

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2870

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET
FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT FUNDS
FOR THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA
FOR THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND SUMTER CITY COUNCIL, ON THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAME:

Section 1. That the budget for Community Development Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$368,392.00 for the federal fiscal year 2025-2026 is hereby adopted by Sumter City Council and is hereby made a part hereof as fully as if incorporated herein and a copy thereof is attached hereto.

Section 2. That the City Manager shall administer the budget and may authorize the following to achieve the goals of the budget.

- 1) Authorize the transfer of appropriated funds within and between departments and budgeted accounts as necessary.
- 2) Designate continuing projects from surplus funds in accordance with the Grantee Consolidated Plans.
- 3) Follow the Purchasing Ordinance in procurement and awarding of contracts.

Section 3. Encumbrances will be carried over to the next year as a reserve to the fund balance; and expenditures approved by Sumter City Council shall automatically carry amendments to fund appropriation where necessary.

Section 4. If for any reason any sentence, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof.

ADOPTED IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

David P. Merchant, Mayor

James B. Blassingame, Mayor Pro Tempore

Calvin K. Hastie, Sr., Councilman

Colin C. Davis, Councilman

Gifford M. Shaw, Councilman

Anthony Gibson, Councilman

Rebecca Lynn Kennedy, Councilwoman

ATTEST:

Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

First Reading: February 4, 2025
Second/Final Reading: February 18, 2025



2025-2026 CDBG Budget
Community Development Department
Sumter, South Carolina 29150

HUD Allocation for period April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026

\$368,392.00

Public Service Cap (15%)*

\$ 55,258.80

Administration Cap (20%)

\$ 73,678.40

Name of Project	Amount	Matrix Code	Regulation Citation	National Objective
Administration (Administer the entitlement program)	\$73,678	21A	570.206	---
Demolition (Eliminate slum and blight in residential and commercial areas)	\$30,000	04	570.201(D)	SBS
United Ministries (Provide minor home repairs for LMI citizens)	\$44,900	14A	570.202	LMH
Housing Repair (Housing repair for LMI citizens)	\$165,314	14A	570.202	LMH
YMCA Youth Services (Provide vouchers for LMI youth to participate in activities)	\$2,500	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*
Youth Employment (Provide summer employment for 40 LMI youth)	\$49,000	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*
HYPE Program (Provide students supplies for LMI youth)	\$3,000	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*

Total: \$368,392.00

Public Service

LMI - Low-to-Moderate Income

LMA - Low-to-Moderate Area

LMC - Low-to-Moderate Clientele

LMH - Low-to-Moderate Housing

SBA - Slum/Blight Area

SBS - Slum/Blight Spot



**CDBG EXPECTED EXPENDITURES
FOR PROPOSED CDBG BUDGET
April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026**

1. ***Administration*** - Salaries, benefits, vehicle maintenance and gas, conferences, office supplies
2. ***Demolition*** - On-going demolition requests will assure funds will be spent on a yearly basis.
3. ***United Ministries Housing Rehab*** - The agency will use volunteers to do minor housing rehab for low-to-moderate-income homeowners within the city limits. The city will provide CDBG funds for the material needed.
4. ***Housing Repair*** - Rehab six (6) houses of low-to-moderate-income homeowners on a yearly basis, (based on cost of repairs). A Lead-Based Paint inspection must be conducted on each house when using Community Development Block Grant funds. The cost for a Lead-Based Paint inspection for each house is \$500.00, and the cost for the re-inspection once the lead is removed is \$450.00.
5. ***YMCA*** - Provide vouchers for low-to-moderate-income youth to participate in activities.
6. ***Youth Program*** - All funds will be expended during the summer of 2025 program. The goal is to hire thirty-five (35) low-to-moderate-income students with Community funds and an additional 30 students with American Rescue Plan funds.
7. ***HYPE*** - Provide student supplies, mentoring, and field trips for low-to-moderate-income youth within the program.

Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Communities Grants

Nature of Program

HUD awards grants to entitlement community grantees to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services.

