

# CITY OF SLIDELL

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2026-2027 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUMMARY



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## **INTRODUCTION**

The City of Slidell is an entitlement community which means it is eligible to receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The purpose of the CDBG Program is to create viable urban communities by means of:

- Improving Housing Quality and increasing the availability of affordable, quality housing for low and moderate- income residents by rehabilitating aging housing stock, homeownership assistance and new construction - under certain circumstances.
- Strengthening Communities by providing community development projects that enhance the quality of life in underserved neighborhoods, providing public facility upgrades including but not limited to park improvements, community centers, and libraries.
- Infrastructure Improvements including sidewalks, drainage, water, sewer and road improvements.
- Economic Empowerment encouraging economic growth by providing support to small businesses and creating job opportunities for low and moderate- income residents through microenterprise and small business development, job creation, job retention, job training and large scale commercial and industrial development.

## **CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

To be eligible to receive CDBG funds, the City of Slidell submitted to HUD the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. This plan was a comprehensive five year planning document that provided HUD with a comprehensive assessment of Slidell's housing and non-housing community development needs. It outlined goals, priorities, objectives and strategies to develop a broad range of activities to be conducted over a five year time-line. These activities were based on data analysis and citizen-driven planning processes and outlined the greatest need of the CDBG Target Area, Census Tract 409. At least one of three national objectives defined by HUD were addressed:

- Aid in the prevention of slums and blight.
- Be of primary benefit to low to moderate-income residents.
- Meet community development needs having a particular urgency.

## **ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

The annual action plan is the City's yearly application to HUD, and it details how the City plans to spend the CDBG resources on specific activities.

The Annual Action Plan:

- Develops Annual Goals and Objectives
- Formulates projects
- Determines the Geographic Location of Projects
- Administers projects in compliance with City of Slidell and HUD regulations

This annual action plan represents the second year of the City of Slidell's five-year 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.

## **2025-2026 ACTION PLAN PROPOSED PROJECTS**

### **1. Public Facilities & Infrastructure**

- Enhance and develop public facilities and infrastructure within CT 409.
- Potential strategies may include, but may not be limited to:
  - Developing or improving public facilities.
  - Developing and/or improving parks and recreation.
  - Developing and/or improving sidewalks and drainage, bike lanes.
  - Improving ADA accessibility.
  - Developing and/or improving lighting, bike lanes and recreation infrastructure.
  - Planting trees and installing other shade structures in public facilities and/or parks.

### **2. Building Partnerships**

- The City proposes to developing partnerships with local nonprofits.
- Community engagement may provide opportunities for civic involvement to address specific projects that will benefit individuals and families more, increase quality of life, provide inclusivity and upgrade inadequate and unsafe facilities.

### **3. Urgent Needs: Public Facility Improvements**

- Provide public facility improvements that have a particular urgency and are designed to alleviate existing conditions that result from a serious and/or immediate emergency that threatens the health or welfare of the community. Improvements will be limited to the CDBG Target Area CT 409, as defined by HUD definition of area benefit.
- Potential Strategies
  - To Be Determined

### **4. Urgent Needs: Public Service Activities**

- Provide public services that have a particular urgency and are designed to alleviate existing conditions that pose a serious immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and will target applicants who are by definition, limited clientele who are by HUD definition, presumed benefit recipients who satisfy documented low to moderate- income requirements.
- Potential Strategies
  - To Be Determined

## 5. Fair Housing Education and Awareness

- Encourage community education to increase the understanding of housing discrimination and fair housing.
- Potential Strategies may include, but may not be limited to:
  - Providing fair housing information and outreach to tenants, landlords, builders and stakeholders to increase public awareness of fair housing rights.
  - Educate CDBG staff on the significance of diverse and inclusive communities and the responsibilities of fair housing.

## 6. Administration and Planning

- Efficiently administer and manage the program funding and reporting
- Potential strategy:
  - Effective administration of CDBG program.

## **GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION**

- All proposed spending less administrative costs, will occur in the lowest income area in Slidell, Census Tract 409 (CT409)
- Projects must benefit 70% low and moderate- income households

## **2026 ALLOCATION**

Slidell has not yet received the 2025-2026 allocation. Expected resources are based on funds received from previous allocations. Funding is distributed so that 80% of funds are directed to activities and 20% for administration.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS IN-PROGRESS**

Construction of 1/2 mile of new sidewalks along Sergeant Alfred Drive south from Bouscaren Street to north of Cleveland Avenue (30.275189, -89.780462 to 30.268381, -89.780432) within the existing public right-of-way in the City of Slidell, Louisiana. Work will include minor grading, installation of aggregate sidewalks with brick borders, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and related pedestrian improvements. No work will occur outside of the existing disturbed right-of-way.

## **PREVIOUS PROJECTS**

- Construction of a multi-use field in Ducksworth Park including new bleachers.
- Installation of Wi-Fi in four area parks in CT 409.
- Restroom improvements in three area parks in CT 409.
- Construction of Basketball Court in Ducksworth Park.
- Sidewalk and drainage improvements along Cleveland Ave, Terrace Ave, Second St. and along Guzman Street to Brock Elementary School.
- Construction of a basketball court at Possum Hollow Park.

- Improvements to an exercise path in Possum Hollow Park.
- Improved and elevation of park restroom at Veterans Memorial Park.

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#### **QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS**

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