

**CITY OF FAIRFIELD CDBG PROGRAM  
FY 2022-2027 CONSOLIDATED PLAN PRIORITIES**

The City of Fairfield has developed the Strategic Plan based on an analysis of the data contained in the Community Needs Assessment and Housing Market Analysis and through community surveys and focus groups. Through these efforts, the City has identified priority needs and related goals. The City will use a 2-year/3-year funding model to address the public service needs. The priority needs are:

- Investment into High need Public Services
- Investment into High priority need Non-public Services
- Investment into Fair Housing Services
- Invest in CDBG planning and administration

It is estimated that the City's CDBG program will receive approximately \$4,000,000 in funding over the next five years. Because CDBG funding is limited and the needs within each of the priority areas far outweigh CDBG resources, the City has prioritized the investment of local funding towards these goals. The specific priorities that the City will invest CDBG funds into are:

**Public Services Priorities (15% of CDBG funding)**

- **Homelessness (approximately 50% of Public Service cap)**  
Activities that prevent and support homelessness
  - Homeless Services: Support and expand services to unhoused residents, including street outreach, case management, housing search assistance, emergency shelter, and other services.
  - Homeless Prevention: Expand existing homeless prevention services for at-risk residents, including emergency rental assistance, legal assistance, tenant/landlord mediation, and money management for lower-income residents.
- **Youth**  
Increase enrichment, life skills, and recreational opportunities for low to moderate-income youth, foster youth, and abused children.
- **Special Needs Populations Services**  
Increase opportunities for persons with special needs, elderly, frail elderly, and persons with physical, mental, and developmental disabilities to be housed, become more independent and be protected from discriminatory practices.

## **Non-Public Service priorities**

- **Affordable Housing**

Although affordable housing availability is a high priority of the City, CDBG funds cannot finance the construction of new housing units. Eligible activities include:

- Expand, Maintain and Preserve Affordable Housing: Maintain and preserve the existing affordable housing stock, including rental units and single-family properties owned and occupied by lower-income households.

- **Public Facilities and Infrastructure**

Create, preserve, and improve facilities and infrastructures that serve low-income neighborhoods, homeless, and special needs populations.

- **Economic Development**

Will be funded through the City's Revolving Loan Fund to reduce the number of persons with incomes below the poverty level and expand economic opportunities for very low- and low-income residents.

## **Fair Housing**

Promote the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing policy by eliminating discrimination in housing choice by providing fair housing counseling, investigation, mediation, enforcement, and education.

## **Administration (20% of CDBG Funding)**

The City will maximize the 20% funding cap towards program administration.

The administration will support the development of a thriving Fairfield community, especially for low- and moderate-income persons, by providing general management, oversight, coordination, public information and engagement, and administration of the CDBG grant in a fiscally responsible manner.