

2024-2025 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment 2024-01

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Summary

The City of Fresno (City) is a federal entitlement community that receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As an entitlement community, the City is required to prepare an Annual Action Plan detailing the uses of CDBG and HOME funds to meet its affordable housing and community development goals as outlined in its Consolidated Plan.

For Program Year 2024-2025, the City is proposing to make a substantial amendment to its submitted plan. The purpose for the substantial amendment is to reprogram funds from program savings and other sources to demolition in support of affordable housing development, housing rehabilitation, and Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA).

To reprogram the funds, a substantial amendment is required. On February 12, 2025, the City published Substantial Amendment 2024-01 to the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan for the required 30-day public comment period. These efforts are in alignment with the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan goal to increase access to affordable housing.

Sources of Programmed Funds

Substantial Amendment 2024-01 will reprogram \$1,214,423.49 of CDBG funds and \$135,571.41 of HOME funds to support affordable housing development through demolition, exterior repairs, and rental assistance.

Entitlement Grant	Program Year	Action Plan Project	IDIS Activity ID Number	Activity Name	Amount Originally Awarded or Allocated	Amount Expended	Amount to Be Reprogrammed
CDBG	2018	N/A	N/A	Repayment	\$92,749.99	\$0	\$92,749.99
CDBG	2021	1	6471	Habitat for Humanity Home Repair Program	\$334,046.00	\$145,448.03	\$188,597.97
CDBG	2021	11	6279	Webster Neighborhood Canal Barricade	\$587,100.00	\$423,809.77	\$163,290.23
CDBG	2021	11	6340	Ericson Elementary Neighborhood Reconstruction - Street Improvements	\$1,994,577.00	\$1,239,974.60	\$754,602.40
CDBG	2023	8	6506	Chinatown Microenterprises	\$40,000.00	\$38,066.09	\$1,933.91
CDBG	2023	N/A	N/A	Repayment	\$13,248.99	\$0	\$13,248.99
Total CDBG	Sources of	Programr	ned Funds				\$1,214,423.49
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HOME	2023	14	6510	HOME Program Administration	\$357,808.00	\$222,236.59	\$135,571.41
Total HOME	Sources of	Program	ned Funds				\$135,571.41

Table 1 - Source of Programmed Funds

Uses of Programmed Funds

The City is proposing to utilize reprogrammed CDBG and HOME funds toward increasing affordable housing through demolition, exterior repairs, and rental assistance.

Entitlement Grant	Program Year	Action Plan Project	IDIS Activity ID Number	Activity Name	Proposed Funding
CDBG	2024	16	TBD	Demolition	\$580,300.00
CDBG	2024	3	6540	Senior Exterior Repair Program	\$634,123.49
Total Uses C	DBG of Pro	grammed Fi	unds:		\$1,214,423.49
HOME	2024	17	TBD	HOME-TBRA	\$135,571.41
Total Uses H	OME of Pro	grammed F	unds:		\$135,571.41

Table 2: Uses of Programmed Funds

Integrated Data and Information System (IDIS) Project Information

Table 3: IDIS Entry - Demolition

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	16
Project Name	Demolition
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Safe and Affordable Housing
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
Funding	CDBG: \$580,300
Description	Demolition of site acquired for the development of senior affordable housing.
Target Date	06/30/2025
Goal Indicators	One building
Location Description	4323-4333 N Blackstone
Planned Activity	04: Clearance and demolition (24 CFR 570.201(d))

Table 4: IDIS Entry – Senior Exterior Repair Program

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	3
Project Name	Senior Exterior Repair Program
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Safe and Affordable Housing
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
Funding	CDBG: \$634,123.49
Description	CDBG funds to provide additional funding for exterior home repair program for low-moderate- income owner-occupied senior households. The repairs may include but are not limited to: health & safety, paint, windows, screens, water heaters, roofs, doors, minor electrical, accessibility, fencing, and lead hazards.
Target Date	06/30/2026
Goal Indicators	Homeowner housing rehabilitated: 25 household housing units
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activity	14A - Rehab; Single-Unit Residential (24 CFR 570.202(a))

Table 5: IDIS Entry – HOME-TBRA

IDIS Field	IDIS Entry
IDIS Project ID Number	17
Project Name	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Safe and Affordable Housing
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
Funding	HOME: \$135,571.41
Description	HOME funds will be used to subsidize private market units for homeless and low-income households to increase affordability.
Target Date	12/31/2025
Goal Indicators	11 low-income households
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activity	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

Public Notification and Comments

The City made Substantial Amendment 2024-01 available for public comment between February 12, 2025, and March 14, 2025, at 3 PM. Five comments were received via the online survey.

