



## Memorandum

**Memorandum No: 25-065**

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**From:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

**Date:** May 21, 2025

**Re:** **FY25 HUD Community Planning Development Allocation**

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Please find attached FY25 Community Planning and Development (CPD) letter from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), dated May 14, 2025, outlining the (grant) Fiscal Year 2025 allocations for various CPD programs for the City of Fort Lauderdale. The City of Fort Lauderdale's funding allocations are distributed based on a formula that considers factors like poverty levels, population size, housing conditions, and growth rates.

The letter details the following allocations:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): \$1,518,117.00
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME): \$624,207.61
- Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG): \$0.00
- Housing Opportunities for Persons W/ HIV/AIDS (HOPWA): \$7,981,453.00
- Housing Trust Fund (HTF): \$0.00
- Recovery Housing Program (RHP): \$0.00

While CDBG saw a minor increase of \$19,284.00, there were modest reductions from prior year allocations to HOME (\$7,221.39) and HOPWA (\$82,435.00) funding. The City has not previously received funding from ESG, HTF, or RHP and therefore did not experience any losses in these areas.

The letter informs the City that the CDBG allocation provides \$7,590,585.00 in available Section 108 loan guarantee borrowing authority, which allows the City to borrow up to five times our current CDBG allocation for strategic investments. However, this means the City would need to use our current and future CDBG allocation of funds to pay back the loans, so this option has not been utilized historically.

Additionally, the letter reminds the City that the Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Plans are due to HUD by August 16, 2025, and should align with executive orders and applicable laws. The 2025 - 2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 - 2026 Annual Action Plan will be presented on June 30, 2025, at the regular City Commission meeting. City staff

will review the funding allocations in detail to ensure our upcoming plans align with the guidance provided by HUD.

Please contact Housing and Community Development Division Manager Rachel Williams at 954-828-5391 or [rwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:rwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov) with any questions.

Attachment:

1. FY25 CPD Formula Letter

c: D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney  
David R. Soloman, City Clerk  
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor  
City Manager's Office  
Department Directors



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

May 14, 2025

The Honorable Dean Trantalis  
Mayor of Ft Lauderdale  
1 East Broward Blvd  
Floor 4  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Dear Mayor Trantalis,

Secretary Scott Turner is committed to improving housing opportunities, reducing regulations to lower housing cost, and expanding housing supply for hardworking Americans. The nationwide shortage of rental and owner-occupied properties and the current rate of construction has not kept pace with the demand. This lack of adequate housing supply leads to higher prices for renters and homebuyers alike, forcing some into homelessness and preventing countless Americans from becoming homeowners. Across the country, partnerships between public and private sectors are providing millions of Americans an opportunity to get ahead. HUD is determined to continue its collaboration with you so programs are responsibly utilized and can spark additional leveraging and partnerships to address the nation's housing crisis.

As authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 119-4) on March 15, 2025, I am honored and excited to announce that your jurisdiction is receiving the following Fiscal Year 2025 allocations for the identified programs:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - \$1,518,117.00

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) - \$624,207.61

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) - \$0.00

Housing Opportunities for Persons W/ HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) - \$7,981,453.00

Housing Trust Fund (HTF) - \$0.00

Recovery Housing Program (RHP) - \$0.00

In addition, your jurisdiction's CDBG allocation for this year provides you with \$7,590,585.00 in available Section 108 loan guarantee borrowing authority. Section 108 permits you to borrow up to five times of your current CDBG allocation. This loan allows jurisdictions to maximize access to low-interest capital, and provide long-term financing to invest in Opportunity Zones, or further address gap financing for big projects that you envision for your community.

As you are finalizing your Annual Action Plans or Consolidated Plans that are due for submission to our office by August 16, 2025, please be reminded that it is important to align with executive orders and applicable laws. If you or any member of your staff have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your local HUD Field Office in Miami or CPDGDAS@hud.gov.

Thank you for your interest in CPD programs and for ensuring that these dollars are responsibly achieving outcomes as intended by law. When people have a safe and stable place to call home, they can focus on contributing to the economy and be productive members of their respective communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Fernandez", written in a cursive style.

Claudette Fernandez  
General Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Community Planning and Development