	**417, 3**	84.5
406.04, 3	51.4	**421.01, 1**	65.7
407, 1	12.7	**421.02, 4**	81.8

Percentage of Population by Race

Census Block Groups, American Community Survey 2025-2029, 5-Year Estimates



Block Group	402, 1	402, 2	402, 3	402, 4	403, 1	403, 2	404, 1	404, 2	404, 3	404, 4	405, 1	405, 2	406.02, 1	406.02, 2	406.03, 1	406.04, 1	406.04, 2	406.04, 3	407, 1
Percentage of Population																			
White	66.2	72.7	82.3	69.8	78.6	73.4	84.8	87.9	81.5	72.5	57.5	78.7	49.3	22.1	48.5	76.8	95.9	84.3	80.4
Black	18.2	27.3	7.4	21.7	18.0	10.3	3.6	9.9	16.0	23.8	29.4	2.8	39.4	77.9	46.6	11.9	4.1	0.0	11.8
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Asian	8.1	0.0	9.4	8.5	0.0	14.4	8.5	0.0	2.5	0.5	12.1	18.4	9.8	0.0	1.0	9.2	0.0	13.6	6.8
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Some Other Race	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Two or MoreRaces	7.4	0.0	1.0	0.0	3.4	1.9	3.0	2.3	0.0	1.8	1.1	2.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.2	0.8

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White	80.1	64.6	67.1	82.3	87.2	91.9	49.3	81.2	46.5	73.0	68.8	40.0	46.0	37.4	79.8	45.1	52.8	78.5	67.7
Black	15.5	16.1	3.5	8.6	12.9	4.9	50.7	15.2	35.2	17.7	17.1	56.7	54.0	49.5	13.7	52.4	32.2	15.5	3.1
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
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Some Other Race	0.2	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Two or More Races	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.4	3.3	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	2.5	5.3	0.0

Census Block Groups (2020)

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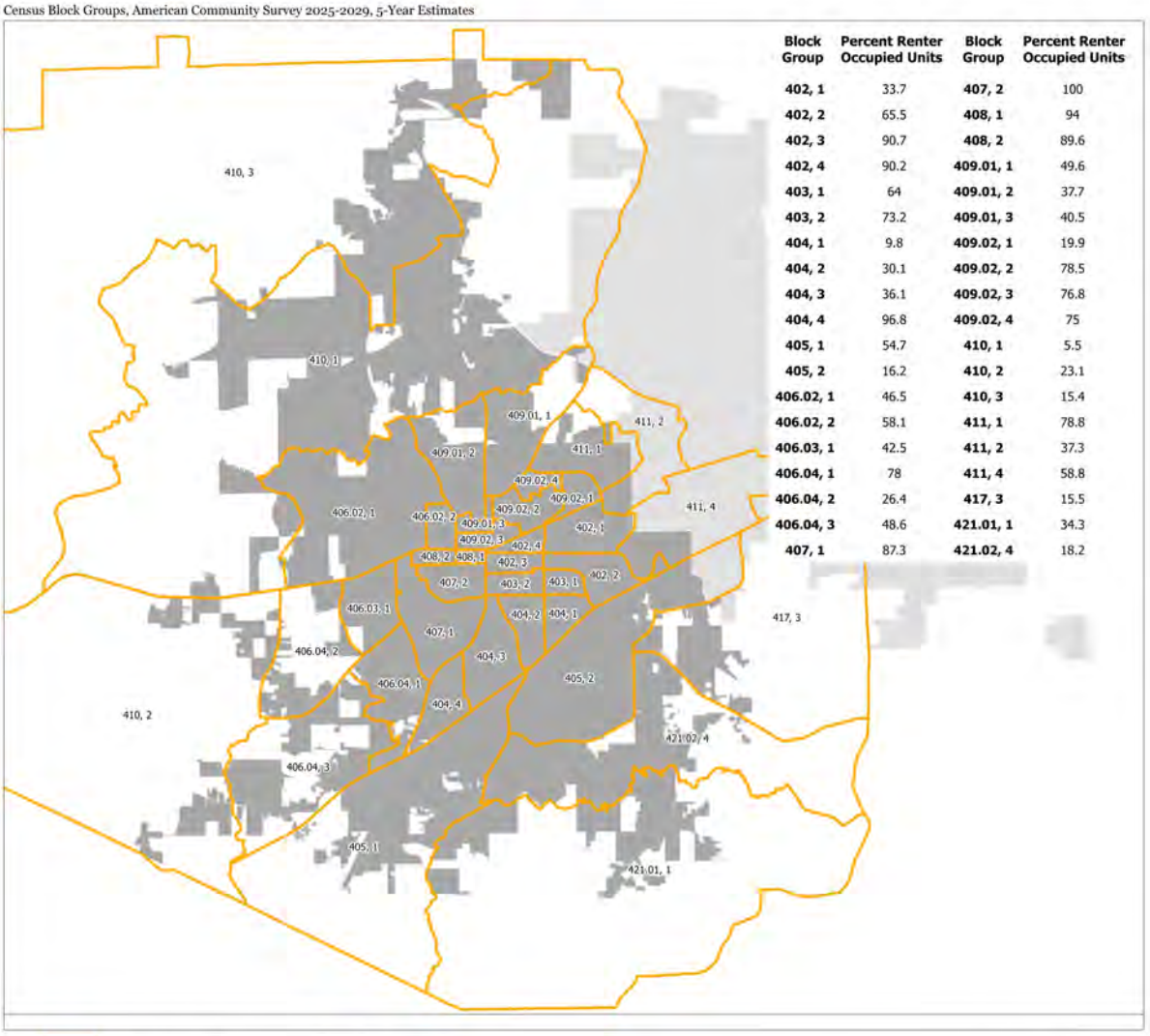
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Percent of Renter Occupied Units

