

AGENCY SUMMARY

Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD)

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Core Services

- Construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing
- Homeownership assistance
- Preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing
- Community development
- Emergency rental assistance

Organizational Structure

- Administration Division, the Redevelopment Division, and the Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) which includes the Community Planning and Development Division (CPD) & Housing Development Division (HDD)

FY 2025 Key Accomplishments

- Diversified the County's housing stock and met its affordable housing goals. As a result, began construction of four multi-family rental projects; added four more multi-family rental projects to the pipeline to begin before FY 2026; got legislative approval and funding for three more projects and prepared two additional projects to be introduced to Council during the next legislative session.
- Increased access to homeownership support to existing and new homeowners with the Homeowner Preservation Program (HOPP), Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program (HRAP) and additional funding to the County's Pathway to Purchase (P2P) program. v

BACKGROUND

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) seeks to maintain and preserve affordable housing in the County by providing rental assistance, homeownership assistance and community development services in order to improve the quality of life for low- and moderate-income County residents.

The Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) provides direction, planning, implementation and administration of programs under the federal entitlement programs, namely the [Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\)](#), [Home Investment Partnership \(HOME\)](#) and [Rapid Transition to Housing \(HEARTH\)](#), and [Emergency Solutions Grant \(HESG\)](#) Programs. HCD also coordinates with the [Redevelopment Authority](#) on programmatic, administrative and financial matters.

[Community Planning and Development Division \(CPD\)](#) administers the [Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\)](#) subrecipient program and developing the [Annual Action Plan](#) and [Five Year Consolidated Plan](#).

Housing Development Division (HDD) is responsible for administering the [CDBG Single Family Rehabilitation Program](#), the [Home Investment Partnership \(HOME\)](#) program and the [Housing Investment Trust Fund \(HITF\)](#).

The Redevelopment Division provides administrative support to the Redevelopment Authority, but this will likely change as CB-099-2024 separates the Redevelopment Authority's functions from those of DHCD. While this legislation is effective immediately, changes are anticipated to take shape in FY 2026.

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Continued to grow the impact of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding by offering foreclosure prevention services, neighborhood preservation services and more.

- Provided Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) services to 445 households, totaling \$3.7 million in direct assistance.
- Prepared the FY 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, FY 2026 Annual Action Plan and, in partnership with the City of Bowie, the FY 2026-2030 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice; outlining community development needs, strategies to address them and program accomplishments, as well as a review of obstacles that could impede fair housing goals.

FY 2025 Top Priorities

- Support the County's affordable housing production goals by supporting new affordable multi-family rental projects through the issuance of a NOFA for the HOME Program, HOME American Rescue Plan program, HITF and PILOT.
- Preserve naturally occurring affordable housing through covenants by expanding the implementation of the Right of First Refusal (ROFR) program, through the new ROFR Preservation Fund and through an expanded ROFR developer roster.
- Strengthen support of and enhance affordable homeownership through the down payment closing cost assistance and rehabilitation programs.
- Strengthen the impact of the CDBG program and advance the implementation of the U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 108 loan program to pursue physical and economic revitalization projects.

Operating Budgetary Resources - Below is the 5-year overview of resources allocated to DHCD from FY 2021-25.

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