

## 2026 Application Information for CDBG & HOME Program



### 2026 Program Information

Enclosed you will find the Application Packet for the 2026 Entitlement Program. Please ensure all information and documentation requested in the application has been included for a complete and concise project submission. This information provides the criteria to qualify projects at the federal level and to make informed and responsible recommendations at the local level.

The Application Packet contains the following information:

- 2026 Application
- Clermont County LMI Map
- Income Survey
- Survey Summary
- Eligible/ In-Eligible CDBG Activities

### BUDGET

The 2026 allocation has not been determined at this time. For planning purposes, the 2025 budget will be used until the 2026 allocations have been announced. In 2025, Clermont County received approximately \$1,002,763 in CDBG funds and \$524,476.72 in **HOME Funds**.

### SCORING CRITERIA

Development Department Staff will score applications as in previous years with the criteria as published on the Community Development Web Page.

**APPLICATION DUE:**      by May 5, 2026 @ 4:00pm



## **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

1. All applications must be typed.
2. Application must be completed, in its entirety, upon submission.
3. Completed application must contain:
  - All requested information
  - Supplemental attachments
  - Required signatures
  - Formal approval of submission of application(s)  
*ie: resolution, ordinance, etc.*
4. One original of each application must be received no later than May 5, 2026 @ 4:00pm in hard copy at the office **or** by email to: [dmaaytah@clermontcountyohio.gov](mailto:dmaaytah@clermontcountyohio.gov)
5. Applications that include \$2000 or more of construction must include Federal Prevailing Wages- Davis Bacon Wage Rates.
6. Any questions regarding this application should be directed to our office.
7. The 2026 Application is now available as a fillable PDF at the Clermont County Website along with other helpful information at: <https://clermontcountyohio.gov//community-development/>
8. **Estimates for non-home rule Townships:** Estimates for projects along Township or County Roads in townships not having home rule status must come from the Clermont County Engineer. Please contact Lyle Bloom at: [lgbloom@clermontcountyohio.gov](mailto:lgbloom@clermontcountyohio.gov) to arrange for an estimate.

## **CDBG FUNDING:**

CDBG funds are used to assist LMI areas, LMI persons, or eliminate slum and blight and can be used for a wide variety of eligible activities including public services, infrastructure, and construction. Eligible applicants for the CDBG program are local units of government (villages, cities, and townships), other governmental entities (health departments, public housing authorities, etc.) and non-profit organizations.

## **HOME FUNDING:**

Clermont County is a new participating jurisdiction for the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funded by HUD. The HOME program is setup to assist households with incomes at or below 80 percent of the area median income with Housing related items.

**HOME funds can be used for a limited number of activities, including:**

- **Purchase or rehabilitation assistance to eligible homeowners and new homebuyers**



- **Construction or rehabilitation of rental or homeownership housing, and "other reasonable and necessary expenses related to the development of non-luxury housing,"** including site acquisition or improvement, demolition of dilapidated housing to make way for HOME-assisted development, and payment of relocation expenses.
- HOME funds may also be used to provide **tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)** to eligible households for up to 2 years.

HOME-eligible applicants are developers, owners, contractors, sub-recipients, and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).

**2025 TIMETABLE**

March 18, 2026	Application Packets Available
April 9, 2026	Public Hearing at Commissioners Hearing Room @ 2:00 PM
<b>May 5, 2026</b>	<b>Project Proposals Due by 4:00pm</b>
May 2026	Review of Projects
June 2026	Projects Selected
August 15, 2026	2026 Action Plan deadline to HUD
October 1, 2026	Program Year begins

There will be a public hearing/ information meeting relative to the Entitlement Program on April 9, 2026 at 2:00 PM. This will be held in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room located on the third floor of the Clermont County Administrative Office Building, 101 E. Main St, Batavia, Ohio. The public hearing is for informational purposes; applicants are welcome to attend but this is not required.

Sincerely,

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