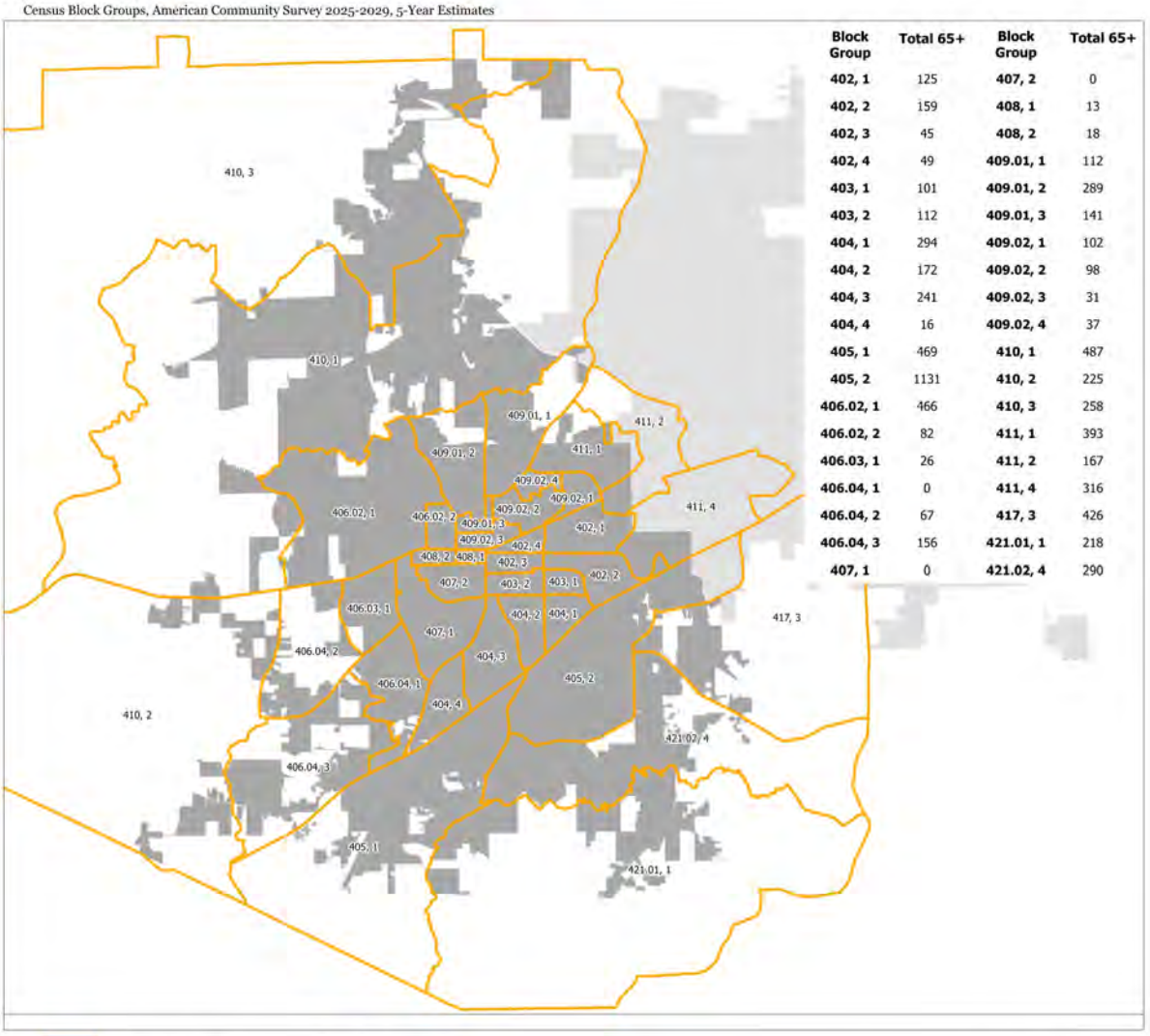
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Block Group	Percent Renter Occupied Units	Block Group	Percent Renter Occupied Units
402, 1	33.7	**407, 2**	100
402, 2	65.5	**408, 1**	94
402, 3	90.7	**408, 2**	89.6
402, 4	90.2	**409.01, 1**	49.6
403, 1	64	**409.01, 2**	37.7
403, 2	73.2	**409.01, 3**	40.5
404, 1	9.8	**409.02, 1**	19.9
404, 2	30.1	**409.02, 2**	78.5
404, 3	36.1	**409.02, 3**	76.8
404, 4	96.8	**409.02, 4**	75
405, 1	54.7	**410, 1**	5.5
405, 2	16.2	**410, 2**	23.1
406.02, 1	46.5	**410, 3**	15.4
406.02, 2	58.1	**411, 1**	78.8
406.03, 1	42.5	**411, 2**	37.3
406.04, 1	78	**411, 4**	58.8
406.04, 2	26.4	**417, 3**	15.5
406.04, 3	48.6	**421.01, 1**	34.3
407, 1	87.3	**421.02, 4**	18.2