Entitlement communities develop their own programs and funding priorities. However, grantees must give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A grantee may also carry out activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. Additionally, grantees may fund activities when the grantee certifies that the activities meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. CDBG funds may not be used for activities which do not meet these broad national objectives.

Eligible Activities

CDBG funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

acquisition of real property; relocation and demolition; rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures; construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes; public services, within certain limits; activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources; and provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities.

Requirements

To receive its annual CDBG entitlement grant, a grantee must develop and submit to HUD its **Consolidated Plan**, (which is a jurisdiction's comprehensive planning document and application for funding under the following Community Planning and Development formula grant programs: **CDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships**, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (**HOPWA**), and Emergency Shelter Grants (**ESG**). In its Consolidated Plan, the jurisdiction must identify its goals for these programs as well as for housing programs. The goals will serve as the criteria against which HUD will evaluate a jurisdiction's Plan and its performance under the Plan. Also, the Consolidated Plan must include several required certifications, including that not less than 70% of the CDBG funds received, over a one, two or three year period specified by the grantee, will be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons, and that the grantee will affirmatively further fair housing. HUD will approve a Consolidated Plan submission unless the Plan (or a portion of it) is inconsistent with the purposes of the National Affordable Housing Act or is substantially incomplete.



Date: October 2, 2024

Location: Birnie Hope Center

Citizen Attendance: 3

Concerns raised at the meeting were:

- Flooding on Oakland Avenue, East Red Bay Road and Morton Streets.
- Flooding at the traffic lights on Lafayette Drive.
- Several properties need to be demolished on Orange Street.
- Lack of streetlights in dark areas on Dingle, Oakland and Barlette Streets.

Date: October 7, 2024

Location: North Hope Center

Citizen Attendance: 12

Concerns raised at the meeting were:

- Drainage repair of Dibert Street is needed due to flooding when it rains. A work order has been submitted for repair.
- Why is Lincoln High School not in the downtown business district?
- Could Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds be used to refurbish Lincoln High School?
- When will Dibert Street be extended?
- Complimented the city for filling potholes around the North Hope Center area.
- When will the city start the North Main Street project?



Date: October 9, 2024

Location: South Hope Center

Citizen Attendance: 2

Concerns raised at the meeting were:

- Several houses need to be demolished on Carolina Avenue.
- Brunson Street needs to be paved, and the street sign needs to be replaced.
- The Staff was asked whether the city cleans neglected vacant lots.

Date: October 16, 2024

Location: South Sumter Resource Center

Citizen Attendance: 16

Concerns raised at the meeting were:

- Vacant lots on Dingle Street decrease property values nearby. Staff was asked could the city build affordable homes there.
- The Neighborhood Initiative Program (NIP) was understood to focus on demolishing dilapidated homes and replacing them with affordable housing after three years.
- The city needs to improve the marketing of programs and events to keep citizens informed.
- Proposal for local college interns to teach free technical skills (coding and game design) to kids at the HOPE Centers.
- There should be no dirt roads within city limits.



Public Hearing

Date: November 19, 2024

Location: Opera House, Council Chambers

Citizen Attendance:

Concerns raised at the meeting were:

- Would like to see some type of seating for people who wait for the RTA bus
- Additional cameras needed in Dillon Park
- More lighting surrounding local schools and additional bicycle lanes needed on Main Street



SUMTER UNITED MINISTRIES

rebuilding lives

City of Sumter
PO Box 1449
Sumter, SC 29150
Attention: Deron McCormick

November 14, 2024

Dear Deron,

On behalf of Sumter United Ministries, I am writing to request \$24,900 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the April 2025 to March 2026 grant year. The mission of our Construction Ministry is to ensure that homes are safe, dry, secure, and accessible. Since 2010, we have been honored to partner with the City of Sumter, leveraging CDBG resources to positively impact our neighbors' lives.

These funds are critical to our ability to coordinate volunteers and, when necessary, hire local contractors to carry out essential repairs. Our primary focus areas include roof replacements, home repairs, and building wheelchair ramps. Currently, the material cost for replacing a smaller roof averages \$4,500, while the cost to build a wheelchair ramp is approximately \$1,500.

