



City of West Allis

Meeting Agenda

Block Grant Committee

Thursday, October 16, 2025

6:00 PM

West Allis Public Library, Constitution Room
7421 W. National Ave.

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [25-0378](#) March 13, 2025 (draft) Minutes

Attachments: [March 13, 2025 \(draft\) Minutes](#)

D. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

2. [25-0400](#) Review of National Objectives and Goals within the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
3. [25-0401](#) Review of CDBG Funding requests for FY 2025 in preparation of the annual action plan and Consideration of mid-year Performance Report for 2025 and expenditures for the period covering January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.
 - a. Report on Program Administration
 - b. Report on Public Service Activities
 - c. Report on Housing Rehabilitation activities
 - d. Report on Economic Development activities
 - e. Report on Public Facilities activities

Attachments: [CDBG Applicant Summaries](#)
[CDBG 2026 Budget 10-10-25 v1](#)

4. [25-0402](#) Next Scheduled Meeting is on November 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

E. ADJOURNMENT



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NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM

It is possible that members of, and possibly a quorum of, members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above-stated meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above-stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.

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City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Block Grant Committee

Thursday, March 13, 2025

6:00 PM City Hall, Economic Development Conference Rm 210

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.

REGULAR MEETING (draft minutes)

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m

B. ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Dawn Groshek, Mikaya Clark, Alfred Sumrall, Steven Hook, Marcia Lawson, Hollis Patzer, Shelly Strasser, Ray Turner, Amanda Nowak, Martin J. Weigel, Jennifer Brindley Ubl

Excused 3 - Tasha Cowap, Marian French, Suzanne Resl Okruhlica

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [25-0084](#) November 21, 2024 (draft) Minutes

Attachments: [November 21, 2024 \(draft\) Minutes](#)

Ald. Weigel moved to approve this matter, Ald .Turner seconded, motion carried.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

2. [25-0097](#) Fiscal Year 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Attachments: [FY24 CDBG CAPER Notice of Public Hearing](#)
[FY24 CAPER Publishing Proof](#)

The Public Hearing notice was read.

There were no members of the public present to ask questions or voice their concerns.

Mr. Schaer provided a brief review of the 2024 projects for the committee.

Discussion ensued with questions being answered by staff

This matter was Discussed.

E. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

3. [25-0098](#) Recommendation to the Common Council of the 2024 Consolidated Performance and Evaluation Report for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Attachments: [Updated FY24 CDBG CAPER IDIS 3.7.25](#)

Ald. Weigel moved to approve this matter, Ald. Turner seconded, motion carried.

4. [25-0099](#) Fiscal Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Award and budget pending Federal directives status.

This matter was Discussed.

F. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Weigel, seconded by Sumrall to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.



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CDBG Applicant Summaries

Community Development Block Grant Committee

October 16, 2025 meeting

FY 2026 funding year applications

Public Services Programs

- 16 applications
- Total requested \$332,008, or 23% of estimated 2026 budget authority.
- Public services are capped at 15% of total budget authority.

Community Service Officer

CDBG-25-18

- **Organization:** West Allis Police Department
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$42,000
- **National Objective:** Area Benefit
- **Number of people impacted:** 8,040
- **Description:** Community Service Officers (CSOs) conduct directed patrols in low- and moderate-income (LMA) neighborhoods to address crime and nuisance issues proactively. They provide a visible presence in parks, schools, and neighborhoods to help youth feel safe and prevent problems before they escalate. CSOs also strengthen community partnerships by collaborating with residents, social agencies, and the Police Department to connect individuals and families with needed resources.
- **Organization:** This operation goes beyond the traditional scope of police work by emphasizing prevention and community relationship-building rather than solely responding to calls for service. By assigning Community Service Officers to the same neighborhoods each day, the program fosters trust and collaboration between residents, businesses, and law enforcement. Through regular directed patrols and proactive handling of nuisance issues, CSOs address problems before they escalate, improving neighborhood safety and quality of life.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** No

Graffiti Removal/Abatement

CDBG-25-16

- **Organization:** West Allis Police Department
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$6,248
- **National Objective:** Area Benefit
- **Number of people impacted:** 59,065
- **Description:** Graffiti can signal gang activity and contribute to neighborhood decline, so prompt action is essential. When graffiti is reported, photos are taken, and a crime analyst reviews the incidents to identify links and potential suspects. Once analysis is complete, graffiti abatement specialists promptly remove the graffiti to restore the area's appearance and deter future vandalism.
- **Organization:** This program goes beyond typical police duties by taking a proactive and investigative approach to identifying and linking graffiti incidents rather than simply documenting them. Police personnel actively collaborate in both the investigation and removal of graffiti, which is not a standard enforcement function. By ensuring prompt cleanup, the program helps deter future vandalism and improves neighborhood safety and appearance in low- and moderate-income areas.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** No