Population of 65+

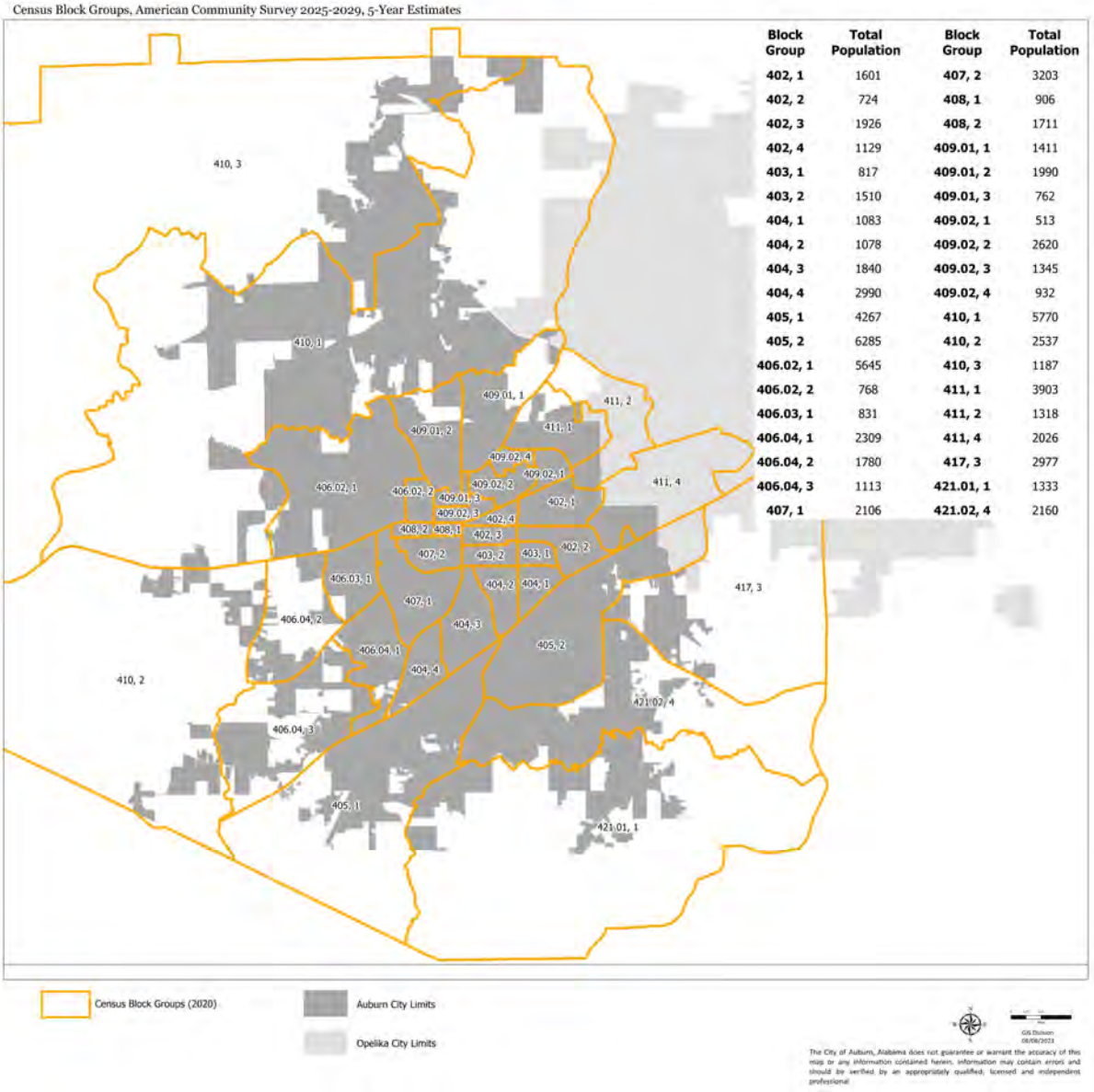
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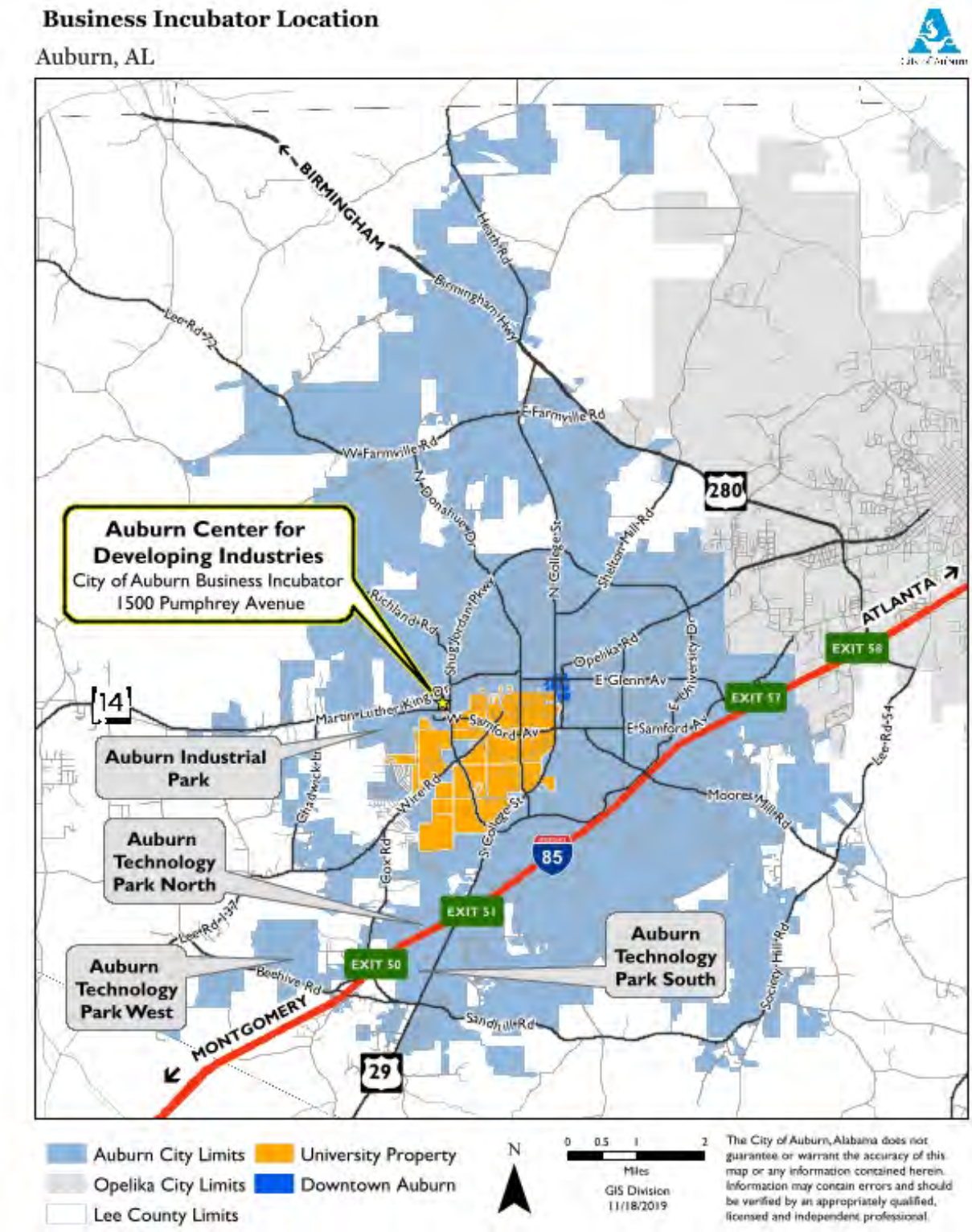
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402, 2	159	**408, 1**	13
402, 3	45	**408, 2**	18
402, 4	49	**409.01, 1**	112
403, 1	101	**409.01, 2**	289
403, 2	112	**409.01, 3**	141
404, 1	294	**409.02, 1**	102
404, 2	172	**409.02, 2**	98
404, 3	241	**409.02, 3**	31
404, 4	16	**409.02, 4**	37
405, 1	469	**410, 1**	487
405, 2	1131	**410, 2**	225
406.02, 1	466	**410, 3**	258
406.02, 2	82	**411, 1**	393
406.03, 1	26	**411, 2**	167
406.04, 1	0	**411, 4**	316
406.04, 2	67	**417, 3**	426
406.04, 3	156	**421.01, 1**	218
407, 1	0	**421.02, 4**	290

