

PUBLIC NOTICE
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN WHICH INCLUDES THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAMS

Lake County is required to submit an Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Program and the Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG). The County will not receive any direct funding under the ESG Program. However, it may apply for, and compete for, funding under this program.

As required by Federal Regulation for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs, Lake County is publishing a summary in the 2024 Annual Action Plan and the projected use of approximately \$1,547,605.00 allocated under the FY 2024 CDBG Program, approximately \$594,825.00 allocated under the FY 2024 HOME Program, an estimated program income of \$90,000, and \$114,197.95 in rollover funds for a total of \$2,346,627.95. This information is available to the public. Of this amount, the County expects to spend approximately 87% on activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. These figures were provided by HUD.

Activities expected to be undertaken during the 2026 Program Year include:

Housing: Owner and rental rehabilitation, and homebuyer assistance, all targeted to households with incomes under 80% of the median family income for the Lake County area.

Infrastructure Improvements: Assistance to upgrading, replacing, or rehabilitating streets, sidewalks, water and sewer lines, storm drainage facilities and their appurtenances, to be targeted primarily to lower income and deteriorated areas. Infrastructure to support the rehabilitation and development of new housing primarily for lower income persons.

Economic Development Needs: Assistance to commercial, industrial, warehousing and research facilities and related entities for location, expansion or retention of employment, especially for lower income persons and households. Small Business training program.

Accessibility Improvements: For physically impaired persons.

Public Facilities: Assistance for public recreation areas and facilities and other public facilities, targeted to those primarily benefiting lower income persons.

Public Services: Homeless Prevention, Fair Housing Services, Transportation Assistance, Youth Education Assistance, Disabled Day Care, and Domestic Violence.

Planning and Administration including general information of all program activities.

Program Areas

Projects and activities under the Lake County Annual Action Plan will be undertaken in all areas of Lake County, excluding the cities of Gary, Hammond and East Chicago. These cities are entitlement communities and receive their own funding under HUD programs.

FY 2026 CITIES & TOWNS CDBG PROJECTS IN URBAN LAKE COUNTY

CROWN POINT	\$ 130,000.00
CP26 ADA Curb Ramps	\$ 130,000.00
DYER	\$ 71,245.00
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GRIFFITH	\$ 71,245.00
GR26 ADA Playground Improvements	\$ 71,245.00
HOBART	\$ 112,590.00
HO26 ADA Curb Ramps	\$ 112,590.00
HO24 Roll over funds (Code Enforcement Officer)	<u>\$ 199,891.00</u>
	\$ 312,481.33
LAKE STATION	\$ 60,544.00
LS26 ADA Chair Lift and Park Improvements	\$ 60,544.00
LS24 ADA Senior Center	<u>\$ 107,233.00</u>
	\$167,777.00
LOWELL	\$ 54,950.00
LO26 ADA Park Improvements	\$ 54,950.00
LO24 ADA Improvements (Freedom Park)	<u>\$ 54,000.00</u>
	\$ 108,950.00
ST. JOHN	\$ 94,446.00
SJ26 ADA Playground Improvements	\$ 94,446.00
WINFIELD	\$ 44,980.00
WI26 ADA Playground Improvements	\$ 44,980.00
WI24 ADA Improvements	<u>\$ 124,304.00</u>
	\$ 169,284.00
LAKE COUNTY COMMISIONERS	\$ 70,000.00
LK26 ADA Curb Ramps and Sidewalks at Government Center	<u>\$ 70,000.00</u>
	\$ 710,000.00
Cities & Towns Funding Allotments for FY2026	\$ 710,000.00
<i>Cities & Towns rollover funds</i>	<u>\$ 485,428.33</u>
TOTALS	\$1,195,428.33

Bold type is Communities receiving FY2026 funds and amount allotted

Italics type is funds rolled over from a previous year and/or years

URBAN LAKE COUNTY FY2026 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

A.	Cities & Towns Projects <i>(including rollover funds)</i>	\$ 1,195,428.33
B.	Fair Housing	\$ 37,000.00
C.	Elderly Transport	\$ 40,000.00
D.	Homeless Prevention	\$ 63,000.00
E.	Homebuyer Assistance	\$ 300,000.00
F.	CHDO (Habitat NWI Const. & Operating)	\$ 128,744.51
G.	Housing Development (CDBG and HOME)	\$ 225,993.76
H.	Housing Rehab	\$ 210,000.00
I.	Social Services (Mental Health, St. Jude, Indiana Plan)	\$ 82,000.00
J.	Cerebral Palsy of NWI	\$ 20,000.00
K.	IKAN Business Training—microenterprises	\$ 50,000.00
L.	Administration (CDBG & HOME)	\$ 387,469.25
M.	Program Income (CDBG and HOME)	\$ 122,000.00
CDBG, HOME, Rollover and Program Income assigned to projects		\$ 2,861,635.85

POLICY

"SECTION 109" OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974

- 1) No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title.

- 2) Displacement of persons will be minimized and will only take place as a final alternative to sound residential development. In the event of displacement of persons as a result of community development activity under this program, assistance of those persons displaced will be provided as prescribed by the Federal Uniform Real Estate Acquisition and Relocation Policy Act of 1970 as amended.

Draft copies of the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan will be available at the following locations from June 17th, 2026 to July 17th, 2026 for a 30-day comment period: At the governmental offices of all cities and towns being funded in FY 2026 in the Urban Lake County area, the Lake County Government Center (address below), and the Lake County Public Library located at 1919 West 81st Avenue, Merrillville, IN 46410. Copies may be reviewed during regular business hours at these locations. Copies of the Annual Action Plan will be available on the County website lakecountyin.org. Persons wishing to submit comments on the Plan should direct them to: Mr. Timothy A. Brown, Executive Director, Lake County Community Economic Development Department, Lake County Government Center, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307, telephone (219) 755-3225. Office hours are 8:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Comments concerning the proposed plan must be received prior to 4:00 PM CST on July 17th, 2026 to be considered. The County intends to submit the Plans to the Indianapolis Area Office

of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on July 20th, 2026. HUD has forty-five (45) days to review and approve the Plan.

The County will hold a second and final, Public Hearing on the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan on Friday, July 17th, 2026. All residents of Urban Lake County are invited to attend and comment on the Plan. The hearing will be at 4:00 P.M. in the Lake County Community Development office (3rd Floor, RM A-310), Lake County Government Center, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307.

The County Government Facilities are handicapped accessible. All program materials including notices, resolutions, agendas, plans, plan amendments, and final plan documents are available for persons with limited English proficiency upon request. Contact Tim Brown by phone at 219-755-3225 or by email at brownta@lakecountyin.org. Provisions will be made to large groups (10 or more persons) who require assistance in a language other than English upon notice to the County.

Editor's Note:

Please print on June 17th, 2026