Gang Prevention

CDBG-25-17

- **Organization:** West Allis Police Department
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$12,411
- **National Objective:** Area Benefit
- **Number of people impacted:** 59,065
- **Description:** This program targets the connection between gangs, drugs, and neighborhood crime by focusing on prevention and enforcement. Its goals are to identify gang members and associates, track crime trends, and conduct comprehensive drug investigations involving criminal organizations. Residents in low- and moderate-income areas will benefit through reduced crime, with success measured by the number of identified gang members, investigations conducted, and related arrests.
- **Organization:** This program goes beyond the typical reactive duties of the West Allis Police Department by taking a proactive, intelligence-driven approach to identifying and analyzing gang activity before crimes occur. Rather than focusing solely on low-level offenses, officers conduct comprehensive drug investigations to trace sources and dismantle larger trafficking operations. By addressing the root causes of gang- and drug-related crime, the program enhances community safety and deters future criminal behavior.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** No

Women Initiate Self-Healing and Hope (WISH) Program

CDBG-25-15

- **Organization:** West Allis Police Department
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$17,918
- **National Objective:** Limited Clientele
- **Number of people impacted:** 75
- **Description:** WISH is a domestic violence support group that provides education and emotional support to low- and moderate-income women who have experienced abuse. The program fosters healing, personal growth, and trust in a safe environment while helping participants understand the effects of abuse on themselves and their children. Serving 40 women, 15 children, and 20 others connected to these families, the program's success will be measured through participant surveys.
- **Organization:** This program extends beyond typical police operations by providing ongoing emotional support and education to survivors of domestic violence rather than focusing solely on enforcement and investigation. As the only domestic violence support group in West Allis, it fills a critical community need for healing and empowerment. The inclusion of free childcare further removes barriers to participation, making it a uniquely compassionate initiative operated by the police department.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** No

West Central Neighborhood Outreach Program – ERAS

CDBG-25-24

- **Organization:** ERAS Senior Network, Inc.
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$29,500
- **National Objective:** Limited Clientele
- **Number of people impacted:** 325
- **Description:** The goal of this project is to enhance the independence and safety of older adults through volunteer-provided services such as transportation, grocery assistance, friendly phone calls, home chores, and referrals. It qualifies under the CDBG National Objective of Limited Clientele, serving primarily low- and moderate-income individuals aged 60 and older. Caregivers also benefit indirectly through the support provided to their loved ones. Success will be measured by the number of clients served and services delivered, with expected outcomes including 300 clients, 200 rides, 20 social calls per client, and 30 home chores that promote safe and independent living.
- **Organization:** Eras' Neighborhood Outreach Program (NOP) connects seniors with screened and trained community volunteers who provide free services such as transportation, companionship, home projects, and friendly phone calls. Clients can also receive holiday gifts and referrals to other needed services. Each new client completes a phone assessment and in-home visit before being matched with available volunteers to meet their specific needs.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** Yes – Milwaukee County Aging Division, United Way, Community Support

Liberty Heights Pool Program

CDBG-25-5

- **Organization:** West Allis-West Milwaukee Recreation & Community Services Department
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$10,000
- **National Objective:** Area Benefit
- **Number of people impacted:** 1,285
- **Description:** The WAWM Recreation and Community Services Department will staff Liberty Heights Park's wading pool with certified lifeguards or attendants, as permitted by state law, to ensure safety during summer operations. Staff will also provide park supervision, access to indoor restrooms and shelter, and lead activities such as games and crafts to engage participants. Funding for onsite staff and administrative oversight will allow the pool to remain safely open and well-managed throughout the summer season.
- **Organization:** This program goes beyond the typical scope of the WAWM Recreation Department by operating the only public wading pool in West Allis, specifically serving the city's low- to moderate-income east side. It requires close collaboration with the Department of Public Works to manage maintenance, staffing, and safety—functions that extend beyond the department's standard recreational programming. Because no other funding sources exist to support the pool's operation, this partnership ensures equitable access to safe, supervised water play for the community.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** No

Healthy/Safe Homes Initiative

CDBG-25-23

- **Organization:** Southwest Suburban Health Department
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$77,180
- **National Objective:** Area Benefit
- **Number of people impacted:** 29,140
- **Description:** The project aims to ensure that residential living conditions in West Allis are healthy and safe, particularly for low- and moderate-income residents living in older or low-income housing. It addresses health risks such as lead paint, mold, and pests, as well as related mental health stressors. Through partnerships with the West Allis Housing Office, Neighborhood Services, Planning/Zoning, and MiH, the project will use outreach and education to reach at least 100 homes in targeted neighborhoods. An online home assessment tool will also be developed for residents who prefer remote guidance on creating a healthier living environment.
- **Organization:** The Southwest Suburban Health Department (SWSHD) focuses on prevention by addressing health and safety risks in low- and moderate-income housing across West Allis. Unlike crisis response programs, SWSHD proactively identifies and mitigates home-based hazards to improve living conditions. This preventive approach reduces acute health incidents and lowers the need for emergency or hospital care.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** No