Total Population

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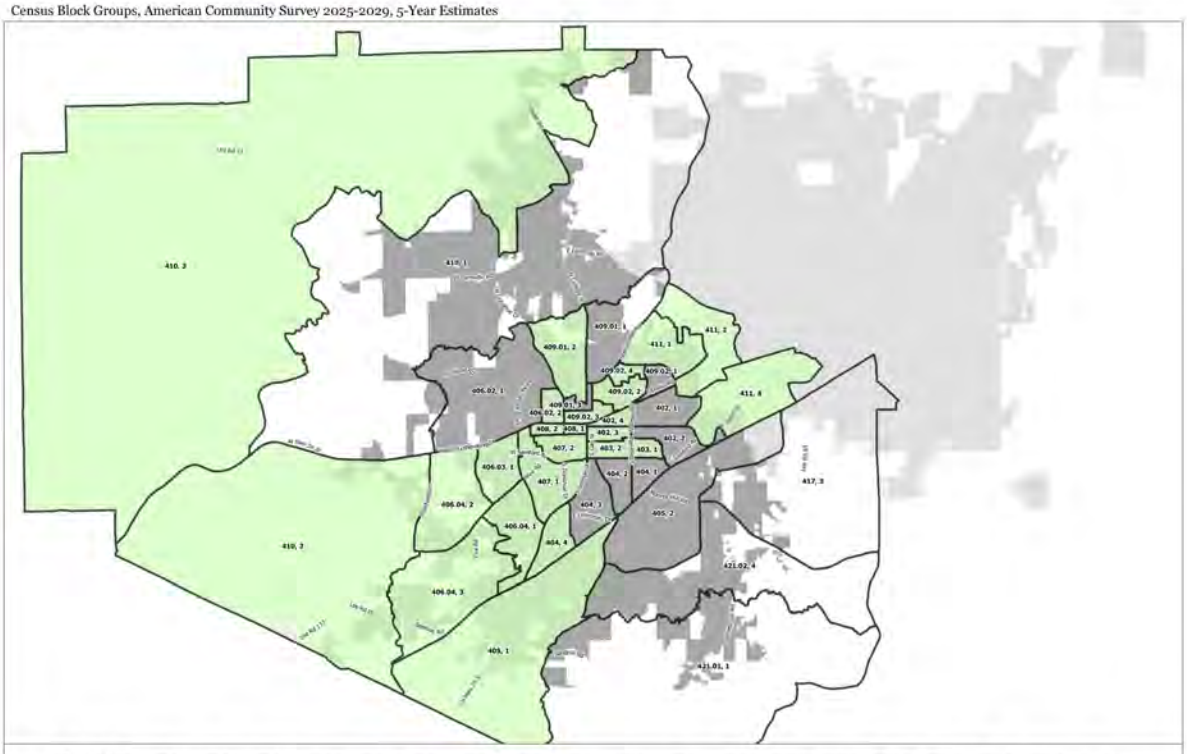


Block Group	Total Population	Block Group	Total Population
402, 1	1601	**407, 2**	3203
402, 2	724	**408, 1**	906
402, 3	1926	**408, 2**	1711
402, 4	1129	**409.01, 1**	1411
403, 1	817	**409.01, 2**	1990
403, 2	1510	**409.01, 3**	762
404, 1	1083	**409.02, 1**	513
404, 2	1078	**409.02, 2**	2620
404, 3	1840	**409.02, 3**	1345
404, 4	2990	**409.02, 4**	932
405, 1	4267	**410, 1**	5770
405, 2	6285	**410, 2**	2537
406.02, 1	5645	**410, 3**	1187
406.02, 2	768	**411, 1**	3903
406.03, 1	831	**411, 2**	1318
406.04, 1	2309	**411, 4**	2026
406.04, 2	1780	**417, 3**	2977
406.04, 3	1113	**421.01, 1**	1333
407, 1	2106	**421.02, 4**	2160


