

SUMMARY

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE'S ANNUAL ACTION PLANS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – RECOVERY HOUSING PROGRAM (CDBG-RHP) & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – COVID PROGRAM (CDBG-CV)

The Community Development Block Grant – Recovery Housing Program (CDBG-RHP) provides grants for the development and/or rehabilitation of permanent or transitional housing for people in recovery from a substance use disorder (SUD). The Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus program (CDBG-CV) provided funds for the State of Tennessee to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including responding to food insecurity and making updates to parks and open spaces.

Proposed amendments to these programs are summarized below:

CDBG-RHP: The State of Tennessee has received annual federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the CDBG-RHP program and has outlined the methods of distribution for this funding in the following Annual Action Plans:

1. 2020-24 Consolidated Plan & 20-21 Annual Action Plan
2. 2021-22 Annual Action Plan
3. 2022-23 Annual Action Plan
4. 2023-24 Annual Action Plan
5. 2024-25 Annual Action Plan
6. 2025-29 Consolidated Plan & 25-26 Annual Action Plan

The State of Tennessee plans to amend CDBG-RHP's methods of distribution in each of the Annual Action Plans listed above. The proposed amendment would allow a maximum grant award of \$1,000,000, instead of the previous maximum award of \$750,000. In addition, the amendment would change CDBG-RHP's methods of distribution to receive and evaluate applications for this funding anytime, as long as funding is available, instead of a designated application period. Finally, the amendment would require program applicants to meet a 50 percent threshold in application score to be eligible to receive the funds. These amendments will enable the State to more effectively and efficiently deploy these funds to provide housing for Tennesseans in recovery. The proposed amendment would not change the overall level of funding available for this program or the previously defined goals.

CDBG-CV: The State of Tennessee has received three one-time grants from HUD for the CDBG-CV program. The State's plans for these funds were outlined in the 19-20 Annual Action Plan. Throughout implementation of the CDBG-CV program, many activities have been finished and completed, resulting in recovery of unused grant funds. To quickly and efficiently deploy this recovered funding, the State of Tennessee proposes the following amendments to the 19-20 Annual Action Plan's CDBG-CV program:

1. Park Facilities and Open Space

- Increase the maximum allowable individual grant amount for the CDBG-CV Parks and Open Space activities to \$1,000,000.
- Increase the maximum allowable funding for these activities from \$9,500,000 to \$14,500,000.

2. Addressing Food Access and Insecurity

- Increase the maximum allowable funding for these activities from \$28,000,000 to \$35,000,000.

The State of Tennessee will prioritize the reallocation of recovered funding in the following order:

1. Funding new applicants for Addressing Food Insecurity activities, as long as the applicant can meet the expenditure deadline.
2. Providing additional funding for currently contracted Park Facilities and Open Space activities, as long as the project can meet the expenditure deadline.
3. Providing additional funding to eligible Food Banks that can distribute food resources in low-and-moderate income (LMI) communities, according to a previously defined formula.

By increasing the maximum size of the funding for the activities above and prioritizing an order for funding, the State of Tennessee will be able to reallocate funds quickly and transparently.

Citizen Participation: Tennesseans are encouraged to review and make comments about these proposed amendments beginning on Friday, October 24, 2025. Links to review the proposed amendments to the Annual Action Plans and a form to submit comments will be available at <https://thda.org/research-planning/public-notices-and-comment/> from October 24 - November 23, 2025, along with details for an in-person and virtual public hearing about the amendments.

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