Vermin Abatement Program

CDBG-25-10

- **Organization:** Southwest Suburban Health Department
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$16,000
- **National Objective:** Area Benefit
- **Number of people impacted:** 20,000
- **Description:** This project continues West Allis's multifaceted rodent abatement program, using spatial analysis of complaints to identify high-activity areas for targeted Integrated Pest Management. Professional pest control services will maintain discreet bait stations in public areas, with data reports used to track and compare activity trends. Collaboration among the Health Department, Code Enforcement, and Public Works ensures a coordinated response, including enforcement of abatement orders and citations when necessary. The program also emphasizes public education, providing residents with prevention resources and outreach materials, while an impact team evaluates effectiveness and explores future funding opportunities.
- **Organization:** This activity goes beyond the typical scope of the Southwest Suburban Health Department (SWSHD) by combining pest control operations, legal enforcement, and public education into a single coordinated initiative. Unlike standard public health efforts that focus on education and complaint response, this program includes proactive fieldwork through professional pest management, spatial data analysis, and ordinance enforcement. It also integrates citywide collaboration and community outreach, extending SWSHD's role from health oversight to direct environmental intervention and prevention.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** No

Supporting Families and Strengthening Communities

CDBG-25-6

- **Organization:** WAWM Family Resource Center
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$10,000
- **National Objective:** Limited Clientele
- **Number of people impacted:** 150
- **Description:** This project aims to strengthen families by increasing time spent together at home, improving literacy skills in children under 12, and connecting families to community resources and support. It empowers parents, grandparents, and guardians to build on their existing strengths to keep children safe and healthy. The program will serve 150 participants in 2026, including both children and their caregivers. Success will be evaluated through program participation rates and participant surveys measuring engagement and outcomes.
- **Organization:** The WAWM Family Resource Center promotes school readiness and fosters early and lifelong literacy through engaging activities and events. It encourages a love of reading, strengthens family connections, and provides opportunities for families to connect with one another. The center also offers access to community resources and referral services.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** Yes – Stay Strong Milwaukee, Kohl's Cares Giving Program

NEW Metro MKE Fair Housing Services

CDBG-25-14

- **Organization:** Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$25,000
- **National Objective:** Limited Clientele
- **Number of people impacted:** 65
- **Description:** To ensure that all residents of West Allis have equal access to housing opportunities through comprehensive fair housing enforcement and education. Because housing discrimination has become increasingly subtle in rental, sales, lending, and insurance markets, many consumers remain unaware of their rights or available remedies. The Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (MMFHC) will address these issues through complaint intake, case management, training seminars, and educational outreach to both residents and housing providers. These efforts will promote greater racial and economic integration in West Allis and help the City fulfill HUD's requirement to affirmatively further fair housing.
- **Organization:** The Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council is a private non-profit organization that operates a full-service fair housing program. The organization includes two satellite offices, the Fair Housing Center of Greater Madison and the Fair Housing Center of Northeast Wisconsin.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** No

WRTP Big Step

CDBG-25-12

- **Organization:** Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership, Building Industry Group Skilled Trades Employment Program
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$25,000
- **National Objective:** Area Benefit
- **Number of people impacted:** 47,430
- **Description:** The Community Careers Development Initiative connects unemployed and underemployed West Allis residents—particularly youth ages 18–24—to stable, well-paying construction jobs through free certified pre-apprenticeship training. Graduates gain the skills needed to enter apprenticeships in the skilled trades, a field projected to add over 14,000 jobs in Wisconsin by 2032, with average earnings near \$100,000 for completers. The program meets CDBG national objectives by expanding economic opportunities for low- to moderate-income residents and fills a local gap in workforce training for the trades. Success will be measured by outreach to at least 40 residents, enrollment of 20 participants, a 75% graduation rate, and 85% of graduates securing full-time employment within six months.
- **Organization:** WRTP | BIG STEP is the nation's oldest workforce intermediary, connecting program graduates with labor organizations and employers to build a diverse, skilled talent pipeline for Wisconsin's construction, manufacturing, and emerging industries. Partnering with nearly 300 employers, 70 labor groups, and 100 community organizations, it bridges training and employment opportunities across the region. In West Allis, WRTP | BIG STEP fills a critical workforce gap by offering certified pre-apprenticeship training to high school seniors and low-income adults seeking good-paying careers in the skilled trades.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** Yes – BIG STEP Industry Funds

Hope Pantry

CDBG-25-7

- **Organization:** Hope Ministries
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$20,000
- **National Objective:** Limited Clientele
- **Number of people impacted:** 700
- **Description:** The project continues a partnership with the WAWM School District to provide food, clothing, and essential supplies to families who are homeless or in transition. It meets CDBG objectives by serving low-income individuals through targeted outreach and support. Currently, 160 families—over 700 people—benefit from the program, which now includes fresh produce from the new Hope Garden. Success is measured by meeting families' basic needs and tracking the distribution of food, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene items.
- **Organization:** Hope Ministries fills an unmet need in West Allis by partnering directly with local schools to support families experiencing homelessness. Unlike programs that provide only short-term aid, Hope Ministries offers ongoing assistance to help families achieve lasting stability. Their commitment continues even after families find housing, ensuring they have the support needed to fully rebuild their lives.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** No

Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative

CDBG-25-13

- **Organization:** Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$25,000
- **National Objective:** Limited Clientele
- **Number of people impacted:** 100
- **Description:** The project aims to support homeless and at-risk veterans in the West Allis CDBG area by helping them and their families achieve and maintain independence for healthy, productive lives. Services include a food pantry, housing assistance, job training, and social support for low- and moderate-income individuals. The program expects to serve at least 100 eligible veterans, with evaluation tools in place to measure each participant's progress and success.
- **Organization:** MHVI is a veteran-centered organization offering flexible, high-quality, and easily accessible services that veterans can use as needed. The organization plays a vital role in supporting female veterans, particularly those overcoming military-related trauma who may feel uncomfortable seeking help through formal programs like the VA. With a holistic, family-inclusive approach, MHVI fills service gaps in Southeastern Wisconsin and helps veterans achieve long-term stability and success.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** Yes – Ken Yontz Valor Fund, Bradley Foundation, Bader Foundation, Catholic Community Foundation

NEW Vision Forward

CDBG-25-8

- **Organization:** Vision Forward
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$10,183
- **National Objective:** Limited Clientele
- **Number of people impacted:** 45
- **Description:** This project aims to help seniors living with blindness or visual impairment maintain independence and improve their quality of life through education, training, and therapeutic services. It qualifies as a CDBG Low- and Moderate-Income Limited Clientele (LMC) activity, serving primarily low-income adults—most of whom are over 65 and severely disabled. Vision Forward will serve over 45 West Allis residents annually, offering individualized rehabilitation, assistive technology training, occupational therapy, and support groups to foster independence and social engagement. Success will be measured through outcomes such as goal attainment, improved daily living skills, enhanced quality of life, and family support, tracked with surveys, assessments, and documented client progress.
- **Organization:** Vision Forward is a statewide, full-service agency that supports individuals with visual impairments from birth through adulthood, helping them reach developmental, educational, personal, and professional milestones. Its mission is to empower and enhance the lives of those affected by vision loss through comprehensive, lifelong services. Programs include early education, rehabilitation training, assistive technology, youth and family support, low vision care, and specialized transportation—all designed to foster independence and improve quality of life.
- **Leverages additional funding sources:** Yes – IBVI, Catholic Community Foundation, Patrick and Anna Cudahy Foundation

Safe Home Program

CDBG-25-25

- **Organization:** West Allis Fire Department
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$10,000
- **National Objective:** Area Benefit
- **Number of people impacted:** 2,430
- **Description:** The Safe Home Initiative seeks to reduce fire-related risks in economically disadvantaged, high-risk neighborhoods by providing 10-year sealed smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. With \$10,000 in funding, the West Allis Fire Department will purchase and install approximately 200 combination alarms. Program success will be measured by decreases in preventable fire-related injuries and fatalities within the targeted communities.
- **Organization:** This initiative goes beyond the fire department's traditional role of emergency response by focusing on proactive fire prevention and community risk reduction. Rather than responding after an incident occurs, the department is directly equipping vulnerable households with life-saving smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. By targeting low-income families who might otherwise lack access to these devices, the program advances equity and strengthens overall community safety.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** No

Housing Programs

- 3 applications (including Housing Rehab management)
- Total requested \$158,401, or 11% of 2026 estimated budget authority

Single Family Housing Rehab Loan Program

CDBG-25-2

- **Organization:** West Allis Housing Office
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$115,000
- **National Objective:** Limited Clientele
- **Number of people impacted:** 10
- **Description:** This program establishes a loan fund to help low-income homeowners maintain and rehabilitate their single-family homes. Eligible households earning below 80% of the county median income can receive low-interest loans ranging from 0% to 2.5%, with a maximum loan amount of \$40,000. Funds may be used to correct code and safety violations, reduce lead hazards, improve weatherization, or enhance accessibility. The program aims to rehabilitate approximately 10 housing units, ensuring safer and more sustainable living conditions for eligible residents.
- **Organization:** This program extends beyond typical Housing Office activities by offering direct financial assistance to very low- and low-income homeowners who can't obtain conventional loans. It funds essential home repairs and improvements rather than only providing oversight or referrals. By doing so, it helps preserve affordable housing and strengthen neighborhood stability in West Allis.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** Yes – HOME funds, TID 7, TID 11