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Total Population	1,601	724	1,926	1,529	817	1,510	1,083	1,016	1,840	2,990	4,267	9,285	5,645	768	831	2,359	1,760	1,313	3,106
Race:White%/Black%	66.2/18.2	72.7/27.3	82.3/7.4	69.8/21.7	78.6/18.0	73.4/10.3	84.9/3.6	87.8/9.8	81.5/16.0	72.5/23.8	57.5/29.4	78.7/2.8	49.3/39.4	22.1/77.9	46.5/46.8	79.8/11.9	95.9/4.1	84.3/9.6	80.4/11.8
# Households	673	351	825	580	430	777	469	385	711	1,129	1,761	2,225	2,148	298	374	1,002	632	516	165
Median Home Value	207,100	226,600	235,000	150,600	214,200	341,700	235,300	224,600	309,800	No Data	212,700	377,400	260,600	98,900	13,800	No Data	18,900	No Data	118,100

Block Group	407, 2	406, 1	406, 2	409.01, 1	409.01, 2	409.01, 3	409.02, 1	409.02, 2	409.02, 3	409.02, 4	410, 1	410, 2	410, 3	411, 1	411, 2	411, 4	417, 3	421.01, 1	421.02, 4
Total Population	3,203	908	1,711	1,411	1,990	782	513	2,820	1,345	932	5,770	2,537	1,187	3,903	1,318	2,026	2,977	1,333	2,160
Race:White%/Black%	80.1/15.5	64.6/15.1	87.1/3.5	82.3/8.6	87.2/12.8	91.8/4.9	49.3/50.7	81.2/15.2	46.5/35.2	73.0/17.7	68.8/17.1	40.0/56.7	46.0/54.0	37.4/49.6	79.8/13.7	45.1/52.4	52.8/32.2	78.5/15.5	87.7/3.1
# Households	52	668	921	425	719	311	241	1,017	725	468	1,748	1,161	518	1,690	684	674	1,149	884	835
Median Home Value	No Data	No Data	137,100	323,600	230,100	306,000	171,900	155,700	157,600	139,900	286,100	54,200	156,300	220,700	No Data	142,700	155,600	190,300	378,300

Census Block Groups (2020)

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Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:	* 2. Type of Application:	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):
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04/16/2026	

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:	5b. Federal Award Identifier:
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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:	City of Auburn

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):	* c. UEI:
63-6031135	DW5NJX77FDS5

d. Address:

* Street1:	144 Tichenor Avenue
Street2:	
* City:	Auburn
County/Parish:	
* State:	Alabama
Province:	
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES
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Department Name:	Division Name:
Community Services	

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

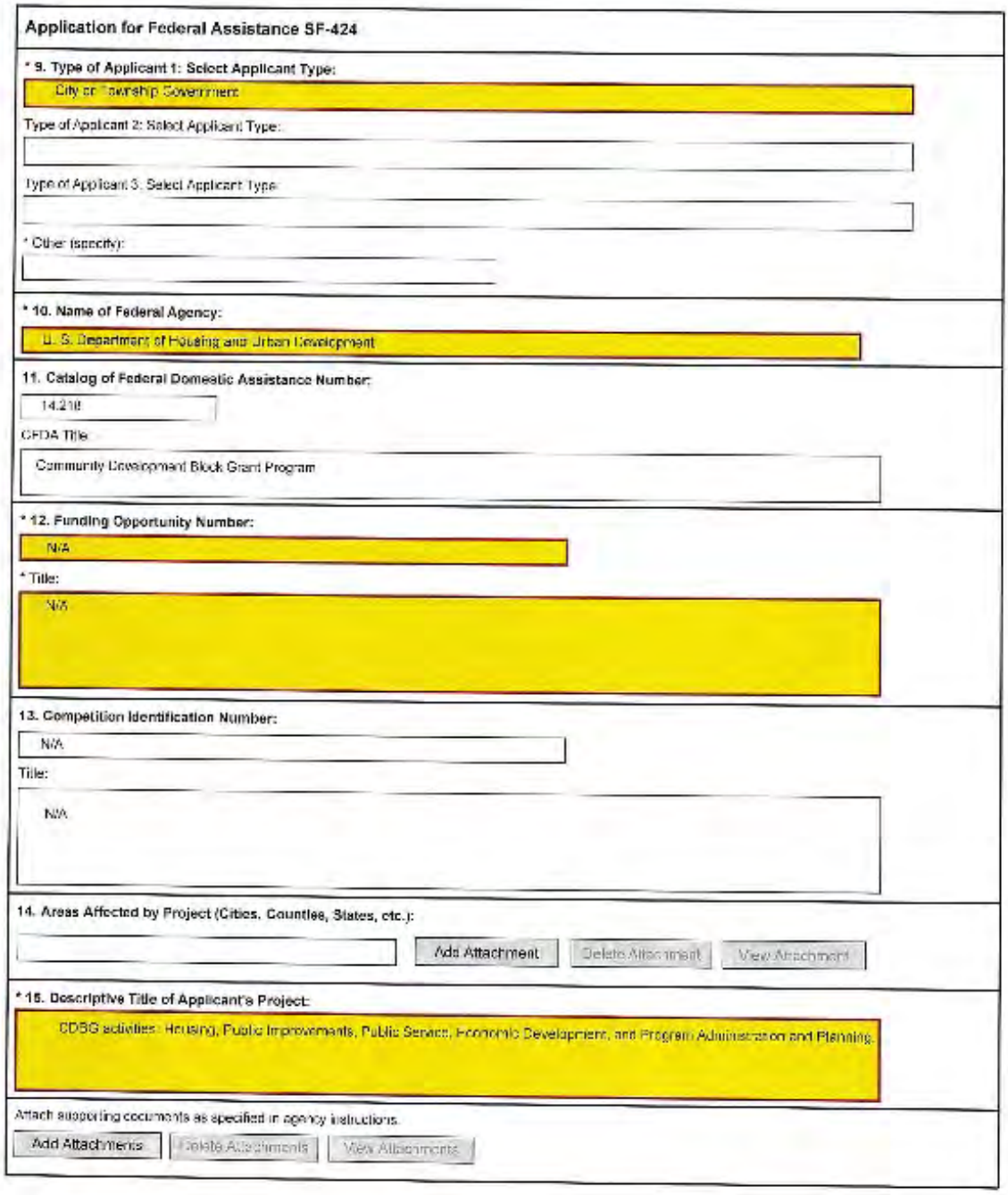
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Middle Name:	J.		
* Last Name:	Davis		
Suffix:	Sr.		

