

**PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED 2027 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
POLK COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BUILDING
111 COURT AVENUE – ROOM 120
July 24, 2026 – 12:00 P.M.**

1. Introductions

2. Overview of Polk County CDBG Program and Process

Sean Bagniewski, Polk County Federal Grants Administrator

3. Public Comments

4. Adjourn

Community Development Block Grant Program Overview

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is a broad, annual funding program through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Cities with a population of over 50,000 and counties with a population of over 200,000 qualify for annual funding along with all 50 states. With the new Census, Polk County is over the 200,000 threshold and now qualifies for up to \$987,000 each year. Prior to 2023, Polk County was one of just 18 counties in the nation that chose not to claim our entitled CDBG funding.

As of September 2023, nine cities plus unincorporated Polk County are participating entities in the Polk County CDBG program. They include:

- Altoona
- Bondurant
- Clive
- Grimes
- Johnston
- Pleasant Hill
- Polk City
- Urbandale
- Windsor Heights

The CDBG program is known for being versatile in its eligible activities. Each entitlement state, county, or city can determine which activities they pursue. They can change these activities from year to year as well. Polk County's activities include:

Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements

Funds will be used to improve infrastructure, specifically sanitary sewer service lining for LMI areas. Street, water, stormwater management, and drainage improvements may also be funded.

Neighborhood Accessibility Improvements

This will be accomplished by infilling pedestrian improvements that will connect LMI households to service agencies, organizations, educational, recreational facilities, and employment opportunities and centers. Projects will be completed in residential neighborhoods using sidewalk, curb cuts/ADA ramps, and trails in LMI areas.

Neighborhood Recreational Amenities

Install park and recreational improvements, trees, and aesthetic amenities located in parks or other public property in LMI areas of the community as identified by Census

Facade Rehabilitation - Economic Improvement

The funds will be used to prevent slum and blight throughout Polk County by improving building facades.

Process

Polk County and the participating cities executed resolutions and agreements in 2023. Federal funding of \$803,000 for 2025, \$846,324 for 2026, and \$863,032 was approved by HUD. An annual action plan is due to HUD on August 16, 2026.