Sonoma County Community Development Commission
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Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027

Federal Funding Programs: **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

Local Funding Programs: **County Fund for Housing (CFH), Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund (LMIHAF)**

Issue Date: February 21, 2026

Application Due Date: April 3, 2026, 5:00 P.M.

The Sonoma County Community Development Commission (Commission) is pleased to request applications from eligible organizations for eligible affordable housing projects, capital projects, tenant-based rental assistance, supportive services, homelessness services, rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, fair housing services, emergency shelter; and microenterprise assistance activities to receive funding from the following sources:

Federal Programs

FUND SOURCE	FY 2026-2027 ACTION PLAN (estimated amounts)	ELIGIBLE USES
CDBG	$3,145,583	Affordable housing projects, non-housing capital projects, microenterprise assistance. Eligible projects that are ready to proceed towards construction will be given preference.
CDBG - Public Services	$247,872	Fair housing activities only

FUND SOURCE	FY 2026-2027 ACTION PLAN (estimated amounts)	ELIGIBLE USES
HOME	$743,322	Development and preservation of affordable rental housing, tenant-based rental assistance. Eligible projects that are ready to proceed towards construction will be given preference.
HOME - Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO)	$99,090	CHDO affordable rental housing development and preservation. Eligible projects that are ready to proceed towards construction will be given preference.
ESG	$134,780	Homelessness services, shelter operations support, homeless outreach, and rapid rehousing. A maximum of $87,424 is available for outreach and/or emergency shelter.
Total	$4,370,647	

The Commission administers federal funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including CDBG, HOME, and ESG, on behalf of the County of Sonoma, the Town of Windsor, and the cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol, and Sonoma (collectively, the "Urban County"). This NOFA, along with any associated guiding documents, as well as the FY 2026-2027 Federal Funding Policies, govern the distribution of these funds. Please review these materials carefully for important information on project/program eligibility and application procedures. As stated in the Federal Funding Policies, prior to execution of a funding agreement, all federal awards are subject to completion of an environmental review in accordance with applicable HUD regulations, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Section 3 requirements to directly employ, train, and provide contract opportunities to low-income individuals and businesses that employ these persons in their community. Additionally, all activities awarded with federal funds must comply with the requirements of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA Act) unless the activity is exempt.

Non-Federal Programs

FUND SOURCE	FY 2026-2027 Amount Available	Eligible Uses
LMIHAF	$250,000	Homeless prevention services and rapid rehousing services.
CFH	$8,000,000	Development, preservation of affordable housing, including permanent supportive housing; below market-rate homeownership projects, housing serving special needs populations, emergency shelters, transitional housing, group homes, and other type of congregate facilities. Eligible projects that are ready to proceed towards construction will be given preference.
Total	$8,250,000	

All applications and supporting documentation must be submitted through an online application portal. A link will be provided to all interested applicants following a mandatory technical assistance meeting.

Key Dates

DATE	DESCRIPTION
Saturday, February 21, 2026	Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is published in the Press Democrat and on the CDC website
Wednesday, March 4, 2026 10:30 A.M.	Technical Assistance Workshop #1 for applicants interested in submitting a funding application. **All prospective applicants must attend a Technical Assistance (TA) session hosted by the Commission in order to submit an application**. Applicants unable to attend one of the two TA sessions must contact the Commission for alternative options to meet this mandatory requirement.
Thursday, March 5, 2026 2:00 P.M.	Technical Assistance Workshop #2 for applicants interested in submitting a funding application. **All prospective applicants must attend a TA session hosted by the Commission in order to**