Housing Rehabilitation Multi-Unit Loan Program

CDBG-25-3

- **Organization:** West Allis Housing Office
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$50,000
- **National Objective:** Limited Clientele
- **Number of people impacted:** 2
- **Description:** This project establishes a loan fund to help low-income, owner-occupied multi-family property owners make essential repairs and improvements to their homes. Eligible owners earning below 80% of the county median income can receive low-interest loans ranging from 0% to 2.5%, up to \$40,000 per unit, to correct code and safety violations, remove lead paint, weatherize, or improve accessibility. The program also offers down payment assistance for households purchasing and committing to occupy a duplex for at least five years. It is expected to rehabilitate three duplexes—six housing units total—improving safety and preserving affordable housing in West Allis.
- **Organization:** This program extends beyond typical Housing Office activities by offering direct financial assistance to very low- and low-income homeowners who can't obtain conventional loans. It funds essential home repairs and improvements rather than only providing oversight or referrals. By doing so, it helps preserve affordable housing and strengthen neighborhood stability in West Allis.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** Yes – TID 7, TID 11

Economic Development Programs

- 3 applications
- Total requested \$385,000 or 27% of estimated 2026 budget authority

Economic Development Loan Program

CDBG-25-22

- **Organization:** West Allis Economic Development Department
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$250,000
- **National Objective:** Limited Clientele
- **Number of people impacted:** 20
- **Description:** This program provides “gap” financing loans to small businesses to support projects that create or retain jobs, with at least 51% of those positions designated for low- and moderate-income individuals. It also assists microenterprises and small businesses with startup or expansion funding. Program costs cover loan servicing, underwriting, legal and compliance requirements, marketing, and reporting. The overall goal is to create or retain 20 jobs for low- and moderate-income residents.
- **Organization:** The program provides financial assistance to businesses or to entrepreneurs looking to grow a business but have a gap or are unable to secure conventional financing.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** Yes – Private investment

Commercial Façade Grant Program

CDBG-25-21

- **Organization:** West Allis Economic Development Department
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$70,000
- **National Objective:** Area Benefit
- **Number of people impacted:** 59,065
- **Description:** The Commercial Façade Grant Program provides partial reimbursement grants for exterior improvements to commercial buildings in designated areas such as Downtown, Six Points, Pioneer Neighborhood, and Burnham Point, as well as spot blight sites citywide. Its purpose is to address slum and blight conditions, enhance property appearance, and strengthen neighborhood vitality. By extending the economic life of buildings and increasing taxable value, the program contributes to overall community improvement, with a goal of completing three façade grants annually.
- **Organization:** Proactively assisting property owners, investors, and businesses obtain or leverage financial assistance to address a blighted conditions.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** Yes – Private investment

Micro Enterprise Technical Assistance Program

CDBG-24-20

- **Organization:** Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC)
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$65,000
- **National Objective:** Limited Clientele
- **Number of people impacted:** 20
- **Description:** WWBIC's Training and Technical Assistance program supports current and aspiring microentrepreneurs in West Allis by offering free business education, individualized support, and access to fair financing. It provides no-cost training in English and Spanish on topics such as financial management, marketing, technology, and operations, available both in person and online. Through one-on-one technical assistance, peer mentoring, and a 24/7 online resource portal, WWBIC helps entrepreneurs strengthen business plans, manage finances, and sustain growth. The organization also offers responsible small business loans ranging from \$1,000 to \$350,000 and facilitates 0% interest microloans through Kiva, expanding access to capital for low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs.
- **Organization:** WWBIC is a long-standing economic development organization that combines business training, technical assistance, and access to responsible capital to help entrepreneurs start and sustain small businesses. With over 37 years of experience and a 24-year partnership with the City of West Allis, WWBIC-supported businesses maintain a higher success rate than the state average. It collaborates with the U.S. Small Business Administration, local universities, chambers of commerce, and financial institutions to provide comprehensive, non-duplicative support for microenterprises, veterans, and other underserved entrepreneurs.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** Yes – Small Business Administration Office of Women's Business Ownership

Public Facility Programs

- 6 applications
- Total requested \$735,500 or 52% of estimated 2026 budget

Rogers Park

CDBG-25-20

- **Organization:** WA Department of Public Works
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$290,000
- **National Objective:** Area Benefit
- **Number of people impacted:** 1230
- **Description:** The project aims to continue improvements at Rogers Park by enhancing accessibility, safety, and sustainability. Planned upgrades include ADA-compliant ramps, pathways, and play features, as well as replacing the wood chip play surface with a soft, accessible surface. A new swing set with a wheelchair-accessible swing and upgraded pathway lighting will further improve inclusivity and safety. Additionally, green infrastructure elements will be incorporated as part of the project to promote environmental education, funded separately from the main improvements.
- **Organization:** The scope of this project extends beyond typical DPW projects. As the only park in the neighborhood, these ADA improvements will ensure that Rogers Park is accessible and enjoyable for everyone. The project also includes educational signage explaining the function and importance of green infrastructure elements like the rain garden. Though funded separately, these green features complement the accessibility upgrades to create a more inclusive and engaging park experience.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** Yes – Green Solutions, Storm Utility

