

**HENNEPIN COUNTY
PUBLIC COMMENT SOLICITED and
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners is soliciting public comment on the Hennepin County Consortium draft 2026 Action Plan

The Hennepin County Consortium includes all cities in suburban Hennepin County.

Public Comment Periods:

- 2026 Action Plan 30-day comment period; March 23rd, 2026, through April 22nd, 2026; and
- Public Hearing on the draft 2026 Action Plan will be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Administration, Operations, and Budget Committee meeting of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners (Hennepin County Government Center, A2400, 300 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis)

Public Comment Purpose:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the county to prepare and submit a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and an Annual Action Plan to receive HUD entitlement funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program. Hennepin County's current Five-Year Consolidated Plan, approved May 20, 2025, covers funding years 2025-2029.

The 2026 Action Plan will guide the use of approximately \$4.7 million in funding for housing and community development activities in suburban Hennepin County through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG). All funding comes from HUD. The Consortium's 2026 Action Plan program year runs from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

The draft 2026 Action Plan will be available March 23rd, 2026, on the county's website (<https://www.hennepincounty.gov/government/projects-initiatives/housing-and-homelessness/housing-plans-outcomes>). If you would like a copy of either draft plan or have questions, please contact the Hennepin County Housing and Economic Development Department at 612-543-4342.

Written comments **must** be submitted by 4:30 p.m., April 22, 2026, and addressed to Omar Martinez, Manager, Hennepin County Housing and Economic Development Department, 300 South 6th Street, MC 685, Minneapolis, MN 55487, or omar.martinez@hennepin.us. Written comments received by April 22 will receive a written response. A copy of the comment letter and the county's response will be included in the documents submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PLEASE NOTE, the public hearing will be conducted via telephone and other electronic means as allowed under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021 and Revenue Procedure 2020-21, issued by the Internal Revenue Service on May 4, 2020, as modified by Revenue Procedure 2020-49, issued by the Internal Revenue Service on November 4, 2020. Interested persons may attend the public hearing by telephone conference by using the following instructions and all such persons shall be given an opportunity to express their views with respect to the Hennepin County Consortium Action Plan. To attend the public hearing via telephone, call the toll-free dial-in telephone conference number 855-340-8151.

If you need help to make it possible for you to come and be active in the public hearing such as sign language interpreter or assisted hearing equipment, this help can be provided if you ask. To ask for help, please call 612-543-4342 at least three days prior to the hearing.