

# 2025-26 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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# **ABOUT**THE PLANS



Every five years, San Bernardino County must create a new strategic plan (called the Consolidated Plan) in order to manage the federal housing and community development funds it receives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The County also submits yearly action plans to HUD to receive these funds.

Community engagement and feedback were key in creating the Consolidated Plan. Although many communities across the U.S. receive HUD funding, each one has different needs.

By asking for the community's input and carefully listening to their feedback, the County can now make sure the grant money is spent in the best way to help address the specific challenges and needs of each area.



# WHAT WE LEARNED

### **KEY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THEMES**

#### Infrastructure

Community members frequently mentioned a need for improvements in public facilities and infrastructure.

#### **Homelessness**

Many residents mentioned a pressing need for more homeless resources, especially mental health and substance abuse services.

#### **Housing**

Being able to access affordable housing was a major concern for nearly everyone who provided feedback.

#### **Public Services**

There is a significant demand for expanded public services, especially crime prevention, neighborhood cleanups, and job assistance.

### WHAT DOES THE DATA SAY?

MORE THAN 95%

OF PARTICIPANTS SAID THAT THERE IS A MAJOR NEED FOR ROAD AND SIDEWALK WORK

92%

OF PARTICIPANTS WANT TO SEE ACTIVITIES LIKE JOB TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE,

AND HIRING INCENTIVES

72%

OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION IS UNSHELTERED

298
CHILDREN
WERE HOMELESS
IN 2024

**50%** 

OF COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS ARE LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME

A MINIMUM WAGE EARNER WOULD HAVE TO WORK

HOURS PER WEEK
JUST TO AFFORD AN AVERAGE
TWO-BED APARTMENT

# PRIORITY **NEEDS**

From the data and feedback collected, San Bernardino County identified several **priority needs** towards which to direct funding. Some of these include:

## Facilities & Infrastructure

Public facility investments can increase access to support services and housing. The County's public facility/infrastructure priorities are to construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, or install public facilities and improvements.

### **Homelessness**

Homelessness, especially unsheltered homelessness, is a rapidly growing issue within San Bernardino County. Goals include preventing homelessness through rapid rehousing and TBRA programs and expanding existing critical homelessness resources.

## Economic Development

Economic development supporting lowincome communities was recognized as a priority due to the need to assist private, forprofit businesses that play a crucial role in strengthening communities through job creation and retention.

## Housing

Housing goals include increasing availability of affordable housing, preserving and maintaining existing affordable housing, and providing down payment and closing cost assistance.

## **Public Services**

There is a significant demand for a broad range of essential public services in San Bernardino County. Public service goals include creating a suitable living environment that meets the specific performance outcome of availability and accessibility.





## ANNUAL **ACTION PLAN**

The **2025-2026 Annual Action Plan** builds on the priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan by outlining specific projects, goals, and expenditures planned for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. San Bernardino County estimates it will receive a combined total of **\$9,420,665** in federal grant funding in FY 2025-2026 and plans to use these funds to advance the following goals:



## Enhance community infrastructure and facilities

**Goal Outcome:** Assist approximately 594,445 people.

**Description:** The objective of this goal is to fund public facility improvements in unincorporated San Bernardino County and Cooperating Cities that primarily benefit low-income households, persons with special needs, and vulnerable populations.



## Construct new affordable rental housing

Goal Outcome: Build 15 new housing units.

**Description:** The objective of this goal is to increase the affordable rental housing stock supply within San Bernardino County and Cooperating Cities.. This project will develop new rental units that cater to low- and moderate-income families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities.



## Enhance homelessness resources

**Goal Outcome:** Assist approximately 383 people.

**Description:** This project is to expand comprehensive support for individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness through emergency shelter expansion, rental assistance, and supportive services to achieve long-term housing stability.



## Support and expand public service programs

Goal Outcome: Assist approximately 20,199 people.

Description: The primary focus of this goal is funding projects within San Bernardino County and Cooperating Cities that address the public service needs of low-income individuals and households, as well as those with special needs.

