

AGENDA ITEM DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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Issue:

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDING
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Subject/Title:

Public hearing to select FY 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects.

Recommended Action:

Conduct a public hearing to review the project recommendations of the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) for FY 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds to support eligible projects; select projects for inclusion into the FY2025 HUD Annual Action Plan for an estimated total of \$8,474,967 in FY 2025-2026 CDBG awards; adopt a contingency plan; and authorize the County Manager, or his designee, to (1) accept grant funds and allocate according to the chosen plan(s) of action, and (2) to execute any necessary documents related thereto. (For possible action)

Summary:

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement program is administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD provides grants to Clark County on a formula basis to develop urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. Communities use CDBG funds to carry out community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services.

Projects must meet one of the following national objectives: 1) benefit low- and moderate-income persons, 2) prevent or eliminate slums and blight, or 3) meet an urgent community need in certain circumstances. Eligible activities that can be funded by Clark County CDBG include acquisition, disposition, clearance, and relocation; administration and planning; economic development; housing; public facilities and infrastructure improvements; and public services.

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Clark County anticipates receiving approximately \$8,474,967 in CDBG FY 2025-2026 funds. Federal regulations limit the amount of funds available for administrative costs to 20% or approximately \$1,694,993.40, and public service activities to 15% or approximately \$1,271,245.05. Clark County has established Interlocal Agreements (ILAs) with Mesquite and Boulder City. Through these agreements, each jurisdiction is allocated 3%, or approximately \$254,249.01, of Clark County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement funds to support projects and administrative activities within their respective areas, for a total of \$508,498.02. Any remaining amount of CDBG funding will be used for eligible projects that meet CDBG criteria.

Please note, the amount listed is an estimate based on the amount of the previous annual award and subject to change once official notice has been received from HUD.

HUD's Consolidated Plan and Citizen Participation

The Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-2029 delineates the funding goals of Clark County for the federal funds it administers from HUD. Every year an annual action plan is submitted to HUD that incorporates BCC-approved funding recommendations.

On January 2, 2025, Clark County advertised for non-profit and for-profit agencies to apply for CDBG funds. Program manuals and applications were made available to the public. The application deadline for submissions was on February 7, 2025.

One applicant withdrew its application with the intention to reapply in a future grant cycle when they are prepared to meet all the application requirements.

From February 13 to February 28, 2025, the CDAC members individually assessed the remaining 12 proposals which were also presented by the proponents to CDAC on February 18, 2025.

On March 4, 2025, the CDAC recommended funding for 10 projects, contingent upon the availability of HUD funds and HUD's CDBG eligibility requirements. The funding recommendations are listed in Table I and were based on an estimate of last year's funding of \$8,474,967. The Committee also recommended approval of a contingency plan to support previously approved projects with the remaining CDBG funds, or any additional CDBG funds should they become available, at the discretion of CHO staff.

Table I is included for the Board's information, listing the CDAC recommendations for projects for FY 2025-2026 funds. The Board is not restricted in its selection of projects by the CDAC's recommendations.

Table I

**Clark County, NV
 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2025-2026
 Funding Recommendations**

Public Facilities/Economic Development

Organization	Project	Funding Request	CDAC Recommendation
YMCA of Southern Nevada	Torrey Pines Early Learning Village	\$2,340,339	\$2,340,339
Upwards Care, Inc.	Boost and Build	\$440,000	\$440,000
WestCare Nevada	Harris Springs Ranch Solar Conversion	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Las Vegas Area Council, Boy Scouts of America	Energy Efficiency Initiative: HVAC Replacement for Sustainable Operations	\$100,792	\$100,792

Public Services

Organization	Project	Funding Request	CDAC Recommendation
Opportunity Village Foundation	Work Readiness Program	\$302,668	\$302,668
Olive Crest	Teen & Young Adult Independence Living Program	\$100,000	\$100,000
Hookers for Jesus	Pink Chair Outreach and Education Expansion Project	\$75,000	\$75,000
Las Vegas Clark County Library District	Chromebooks for Public Housing Residents	\$43,000	\$43,000
Electrical JATC of Southern Nevada	The Prosperity Project	\$200,000	\$200,000
Eritrean American Community of Las Vegas	Eritrean American Community of Las Vegas	\$100,000	\$100,000

Contingency

CDAC Recommendation
\$1,569,406.58

TOTAL

TOTAL: \$6,271,205.58

The following is a brief summary of the discretionary project applications listed above:

Public Facilities/Economic Development

- 1. YMCA of Southern Nevada – Torrey Pines Early Learning Village**
Requested: \$2,340,339 CDAC Recommended: \$2,340,339

YMCA of Southern Nevada provides comprehensive programs that are aligned with youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. This project will expand a pop-up preschool model by establishing a new early childhood education (ECE) facility on the Torrey Pines Community Recreation Center site. The project is to expand access to state-licensed, evidence-based early childhood education for low-to-moderate income families, thereby reducing persistent waitlists and fostering a transformative pre-K to K-5 educational pipeline. The project will yield long-term benefits by improving academic, social, and economic outcomes while reducing public health costs and enhancing neighborhood stability.

