



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda item**

Committee: Housing, Redevelopment and Community Programs

Item: Funding Recommendations for the Unified Application Program Year 2025

Date: April 16, 2025

Sponsor(s): Kendra Lisum, Colleen Kane, Tracy Pohndorf

Department or Function: CPDI, Community Development

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Ward(s) Affected:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:
Approval of Resolution

Timeline and Recommended Motions:

Committee discussion: 4/16/25
 Council sets public hearing: 04/21/2025
 Recommended motion: The committee moves to set a public hearing on Monday, May 5, 2025, to consider a Resolution granting approval of the City of Missoula Unified Application Round Year 2025, awarding Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to certain organizations, directing staff to negotiate contracts and agreements, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the contracts and agreements with said organizations.

Public Hearing: 05/05/2025
 Recommended motion: The council approves a Resolution granting approval of the City of Missoula Community Development Funding Program Year 2025, awarding Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and HOME-ARP funds to certain organizations, directing staff to negotiate contracts and agreements, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the contracts and agreements with said organizations. we are happy to take your questions.

Deadline: 05/05/2025

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The Community Development Division administered a competitive award cycle, the Unified Application Funding Round from December 2024-January 2025. The application

cycle included available funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME Investment Partnership, and Community Development Block Grant funding as well as an allocation from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

CPDI staff members, along with two representatives from City Council reviewed nine applications for Community Development Funding and recommended one for funding, with an additional three CDBG/HOME projects awarded outside the competitive round, and an additional two being funded with HOME-ARP funds. Administration and Planning will also be funded.

CD staff members will recommend and ask the Mayor and Missoula City Council to approve awarding HOME, CDBG, and AHTF projects:

CDBG Funds		
Parks & Rec	Afterschool Program	\$74,755
Poverello Housing MT Heroes	Transitional housing	\$247,520
HOME Funds		
Homeward	Lenox Flats	\$200,000
Homeward	CHDO Operating Expenses	\$17,534
AHTF Funds		
United Way	Housing Solutions Fund	\$118,605
HOME-ARP		
Partnership Health	Watershed Navigation	\$299,937
HRC	Houseless Prevention	\$100,000
Partnership Health	Capacity Building & Operating Expenses	\$35,824
HRC	Capacity Building & Operating Expenses	\$11,944

The 2025 Program Year runs from 7/1/25 through 6/30/26.

Financial Implications:

These awards represent the approximate CDBG and HOME allocations available for Program Year 2025 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and may include prior year resources and program income. The approximate allocations are **\$533,969 in CDBG** and **\$350,697 in HOME**. Program Year 2025 funding amounts are scheduled to be allocated this month. As such, the total funding amounts for the lowest scoring projects may change pending the final allocation numbers. If allocation is much less than expected, the lowest scoring project(s) may not receive an award.

A total of **\$118,000 in AHTF** will be awarded.

Links to external websites:

- <https://www.engagemissoula.com/hud-funded-programs>
- <https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/3068/Affordable-Housing-Trust-Fund>