The impact of these funds goes far beyond dollars—they represent love, care, and hope for our neighbors. For example:

- We recently assisted a mom of one living on a fixed income whose roof was leaking. Unable to afford the cost of repairs, they relied on CDBG-funded materials and our dedicated volunteers to replace the roof, providing a safer and more comfortable home environment.

- We also built a wheelchair ramp for a senior who is wheelchair-bound. Her daughter, who is her caregiver, was preparing for knee replacement surgery shortly after the ramp was completed. Thanks to this project, both mother and daughter now have an easier and safer way to access their home.

These stories illustrate the meaningful difference these funds make in the lives of our neighbors. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing partnership and respectfully request approval of the \$24,900 for the upcoming CDBG grant cycle. These funds will enable us to continue meeting critical needs in our community and transforming lives through service.

Thank you for considering our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information or have any questions.

Mark Champagne
Executive Director

Subject: Community Development Block Grant Funding Request for the YMCA of Sumter's Afterschool Program

Dear Mr. Gaines,

We are writing to respectfully request your consideration for continued funding grant to support the expansion and continuation of our vital afterschool program, at the YMCA of Sumter.

About our Program:

- **Mission:**

To provide a safe and enriching environment for Pre K – 8th grade students after school, fostering academic growth, social development, and creative exploration through STEM activities, tutoring, art, sports and much more.

- **Community Need:**

Our afterschool program promotes literacy development by helping children complete school work and improve reading skills.

Our afterschool program promotes and encourages children to get physical activity.

Our afterschool program encourages and help children learn about nutrition by providing healthy snack options through our Food Program.

Our afterschool programs can help keep kids off the streets and away from negative influences.

Our afterschool program supports the high percentage of working families in the Sumter communities by providing access to after school activities for their children.

- **Impact:**

Our program currently serves 164 students, with demonstrated positive outcomes including improved grades, increased engagement, and reduced behavioral issues.

Funding Request Details:

- **Amount Requested:** \$2500.00 or more if available

- **Proposed Use of Funds:**

These funds will be utilized to provide financial assistance to families who need help paying for their child's participation in our after school program. These scholarship/grant

funds are based on income level and can help cover a portion or all of the program costs.

Program Highlights:

We are currently partnership with Liberty STEAM Charter School where we serve 65 of their scholars in addition to the Sumter District students.

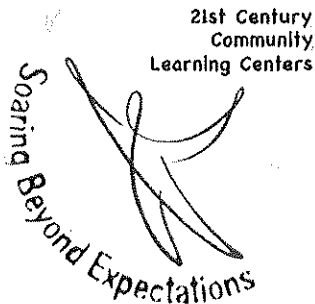
We believe your contribution to our YMCA of Sumter's Afterschool Program will significantly impact the lives of our students by providing them with valuable opportunities for learning and personal growth outside of regular school hours.

We would be happy to provide further details about our program and discuss potential partnership opportunities. Please feel free to contact us at (803) 773-1404 or email me at fgeorgia@ymcasumter.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Fannie Georgia
Youth Development Director
YMCA of Sumter



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(803) 934-9527 (office) (803) 934-0022 (fax)

January 06, 2025

Deron McCormick
21 N. Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150

Dear Mr. McCormick

Please use this letter as our formal request for funding from the Community Block Development Grant for 2025. With the support of the community, we have been able to continue our programs uninterrupted for the past 23 years. We are requesting \$5000.00 to help with supplies and materials for our programs that are housed in the H.O.P.E. centers. With the support of the Community Block Development Grant, this would not only help us ensure our children continue to receive the best after-school support possible, but it would also strengthen our 21st-century community learning centers grant application for the 2025-2026 school year.

Thank you for all you do to make Sumter a better place for us to live, work, worship, and play. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at the number listed above.

For the children,

Barney A. Gadson,
Director
H.Y.P.E. After School Programs

CC: Mr. Clarence Gaines