NEW 70th & National Ped Improvements

CDBG-25-11

- **Organization:** West Allis Engineering Department
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$170,500
- **National Objective:** Area Benefit
- **Number of people impacted:** 2,355
- **Description:** This project aims to improve safety and mobility along W. National Avenue between S. 70th Street and the railroad tracks. Planned improvements include curb bump-outs, high-visibility crosswalks, and new dedicated left-turn lanes at key intersections. The redesign will add a protected bike lane on the north side and enhance existing lanes on the south side while adding bus pull-in areas to reduce traffic disruptions. A new median at the railroad tracks will provide a safe refuge for pedestrians and cyclists connecting to the future multiuse path.
- **Organization:** While road construction is a routine city function, undertaking a major pedestrian and traffic safety project outside of a full reconstruction is uncommon. Since W. National Avenue was last resurfaced in 2009, new apartments and businesses have significantly increased traffic, creating safety concerns for pedestrians. This project responds to community complaints about speeding and unsafe crossings by introducing traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements ahead of the normal capital planning schedule.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** No

New Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming Annual Program

CDBG-25-19

- **Organization:** West Allis Engineering Department
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$100,000
- **National Objective:** Area Benefit
- **Number of people impacted:** 59,065
- **Description:** The Engineering Department operates an annual program focused on improving pedestrian safety and implementing traffic calming measures citywide. Target areas are selected based on traffic studies, crash data, public complaints, and the presence of disadvantaged populations. Each project undergoes analysis, design, bidding, and construction on a yearly cycle, with design work in winter and spring and construction in summer and fall. Only improvements located in low- and moderate-income areas are eligible for CDBG funding, and typical treatments include ADA-accessible bump-outs, pedestrian refuge islands, traffic circles, and accessible pedestrian signal (APS) systems.
- **Organization:** The City is experiencing growing demand for pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures as reckless driving increases risks for walkers and cyclists, particularly among disadvantaged residents who rely on public ways. To meet these needs, the City seeks to expand its budget by supplementing local funds with CDBG resources to address more high-need areas. As requests rise, more standalone safety projects are required outside of the traditional road reconstruction schedule.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** No

Exterior Code Enforcement Program

CDBG-25-4

- **Organization:** West Allis Code Enforcement Department
- **Amount of funds requested:** \$170,000
- **National Objective:** Area Benefit
- **Number of people impacted:** 26,450
- **Description:** This program aims to serve 26,450 residents in designated low- and moderate-income areas by conducting property inspections in the Wood Dale and Juneau Highlands neighborhoods and other CDBG-eligible zones. Approximately 1,100 properties will receive initial inspections, with follow-ups and enforcement actions as needed throughout 2025. Located within Census Tracts 101500, 100600, and 101700, these efforts will improve property maintenance and reduce neighborhood blight. Progress will be tracked through detailed reports on inspections, violations, enforcement actions, and year-to-date outcomes.
- **Organization:** This program goes beyond the typical scope of the Code Enforcement Department by taking a proactive, area-based approach rather than relying solely on complaint-driven inspections. It specifically targets identified slum and blighted areas to systematically address and correct code violations, improving overall neighborhood conditions. Additionally, it leverages other CDBG loan programs to assist property owners with necessary repairs, creating a more comprehensive and preventive strategy for community revitalization.
- **Leverages other funding sources:** No

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I. ADMINISTRATION (20% Cap of total budget)							
1. Community Development Administrative Costs	21A	Overall program administration, including (but not limited to) salaries, wages, and related costs of grantee staff or others engaged in program management, monitoring, and evaluation. These activities, along with planning activities, are subject to the 20 percent limitation under24 CFR 570.200(g) and 570.489(a)(3).	\$ 279,037	\$ 153,008	\$ 277,784	\$ -	
2. Fair Housing Administrative Costs	21D	Fair housing activities carried out as part of general program administration rather than as a public service. These activities are subject to the 20 percent limitation under 24 CFR 570.200(g) and 570.489(a)(3).	\$ 7,109	\$ 4,384	\$ 5,554	\$ -	
TOTAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FUNDING REQUESTS:			\$ 286,146	\$ 157,392	\$ 283,338	\$ -	\$ -
II. PUBLIC SERVICE REQUESTS (15% Cap of total budget)							
3. Community Service Officer (CDBG-25-18)	05I	Promotion of crime awareness and prevention, including crime prevention education programs, community-oriented policing programs above and beyond normal staffing levels, installation of security cameras, and paying for security guards serving residents in CT 1001 & 1002 (blocks 1-4).	\$ 36,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	
4. Graffiti Removal/Abatement (CDBG-25-16)	5V	One-time or short-term efforts to remove graffiti from neighborhoods. All residents in the LMI will benefit from this program (53,345 persons total). Examples of legitimate uses of this code include neighborhood cleanup campaigns and graffiti removal.	\$ 6,021	\$ 6,312	\$ 6,021	\$ -	\$ -
5. Gang Prevention (CDBG-25-17)	05I	Promotion of crime awareness and prevention, including identification of organized crime members & associates orienting policing investigations above and beyond normal staffing levels, available to all West Allis residents in LMA (53,345 persons).	\$ 11,820	\$ 11,820	\$ 11,820	\$ -	
6. WISH (Women Initiate Self-Healing and Hope) Program (CDBG-25-15)	05G	Domestic violence support group - Services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.	\$ 14,270	\$ 5,939	\$ 10,270	\$ -	
7. ERAS (West Central Neighborhood Outreach Program (CDBG-25-24)	05A	Goal: Enhance older adults' independence and safety through volunteer services, including transportation to healthcare appointments/grocery stores, grocery shopping assistance, friendly phone calls, home chores, and referrals.	\$ 20,322	\$ -	\$ 29,500	\$ -	
8. Liberty Heights Pool Program (CDBG-25-5)	05Z	Rec Department staff at Liberty Height wading pool funds lifeguard.	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	
9. South West Suburban Health Department (SWSHD), Healthy/Safe Homes Initiative (CDBG-25-23)	05M	This is a new preventative program to be run by the Health Department. The City of West Allis Health Department staff to provide in-home services: lead screening, radon screening, water testing,mold/moisture inspection, assessment of asthma triggers, falls preventionassessment and health education, and assessment of human services needs.	\$ 37,211	\$ -	\$ 77,214	\$ -	
10. SWSHD, Vermin Abatement (CDBG-25-10)	5	Ongoing vermin abatement services in an LMA.	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,315	\$ 16,000	\$ -	
11. Family Resource Center -Supporting Families Stregthening Communities (CDBG-25-6)	05L	Services that will benefit children (generally under age 13), including parenting skills classes.	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ -	
12. Metro MKE Fair Housing Services (new) (CDBG-25-14)	05J	Provide technical assistance to residents and expand equal access to housing opportunities through comprehensive fair housing enforcement and education services. Limited Clientele (LMC)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	