Tony Simone

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[City Response:

- The proposed uses of the funds being reprogrammed are eligible under the CDBG and HOME programs and meet immediate needs of the city.
- This comment has been accepted.]

Patsy Yanes

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[City Response:

- The purpose of CDBG and HOME funds is to assist low- and moderate-income families and households.
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Richard Allen

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[City Response:

- The City remains committed to enhancing the accessibility of draft documents for public review and comment. Public notices include links to the draft document for review and survey to provide input. Future public communications will include more direct links to draft documents under public review and comment.
- This comment has been accepted.]

Aracely Roque

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Peter Smith

I am dismayed that it costs \$500,000 to carry out demolition on 1 building. Sounds like someone is getting a fat contract at taxpayer expense. Could we do better?

[City Response:

- The \$580,300 in CDBG funds proposed to be reprogrammed for the demolition of a building in support of affordable housing includes preliminary engineering, utility costs, construction engineering, and other miscellaneous costs. The costs are eligible and reasonable given current market conditions and comparable projects.
- This comment has been accepted.]

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The Substantial Amendment is available for a 30-day review beginning February 12, 2025, and concluding on March 14, 2025, at 3:00 P.M. The amendment can be viewed at www. fresno.gov/housing. Comments are encouraged and may be submitted in writing to the City of Fresno, Housing and Community Development Division, 2600 Fresno Street, Room 3065, Fresno, California 93721; by emailing HCDD@fresno.gov; by calling 559-621-8300; by TTY at 559-621-8721; or by fax to 559-457-1579.

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The City is proposing a \$1.3 million amendment to its 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan to redirect CDBG and HOME funds in support of affordable housing. The amendment will be available for public review and comment until 3PM on March 14, 2025.

For further details, please visit www.fresno.gov/housing.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Substantial Amendment 2024-01

FEBRUARY 12TH - MARCH 14TH



Public Comment – Tony Simone

Substantial Amendment 2024-01 to the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan Public Comment

#1

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Q1

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Q2

Name

Tony Simone

Q3 Organization	Respondent skipped this question
Q4 Title	Respondent skipped this question
Q5 Email Address	
tonyjsimone@gmail.com	

Q6

Yes

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Public Comment – Patsy Yanes

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Q2

Name

Patsy Yanes

Q3

Organization

Q4

Title

Q5

Email Address

Patsy Yanes

Q6

Yes

Respondent skipped this question

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Public Comment – Richard Allen

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Q2

Name

Richard Allen

Q3

Organization

Tax Payer

Q4

Title

Unhappy Citizen

Q5

Email Address

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Q6

Yes

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Public Comment – Aracely Roque

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Q2

Name

Aracely Roque

Q3

Organization

None

Q4			
Title			
None			
Q5			
Email Address			
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Q6	Yes		
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Public Comment – Peter Smith

Substantial Amendment 2024-01 to the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan Public Comment #6 COMPLETE Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link) Started: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 10:16:24 PM Last Modified: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 10:17:54 PM 00:01:30 Time Spent: **IP Address:** 108.252.224.227 Page 1 Q1 Please enter your input or comment I am dismayed that it costs \$500,000 to carry out demolition on 1 building. Sounds like someone is getting a fat contract at taxpayer expense. Could we do better? Q2 Name Peter Smith Q3 Respondent skipped this question Organization Q4 Respondent skipped this question Title Q5 Respondent skipped this question Email Address Q6 No Sign up for email updates from the City of Fresno's Housing and Community Development Division