Five-Year Plan and FY 2025-2026 Action Plan Summary For Commissioner Briefings Prepared 7/01/2025

Seminole County is an Entitlement Community that receives direct allocations of grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) based on an allocation formula. The formula is based on several factors such as population, number of low- and moderate-income households, as well as housing conditions, and the total number of homeless persons identified in the annual point-in-time count. Grantees are required to prepare a strategic plan every five years, and the plan identifies priorities and sets goals for the five-year plan period. In addition, an annual action plan is required to show our proposed use of the grants. The plans serve as a combined grant application required by HUD for the County to receive federal grants.

Federal FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan (Five Year Plan)

The Consolidated Plan identified priority needs related to affordable housing, public services, homelessness, public facilities, and infrastructure needs based on a local market analysis, needs assessments, and public input received in the citizen participation process. The Consolidated Plan outlines goals and objectives to guide the use of HUD grants over the five-year plan period October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2029. The following high priorities were identified in the planning process (1) Increase access to affordable housing, (2) Increase access to public services, (3) Improve access to public infrastructure and facilities, and (4) Reduce homelessness by increasing access to homeless prevention, rapid re-housing services, and providing support to area shelters. In accordance with HUD regulations, grant funds are being used to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and households.

FY 2025/2026 One-Year Action Plan

Seminole County anticipates receiving an allocation of \$2,292,412 in CDBG funds, \$898,114 in HOME, and \$193,384 in ESG funds. The One-Year Action Plan outlines the projects Seminole County plans to implement using FY 2025-2026 funds. Seminole County issued a Notice of Funding Availability and made a request for applications from non-profit agencies seeking funding for CDBG public facilities and infrastructure projects, CDBG public services, HOME-funded affordable housing projects, and ESG activities. The proposed activities will help meet the high priority needs related to affordable housing, public services, homelessness, and infrastructure/public facility improvements detailed in the five-year Consolidated Plan.

FY 2025-2026 List of Funding Recommendations

Below is a list of recommendations based on the funding proposals from social service agencies, community groups, and other eligible organizations to fund activities from the 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG; \$2,292,412), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME; \$898,114), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG; \$193,384) Programs.

CDBG Program - \$2,292, Proposed Project	Activity	Objective in the Consolidated Plan	Amount
Public Facilities /Improve	ements		
The Sharing Center: Facility Improvements – Security & HVAC Systems Renovations	Public Facilities/Improvements Rehabilitation of a Public Facility	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$176,900
Friends of Children and Families: Facility Improvement – Oviedo's Generator & Windows	Public Facilities/Improvements Rehabilitation of a Public Facility	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$60,000
True Health: Sanford Facility Improvements – Millwork, Flooring, Security, Network & HVAC	Public Facilities/Improvements Rehabilitation of a Public Facility	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$644,500
True Health: Casselberry's Facility Improvements – Millwork, Security, electrical work, lighting & Fire System	Public Facilities/Improvements Rehabilitation of a Public Facility	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$198,000
SafeHouse of Seminole: Facility Improvements – Roof Replacement	Public Facilities/Improvements Rehabilitation of a Public Facility	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$91,800
Pathway to Care: Facility Improvements – HVAC Replacements	Public Facilities/Improvements Rehabilitation of a Public Facility	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$90,000
Boys Town Central Florida: Facility Improvements – Family Home Program Residential Renovations	Public Facilities/Improvements Rehabilitation of a Public Facility	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$104,100
Subtotal – Public Facilitie	s /Improvements		\$1,365,300

CDBG Program - \$2,292,412

CDBG Public Services (HUD caps this budget to no more than 15% of total allocation)			
Dental Assistance (In- house program)	Public Services (Dental Assistance Services)	Suitable Living: Affordability	\$60,000
Seniors First – Senior Services	Public Services (Respite, Companionship for Elderly Persons)	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$71,120
Hope Resource & Food Pantry – Nutritious Food Pantry Expansion	Public Services (Nutritious Services)	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$35,000
Shepherd's Hope – Healthcare Services	Public Services (Healthcare Services)	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$80,000
The Lifeboat Project, Inc. – Life skills and stabilization services	Public Services (Homelessness Services)	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$32,400
American Muslim Social Services – Healthcare Services and Housing Stability	Public Services (Healthcare and Housing Stability in Seminole County)	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$65,000
Subtotal – Public Services	•		\$343,520