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13. WRTP/Big Step (CDBG-25-12)	05H	Assistance to increase self-sufficiency, including literacy, independent living skills, resume writing, job coaching, “how to get and keep a job” training, or training students in a particular field on skill when there is no tie to a specific position or business.	\$ 20,322	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -
14. New Hope Ministries - Hope Pantry (CDBG-25-7)	05Z	Through partnering with WAWM School District, Hope Ministries will provide clothing and food to homeless and transitional families, providing outreach for low income families. Currently, 160 families and over 700 people are served by this program, providing families with adequate food, clothing, school supplies, winter coats, and hygiene items. This is an LMA activity.	\$ 15,322	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ -	
15. Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative (CDBG-25-13)	05Z	Serve homeless and at-risk veterans through services that include a food pantry, housing support, job training, and general social services for low and moderate income individuals. Applicant anticipates aerving at least 100 veterans who meet the CDBG criteria.	\$ 15,322	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	
16. Vision Forward (new) (CDBG-25-8)	05M	This new application aims to provide education, training, and therapeutic services that support seniors living with blindness or visual impairmnet. This is a Limited Clientele activity (LMC), with 61% of adults served over the age of 65 and 74% of clientele meeting low to moderate income guidelines.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,183	\$ -	
17. BID Security Cameras (CDBG-24-8)	05I	To assist in funding security cameras in the downtown business district of West Allis providing additional surveillance in conjunction with the police department. Expected to spend remaining by year end.	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
18. WAFD Safe Home Program (CDBG-25-25)	21C	Aims to reduce preventable risks for households lacking functional smoke alarms. This grant will fund the purchase of 10-year sealed smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) combination alarms. Target LMI neighborhoods identified as both high-risk for fires and economically disadvantaged. Success = reduction in preventable fire-related injuries and fatalities.	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,908	\$ 10,000	\$ -	
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING REQUESTS:			\$ 214,610	\$ 70,294	\$ 332,008	\$ -	\$ -

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III. HOUSING REHABILITATION							
19. Housing Rehabilitation Management (CDBG-)	14H	Rehabilitation: Administration - All delivery costs (including staff, other direct costs, and service costs) directly related to carrying out housing rehabilitation activities. Examples include appraisal, architectural, engineering, and other professional services; preparation of work specifications and work write-ups; loan processing and underwriting; survey, site and utility plans; application processing.	\$ 28,750	\$ 19,697	\$ 28,750	\$ -	\$ -
20. Housing Rehabilitation Single Family Loan Program (CDBG-25-2)	14A	Rehabilitation: Single-Unit Residential - Rehabilitation of privately owned, single-unit homes.	\$ 99,672	\$ -	\$ 115,000	\$ -	\$ -
21. Housing Rehabilitation Multi-Unit Loan Program (CDBG-25-3)	14B	Rehabilitation: Multi-Unit Residential - Rehabilitation of privately owned buildings with two or more permanent residential units.	\$ 14,651	\$ -	\$ 14,651	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REHABILITATION FUNDING REQUESTS:			\$ 143,073	\$ 19,697	\$ 158,401	\$ -	\$ -

