

Public Notice
County of Union
Proposed FY 2026 Community Development Activities
Year 52 Annual Action Plan & Public Hearing

As required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Consolidated Plan brings together, in one consolidated submission, the planning and application aspects of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. The Consolidated Plan is intended to serve the following purpose/functions: (1) it is a planning document for the County which builds upon a citizen participation process; (2) it is an application for federal funds under the above-mentioned grant programs; (3) it is a strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs; and (4) it is an action plan that provides a basis for assessing performance. This Consolidated Action Plan constitutes the Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Plan for the period August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027.

The overall goals of the programs are to provide safe, sanitary and affordable housing; neighborhood revitalization; economic development; and improved community facilities and services. Each activity must benefit low- and moderate-income persons and/or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight and/or respond to emergency needs.

The County program's geographic area, the Union County Consortium, includes the municipalities of Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, New Providence, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit, Westfield, and Winfield.

A draft copy of the Union County Year 52 Consolidated Annual Action Plan will be available for public review online April 9, 2026 through May 11, 2026 at <https://ucnj.org/department-of-economic-development/bureau-of-community-development/> Hard copies are available upon request. If English is not your first language and you need an interpreter, or you need to have documents translated from English to your native language, please contact our office. Residents wishing to submit comments during the public review and comment period may do so by calling or emailing Charlene Bathelus at 908-527-4023 or cbathelus@ucnj.org All commentary received will be included in the final report. Commentary period will begin on April 9, 2026 and last a minimum of thirty days, ending at 5 p.m. on **May 11, 2026**.

Public hearing on the Year 52 Consolidated Annual Action Plan will be held 6:00 PM Thursday, April 30, 2026 at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Cranford, NJ to solicit citizen comment and participation.

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