Title: Community Services Director

Organizational Affiliation:
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

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* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

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CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

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14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

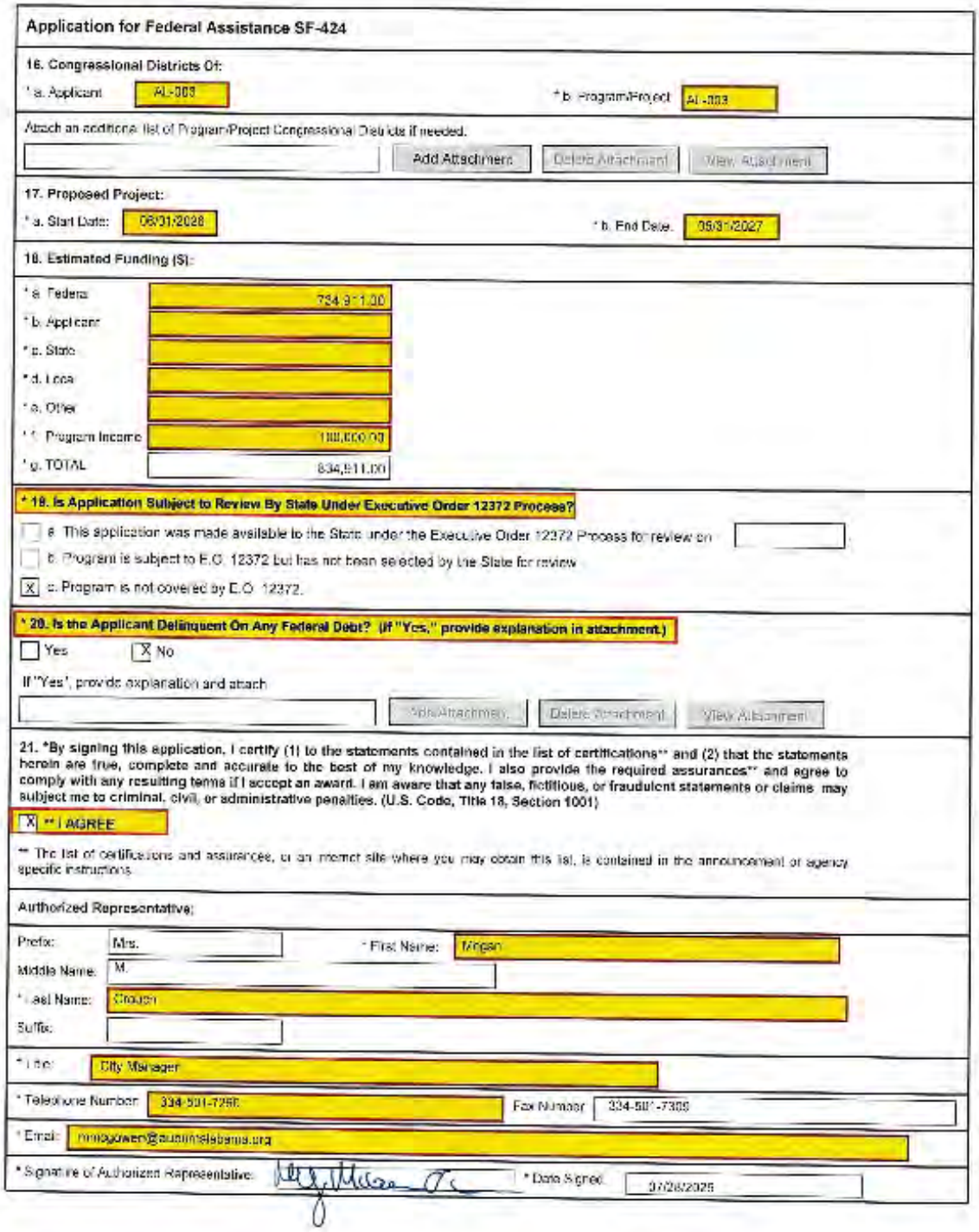
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CDBG activities: Housing, Public Improvements, Public Service, Economic Development, and Program Administration and Planning.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: AL-003 * b. Program/Project: AL-003