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IV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REQUESTS							
22. Economic Development Loan Program (CDBG-)	18A	Financial assistance to private for-profit businesses to (for example) acquire property, clear structures, build, expand or rehabilitate a building, purchase equipment, or provide operating capital. Forms of assistance include loans, loan guarantees, and grants.	\$ 229,905	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -
23. Micro Enterprise Technical Assistance-WWBIC (CDBG-24-20)	18C	Financial assistance, technical assistance, or general support services to owners and developers of microenterprises. A microenterprise is a business with five or fewer employees, including the owner(s). The activity must be designed to exclusively serve microenterprises.	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ -
24. Commercial Façade Improvement Program (CDBG-24-9)	14E	Rehabilitation of commercial/industrial property. If the property is privately owned, CDBG-funded rehab is limited to: Exterior improvements (generally referred to as “façade improvements”). Correction of code violations.	\$ 34,163	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUESTS:			\$ 329,068	\$ -	\$ 385,000	\$ -	\$ -

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V. PUBLIC FACILITIES							
25. Rogers Park (CDBG-25-20)	03F	Installation of new ADA pathways equipment, park amenities, shelter, etc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 290,000	\$ -	\$ -
26. COWA Water Utility Department (CDBG-24-5)	03J	Installation or repair of waterlines, sanitary sewers, storm sewers and private lead service line replacements to assist in removing all private lead service lines that will mandate EPA operational requirements of owners who are low/moderate income to afford the upgrade cost.	\$ 147,835	\$ -	\$0	0	
27. Exterior Code Enforcement Program (CDBG-25-4)	15		\$ 200,000	\$ 127,870	\$ 175,000	\$ -	\$ -
28. New - COWA Engineering 70th & National Ped Improvements (CDBG-25-11)	03K	Installation or repair of streets, street drains, storm drains, curbs and gutters, tunnels, bridges, and traffic lights/signs.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170,500	\$ -	\$ -
29. COWA Engineering 65th & National Ped Improvements (CDBG-24-17)	03K	Installation or repair of streets, street drains, storm drains, curbs and gutters, tunnels, bridges, and traffic lights/signs.	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$0	0	
30. New - Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming Annual Program (CDBG-25-19)	03K	Program helps to install safety and traffic calming features throughout the city based on crash reports, complaints, and areas of disadvantaged persons. LMA Benefit identified.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	
TOTAL PUBLIC FACILITIES REQUESTS:			\$ 457,835	\$ 127,870	\$ 735,500	\$ -	\$ -

TOTAL ALL FUNDING REQUESTS:				Funded FY2025	Program Income Est 2026	Total Requested for FY 2026	Funding Recommendation 2026	As Amended by Block Grant Committee
Total HUD award				\$ 1,180,732	\$ 236,000	\$ 1,894,247		\$ -
Total HUD award (+PI)				\$ 1,430,732				\$ -
Total Requests Under/(Over)						\$ (477,515)	\$ 1,416,732	
A. ADMINISTRATION CAP CALCULATION	Total Funds Available			CAP		Maximum \$ Allowed	Balance	
	\$ 1,416,732			20%		\$ 283,346	\$ 283,346	
B. PUBLIC SERVICE CAP CALCULATION	Total Funds Available			CAP		Maximum \$ Allowed	Balance	
	\$ 1,416,732			15%		\$ 212,510	\$ 212,510	
C. FY 2025 ALLOCATION/AVAILABLE FUNDS	Estimate FY 2025	TBD HUD Actual Award FY 2026		Difference +/-		Max spending cap based off total budget authority estimates		
Projected Entitlement Amount	\$ 1,180,732	\$ 1,180,732		\$ -				
Estimated Housing Rehabilitation Repayments (Program Income)	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000						
Estimated Economic Development Repayments (Program Income)	\$ 164,000	\$ 150,000						
Total	\$ 1,430,732	\$ 1,416,732		\$ (14,000.00)				
						Difference between what we think HUD will allocate in 2026 and what we know programs are requesting		

Max spending cap based off total budget authority estimates

Difference between what we think HUD will allocate in 2026 and what we know programs are requesting

D. National Objective Test

Total Available Funds (excluding Administration)	At least 70% funds to be allocated to LMI beneficiaries	Amount Allocated	%
\$ 1,133,394	70%	\$ 1,534,888	135%

All LMI projects (less admin and slum & blight). The Amount Allocated & percentage exceed what we estmiate to be our total budget authority. Will be adjusted when funding recommendation are made by BG Committee.

Total Available Funds (excluding Administration and Contingency)	A Maximum of 30% may be allocated to Slum & Blight removal	Amount Allocated	%
\$ 1,133,394	30%	\$ 76,021	7%

Slum & blight projects (Commercial façade program & grafitti abatement)

Estimating to receive less from HUD in 2026 Program Income similar

A. ADMINISTRATION CAP CALCULATION	Total Est. Funds Available		CAP	Maximum Allowed	Amount Requested	Max Allowed minus Requested = Over/(Under)
			20%	\$ 283,346	\$ 283,338	\$ 8
B. PUBLIC SERVICE CAP CALCULATION	Total Est. Funds Available		CAP	Maximum Allowed	Amount Requested	Over/(Under)
			15%	\$ 212,510	\$ 332,008	\$ (119,498)