



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING  
AND DEVELOPMENT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

May 14, 2025

The Honorable David Merchant  
Mayor of Sumter  
PO Box 1449  
21. N. Main Street  
Sumter, SC 29151-1449

Dear Mayor Merchant,

Secretary Scott Turner is committed to improving housing opportunities, reducing regulations to lower housing cost, and expanding housing supply for hardworking Americans. The nationwide shortage of rental and owner-occupied properties and the current rate of construction has not kept pace with the demand. This lack of adequate housing supply leads to higher prices for renters and homebuyers alike, forcing some into homelessness and preventing countless Americans from becoming homeowners. Across the country, partnerships between public and private sectors are providing millions of Americans an opportunity to get ahead. HUD is determined to continue its collaboration with you so programs are responsibly utilized and can spark additional leveraging and partnerships to address the nation's housing crisis.

As authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 119-4) on March 15, 2025, I am honored and excited to announce that your jurisdiction is receiving the following Fiscal Year 2025 allocations for the identified programs:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - \$333,755.00

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) - \$0.00

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) - \$0.00

Housing Opportunities for Persons W/ HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) - \$0.00

Housing Trust Fund (HTF) - \$0.00

Recovery Housing Program (RHP) - \$0.00

In addition, your jurisdiction's CDBG allocation for this year provides you with \$1,533,775.00 in available Section 108 loan guarantee borrowing authority. Section 108 permits you to borrow up to five times of your current CDBG allocation. This loan allows jurisdictions to maximize access to low-interest capital, and provide long-term financing to invest in Opportunity Zones, or further address gap financing for big projects that you envision for your community.

As you are finalizing your Annual Action Plans or Consolidated Plans that are due for submission to our office by August 16, 2025, please be reminded that it is important to align with executive orders and applicable laws. If you or any member of your staff have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your local HUD Field Office in Columbia or CPDGDAS@hud.gov.

Thank you for your interest in CPD programs and for ensuring that these dollars are responsibly achieving outcomes as intended by law. When people have a safe and stable place to call home, they can focus on contributing to the economy and be productive members of their respective communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C Fernandez", written in a cursive style.

Claudette Fernandez  
General Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Community Planning and Development

**ADOPTED**



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

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

**\$368,392.00**

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**\$ 55,258.80**

**Administration Cap (20%)**

**\$ 73,678.40**

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<b>Housing Repair</b> (Housing repair for LMI citizens)	<b>\$143,104</b>	14A	570.202	LMH
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<b>Youth Employment</b> (Provide summer employment for 40 LMI youth)	<b>\$43,500</b>	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*
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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2870  
WHICH ADOPTED A BUDGET FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT FUNDS  
FOR THE CITY OF SUMTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

**WHEREAS,** the Budget for Community Development Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$368,392.00 for the Federal Fiscal Year 2025-2026 was adopted by City Council on February 18, 2025, based on the amount of funds allocated to the City of Sumter for the previous budget year; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Sumter received a letter dated May 14, 2025, from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development (attached), announcing an actual allocation of \$333,755.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to the City of Sumter for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and

**WHEREAS,** the Sumter City Council therefore finds it necessary to amend its Community Development Entitlement Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as shown on the attached amended budget to reflect the official allocation from HUD. The amended 2025-2026 CDBG Budget in the amount of \$333,755.00 is hereby made a part hereof as fully as if incorporated herein and a copy thereof is attached hereto.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2025, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAME:**

**Section 1.** That the amended Budget for Community Development Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$333,755.00 for the Federal Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is hereby adopted by 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 Comprehensive Plan.
- 3) Follow City 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 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 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2025.**

**CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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ATTEST:

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Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

First Reading: June 3, 2025

Final Reading: June 17, 2025

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FOR THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND SUMTER CITY COUNCIL, ON THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> 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.

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First Reading: February 4, 2025

Second/Final Reading: February 18, 2025



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