CDBG In-House Programs and Administration			
Public Facility Improvements County/ Municipal Partners (In-House Programs)	Public Facilities/Improvements Rehabilitation of a Public Facility	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$38,110
Housing Program Delivery (In-House Program)	Project delivery costs for housing activities. Funds will also be used to support administration and case management for the TBRA program.		\$87,000
Planning and Administration	20% grant is for the planning and administration of CDBG program		\$458,482
Subtotal – In- House Programs			\$545,482
TOTAL CDBG			\$2,292,412

CDBG – Denials

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Project	Denied for CDBG Funding,	Amount Requested
<i>Public Services Applicant:</i> Salt – Seminole Outreach	Use of CDBG funds for Public Services is restricted to no more than 15% of the total annual allocation. Based on the ranking of all submitted applications, they were not funded as the cap was met with the top applicants and the in-house dental program.	\$60,000
<i>Public Services Applicant:</i> Upwards – Boost Program	The applicant is a <u>for-profit entity</u> and is not eligible for our nonprofit funding, which is primarily used for benefiting low- and moderate- income individuals and households. Boost provides home-based childcare providers with business coaching, technology, and training	\$71,800

HOME Program - \$898,114

Proposed Project	Activity	Objective in Consolidated Plan	Amount
Habitat for Humanity Housing Construction- Homeownership	Development and partial funding of Affordable Housing Sites for the new construction of single-family home ownership units	Decent Housing: Affordability	\$473,586
Seminole County Housing Authority Tenant Based Rental Assistance	Funding allocated to assist the Seminole County Housing Authority with providing subsidized rental assistance to the elderly and/or disabled	Decent Housing: Affordability	\$200,000
CHDO Set Aside	Support Community Housing Development Organizations to develop affordable housing for low income first-time homebuyers	Decent Housing: Affordability	\$134,717
Planning and Administration	10% grant is for the administration of HOME program		\$89,811
TOTAL HOME			\$898,114

HOME – Habitat for Humanity was the only applicant for HOME funds.

ESG Program - \$193,384

Proposed Project	Activity	Objective in Consolidated Plan	Amount
Safehouse of Seminole	Operating and Maintenance of a Shelter for survivors of domestic violence	Decent Housing: Availability	\$40,000
Boys Town Central Florida	Operating and Maintenance of a Shelter for homeless youth aged 10- 17	Decent Housing: Availability	\$32,500
Recovery House of Central Florida	Operating and Maintenance of a Shelter for homeless men	Decent Housing: Availability	\$23,530
Rescue Outreach Mission	Operating and Maintenance of a Shelter for homeless individuals and families	Decent Housing: Availability	\$20,000
HSN - Homeless Management Information System	Operation and Maintenance of the HMIS data for homeless programs	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$15,000
Rapid Re-Housing (In-House Program)	Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short- and medium-term rental assistance	Suitable Living: Availability/ Accessibility	\$47,851
Program Planning and Administration	Program Planning and Administrative costs not to exceed 7.5% of allocation		\$14,503
TOTAL ESG			\$193,384

ESG – Denials

The following proposals were not recommended for ESG funds.

Project	Denied for ESG Funding	Amount Requested
The Christian Sharing Center.	Duplicate Service- County currently allocates \$400,000 in General Revenue for homeless prevention services	\$159,000
SALT Outreach	Maximum 60% cap on shelter and street outreach allowed; 60% of total award allocated for shelters	\$15,000

Additional Notes:

• CDBG funds must primarily benefit low- and moderate-income households- at least 70% of CDBG dollars must benefit low- and moderate-income households