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	submit an application. Applicants unable to attend one of the two TA sessions must contact the Commission for alternative options to meet this mandatory requirement.
Friday, April 3, 2026	**Funding applications are due no later than 5:00 P.M.**
Special Meeting Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 10:00 A.M.	Community Development (CD) Committee and Cities and Towns Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC) will hold a concurrent public meeting to make funding recommendations for the FY 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan. The CD Committee will also review and make final funding recommendations for LMIHAF and CFH at this meeting. **All prospective applicants must attend this meeting in order to be considered for funding.**
May 18, 2026 through June 17, 2026	Draft FY 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan published for a 30-day public comment period.
Wednesday, June 17, 2026 10:00 A.M.	CD Committee and CTAC will hold concurrent public hearings to make final funding recommendations for the FY 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan. **All prospective applicants must attend this meeting in order to be considered for funding**.
Tuesday, July 7, 2026 (Date subject to change)	Board of Supervisors to review and adopt the FY 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan and review the funding recommendations for LMIHAF and CFH for approval.

There are two scheduled Technical Assistance (TA) sessions scheduled and prospective applicants are required to attend one of these sessions in order to submit an application. Applicants that are unable to attend one of the TA workshops must contact Commission staff to discuss an alternative that will satisfy the mandatory attendance requirement. Commission staff will present information about funding, eligible activities, and other project requirements, and there will also be an opportunity for interested applicants to submit questions. The TA workshops will be held virtually on the following dates:

TA Workshop #1:

Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Meeting to be held virtually at the following link:

https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/87207903274?pwd=TSNPDbfgomiBbO1DSb1ieMSlxNByvw.1

Passcode: 769983

Webinar ID: 872 0790 3274

Telephone: 1-669-444-9171 / 1-669-900-9128

TA Workshop #2:

Thursday, March 5, 2026 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Meeting to be held virtually at the following link:

https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/87878725954?pwd=lkbbEnLQ2oF3RG2pAwGVlOH98xvsW0.1

Passcode: 450435

Webinar ID: 878 7872 5954

Telephone: 1-669-444-9171 / 1-669-900-9128

Please contact Matthew Burns by email at matthew.burns@sonomacounty.gov or phone at 707-565-1268 to RSVP for one of the workshops noted above. Please contact staff if you need assistance logging in for either of the workshops.

Application Due Date

All funding applications must be submitted to the Commission by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, April 3, 2026. Only applications submitted through the Commission's online portal will be accepted. Hard copy applications will not be accepted.

Funding Priorities

The Community Development Commission Loan Policies, CFH Policies, Homeownership Policies, and Federal Funding Policies guide the allocation process of these funds in an effort to further the strategic plan goals stated in the five-year Consolidated Plan. Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to review these policies prior to application submission. The policies can be viewed on this web page: https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/development-services/community-development-commission/plans-policies-and-reports

The Commission will recommend funding awards to the most competitive proposals that adhere to the applicable funding policies and are consistent with the goals of Consolidated Plan.

Selection Process

All applications will be reviewed and evaluated by Commission staff, who will then prepare an analysis for consideration by the CD Committee and the CTAC. For Federal Funding Applications, the committees will hold a concurrent public meeting to review staff analysis of applications submitted under the competitive funding categories, accept comment from applicants and the public, provide feedback to staff, and make funding recommendations that will be incorporated into the draft FY 2026-2027 Action Plan. The CD Committee will make final funding recommendations for LMIHAF and CFH. The hybrid meeting is scheduled for **May 13, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. **All applicants must be present to be considered for funding; applicants may attend in-person or virtually.**

The CD Committee and CTAC will hold concurrent public hearings on **June 17, 2026** at 10:00 A.M. to make final funding recommendations for the draft FY 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan. **All applicants that have applied for federal funds must be present to be considered for funding; applicants may attend in-person or virtually.** The May and June meetings will be held in the hearing room located at the Sonoma County Community Development Commission office building, 141 Stony Circle, Suite 210 (second floor), Santa Rosa, CA 93401. Funding recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval at a regular board meeting tentatively scheduled for July 7, 2026. The Board meeting will be held at 575 Administration Drive Room 102A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

Commission Contact Information

Please contact Matthew Burns at matthew.burns@sonomacounty.gov or by calling 707-565-1268 if you have any questions about the application process and requirements.