

PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING TO THE CITIZENS
OF THE CITY OF VALDOSTA

The City of Valdosta Neighborhood Development Department will hold a Public Hearing at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2026. The purpose of this meeting is to receive public comments on the 2026 70% funding recommendations for the City of Valdosta's CDBG program. This meeting will take place at the City Hall Annex, 300 North Lee Street, Valdosta, Georgia. requested in the Neighborhood Development Division Office.

This federal program provides funding for activities that serve low -to-moderate income residents of Valdosta, such as housing, affordable housing and economic development.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has **not yet released the final 2026 funding amounts** for CDBG February 23, 2026. Because of this, the City of Valdosta is using **estimated amounts equal to 70% of the prior year's grant allocation.**

This conservative approach is necessary because HUD does not publish its annual allocations before the City's **2026 Annual Action Plan** is due. The City will adjust the amounts later if HUD's final allocations are different.

The **2026 HUD 70% Estimated Allocations** is:

CDBG: \$420,273.70

The public comment period for this notice runs from Friday, March 13, 2026 until April 14, 2026.

Members of the public can share their comments int wo ways:

During the public meeting on March 13, 2026; or
Directly to the City of Valdosta's Neighborhood Development Department by phone or email.

Contact information for comments:

Phone: (229) 671-3617

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About the Community Development Block Grant program

The Community Development Block grant program is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The HUD website describes the program as follows:

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to states, cities, and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq. The program was designed to reinforce several important values and principles of community development:

- CDBG's flexibility empowers people and communities to design and implement strategies tailored to their own needs and priorities.
- CDBG's emphasis on consolidated planning expands and strengthens partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector in enhancing community development.
- CDBG's technical assistance activities and set-aside for grantees builds the capacity of these partners.