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 06/01/2026 * b. End Date: 05/31/2027

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	734,911.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	100,000.00
* g. TOTAL	834,911.00

* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

[X] c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

[ ] Yes [X] No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

[X] ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mrs. * First Name: Megan

Middle Name: M.

* Last Name: Crouch

Suffix:

* Title: City Manager

* Telephone Number: 334-501-7256 Fax Number: 334-501-7305

* Email: mmcgowen@auburnalabama.org

* Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed: 07/28/2025

OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 09/30/2021)

Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

OMB Number: 2501-0011
expiration Date: 09/30/2021

Instructions for the HUD 424-B Assurances and Certifications

As part of your application for HUD funding, you, as the official authorized to sign on behalf of your organization or as an individual, must provide the following assurances and certifications. The Responsible Civil Rights Official has specified this form for use for purposes of general compliance with 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.50, and 146.25, as applicable. The Responsible Civil Rights Official may require special civil rights assurances to be furnished consistent with those authorities and will specify the form on which such assurances must be made. A failure to furnish or comply with the civil rights assurances contained in this form may lead to the procedures to effect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.8, 3.115, 8.57, or 146.39.

By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly representative of the applicant, I hereby met the applicant (insert below the Name and Title of the Authorized Representative, Name of Organization and the date of signature):

*Authorized Representative Name:
Megan M. Crouch

*Title: City Manager

*Applicant/Recipient Organization:
City of Auburn

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.

2. Will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000(d)) and implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1), which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance OR if the applicant is a federally recognized Indian tribe or its tribally designated housing entity, is subject to the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-1303).

3. Will administer the grant in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8, the American Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), and implementing regulations at 28 CFR part 35 or 36, as applicable, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07), as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146 which (together) provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance; except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

4. Will comply with the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et. seq.), as amended, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100, which prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin and will affirmatively further fair housing; except an applicant which is an Indian tribe or its instrumentality which is excluded by statute from coverage does not make this certification; and further except, if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

5. Will comply with all applicable Federal nondiscrimination requirements, including those listed at 24 CFR §§ 5.105(a) and 5.106 as applicable.

6. Will not use Federal funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) mandates, policies, programs, or activities that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.

7. Will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24 and, as applicable, Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(d)) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 42, subpart A.

8. Will comply with the environmental requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and related Federal authorities prior to the commitment or expenditure of funds for property.

9. That no Federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of this Federal grant or its extension, renewal, amendment or modification. If funds other than Federal appropriated funds have or will be paid for influencing or attempting to influence the persons listed above, shall complete and submit, Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying. I certify that I shall require all subawards at all tiers (including sub-grants and contracts) to similarly certify and disclose accordingly. Federally recognized Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by Federally-recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage by the Byrd Amendment, but State-recognized Indian tribes and TDHEs established under State law are not excluded from the statute's coverage.

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true, accurate, and correct. WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §§3729, 3802; 24 CFR §28.10(b)(1)(iii)).

*Signature:

*Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 04/15/2026

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General Certifications

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential anti displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Drug Free Workplace -- It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees

   about – (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
   (b) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug free workplace;
   (c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and (d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;

4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will -

   (a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

   (b) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless

the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

   (a) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

   (b) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with: the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 – It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

Megan M. Crouch
City Manager
City of Auburn, Alabama

Date: 4/14/26

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);

2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s), 2026, (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two,
or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;

3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements. However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

   The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of

fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to
the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws – The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws – It will comply with applicable laws.

Megan M. Crouch
City Manager
City of Auburn, Alabama

4/16/26
Date

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant:, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal interest in the title of real property in accordance with awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.

14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is $10,000 or more.

15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).

16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).

18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Auburn	04/18/2026

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