

**THE ITEM**  
**MAY 2, 2026**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Sumter will be conducting a Public Hearing, **Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, at City Hall, Fourth Floor, City Council Chambers, 21 North Main Street, Sumter, SC, to receive comments from citizens on its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER is a report on how the City utilized its Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$333,755.00, for the period of 4/1/25-3/31/26. This report will be available for review from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, May 22, 2026, through June 22, 2026, in Suite 4 of the Liberty Center, 12 W. Liberty Street, Sumter, SC. Handicapped and/or disabled individuals needing transportation are encouraged to call the Community Development Office at 774-1649 or our Voice Line for hearing impaired persons which is the same number. Persons needing Spanish or other interpretation may have someone call the same telephone number on their behalf in advance of the hearing. Entrance to the Opera House is handicapped accessible. Citizens may direct questions to Clarence Gaines at 774-1649.

David P. Merchant, Mayor

Clarence Gaines, Community Development  
Director





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

<b>HUD Allocation</b> for period April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026	<b>\$333,755.00</b>
<b>Public Service Cap</b> (15%)	<b>\$ 50,063.25</b>
<b>Administration Cap</b> (20%)	<b>\$ 66,751.00</b>

Name of Project	Amount	Matrix Code	Regulation Citation	National Objective
<b>Administration</b> (Administer the entitlement program)	\$66,751	21A	570.206	---
<b>Demolition</b> (Eliminate slum and blight in residential and commercial areas)	\$30,000	04	570.201(D)	SBS
<b>United Ministries</b> (Provide minor home repairs for LMI citizens)	\$44,900	14A	570.202	LMH
<b>Housing Repair</b> (Housing repair for LMI citizens)	\$143,104	14A	570.202	LMH
<b>YMCA Youth Services</b> (Provide vouchers for LMI youth to participate in activities)	\$2,500	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*
<b>Youth Employment</b> (Provide summer employment for 40 LMI youth)	\$43,500	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*
<b>HYPE Program</b> (Provide students supplies for LMI youth)	\$3,000	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*

**Total: \$333,755.00**

**\*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



## Executive Summary

Citizens were advised on May 2, 2026, through an advertisement published in *The Sumter Item* that the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) would be available for public review from May 22, 2026, through June 22, 2026. Citizens were encouraged to come to review the report and provide input regarding how the City utilized Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds during the fiscal year *April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026*.

**Sewer Improvements**, including plumbing repairs, were completed for six Low to Moderate Income (LMI) homeowners during this fiscal year.

**Historic Preservation** efforts continue to foster partnerships with businesses and property owners. The Façade Grant Program allots funding to improve the facades of buildings located within the downtown business district. Since the inception of the current Façade Grant program in 1995, more than \$13 million in historic building renovations have been completed in the downtown historic district while utilizing less than \$400,000 in CDBG funding. During this CAPER period, façade grant assistance was provided for two downtown businesses.

**Housing Repairs** were completed using CDBG funding. A total of six owner-occupied homes were rehabilitated for LMI occupants during the fiscal year. Under the housing repair program, City used funds to compensate inspectors for lead-based paint assessments and to provide construction advisory services, including project write-ups, inspections, and bid preparation. Each home was inspected before construction and again upon completion to ensure proper lead-based paint removal.

Through the **Sumter United Ministries Housing Repair Program**, minor repairs were completed on 13 owner-occupied homes benefiting LMI occupants. Repairs included roof repairs, toilet replacements, and door replacements.

The **Youth Employment Program** benefited 61 students during the summer, and 35 participants were enrolled in the Co-Op program for youth ages 14 and 15, while 26 participants were enrolled in the Youth Corps Program for high school students ages 16 and older.

**YMCA of Sumter** funding provided five LMI youth with access to a variety of programs and services offered by the YMCA, including summer camp participation, swim instruction classes, and life skills development workshops.

**H.Y.P.E.** funding enabled 157 students to participate in a summer camp field trip to the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, Georgia. Funding also supported the purchase of 157 backpacks and school supplies for the upcoming school year.