- 2. Upwards Care, Inc.– Boost and Build**
Requested: \$440,000 CDAC Recommended: \$440,000

Upwards Care, Inc. provides the largest network of licensed home-based childcare providers in the U.S., leveraging technology to connect families with high-quality, affordable childcare while supporting providers in building sustainable businesses. This project will be structured around provider recruitment, business coaching, licensing support, and ongoing technical assistance to microenterprise childcare providers.

- 3. WestCare Nevada – Harris Springs Ranch Solar Conversion**
Requested: \$1,000,000 CDAC Recommended: \$1,000,000

WestCare Nevada provides a 56-bed residential program for men aged 18 and older providing evidence-based treatment for substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions in a therapeutic, ranch-style environment. This project will transition HSR's power source from a generator-dependent system to an Off-Grid Solar System. The conversion will ensure uninterrupted power for the 24/7 facility while reducing reliance on fossil fuels.

- 4. Las Vegas Area Council, Boy Scouts of America – Energy Efficiency Initiative: HVAC Replacement for Sustainable Operations**
Requested: \$100,792 CDAC Recommended: \$100,792

Las Vegas Area Council, Boy Scouts of America office provides variety of conferences, staff training events, and other gatherings. This project will replace outdated HVAC systems at the office, which are the original units installed when the building was constructed in 2001. The goals of this update are to improve energy efficiency, enhance functionality, and create a more comfortable environment.

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5. Opportunity Village Foundation – Work Readiness Program

Requested: \$302,668

CDAC Recommended: \$302,668

Opportunity Village provides a lifeline for individuals with disabilities, helping them discover independence, community, and purpose. Through workforce development, community employment, day services, inclusive housing, and the arts, individuals gain the skills, confidence, and opportunities needed to thrive. This project will increase the number of people served through transportation initiatives to and from a variety of our workplace readiness program sites.

6. Olive Crest – Teen and Young Adults Independent Living Program

Requested: \$100,000

CDAC Recommended: \$100,000

Olive Crest provides safe homes and support services, ensuring stability and breaking generational cycles of abuse and neglect. This project will provide former foster youth with the stability, guidance, and resources needed to transition successfully into adulthood including housing stability, care coordination/care management and life skills training, employment and education assistance, mental and behavioral health services, and mentorship and community support.

7. Hookers for Jesus – Pink Chair Outreach and Education Expansion Project

Requested: \$75,000

CDAC Recommended: \$75,000

Hookers for Jesus provides programs that include crisis counseling, individualized assessments, an individual service plan, holistic lifetime case management, trauma-informed mental health services, individual and group therapy, job, skills training, mentoring, educational seminars and workshops, equine therapy, fitness education, transportation services, and access to extensive community services to adult women, generally aged 18 to 50 years old who are the victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and/or sex and human trafficking in Las Vegas, Nevada. This project will expand in-person outreach and education services to the general public about sex and human trafficking and domestic violence.

8. Las Vegas Clark County Library District – Chromebooks for Public Housing Residents
Requested: \$43,000 **CDAC Recommended: \$43,000**

Las Vegas Clark County Library District provides a collection of 3.2 million items, including books, movies, music, and other online resources. With free programs for all ages, the Library District plays a vital role in Las Vegas, helping individuals discover unexpected experiences and endless learning. This project will provide 150 Chromebooks to public and affordable housing residents in the FLEX program to help participants secure long-term employment. Chromebooks will allow residents to participate in financial literacy and other educational sessions designed to equip them with the necessary skills to thrive long after self-sufficiency. Access to a computer is crucial, as it is paramount for job applications, resume building, and fulfilling employment requirements.

9. Electrical JATC of Southern Nevada – The Prosperity Project
Requested: \$200,000 **CDAC Recommended: \$200,000**

The Electrical JATC of Southern Nevada provides job training and permanent full-time job placements in the Electrical, Sound, Telecommunication, and Energy Efficiency industries to residents of Southern Nevada. This project will provide industrial grade tools, materials and supplies, a new laptop, and gas cards for transportation to worksites.

10. Eritrean American Community of Las Vegas – Eritrean American Community of Las Vegas
Requested: \$100,000 **CDAC Recommended: \$100,000**

Eritrean American Community of Las Vegas provides essential educational, economic, and social services to the Eritrean and broader immigrant community. This project will provide classes to teach the Eritrean American Community both English and Tigrinya and a youth soccer program promoting teamwork, discipline, and physical activity among Eritrean and immigrant youth.

Final Recommendation

CDAC's recommendations are advisory, and the Board of County Commissioners has final authority over the allocation of these monies, subject to Clark County meeting HUD requirements.

Prior to execution of funding agreements with selected awardees, County staff will undertake an underwriting review to ensure project financial feasibility. Staff will prepare a funding agreements with all award recipients and will be responsible for monitoring projects to ensure compliance with all CDBG requirements.

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The total recommendation for 2025-2026 CDBG funds is as follows:

CDBG Projects	\$6,271,205.58
Clark County Administration	\$1,694,993.40
Interlocal Agreements (Mesquite and Boulder City)	\$ 508,498.02
TOTAL:	\$8,474,967.00



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