

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(PUBLIC HEARING – HOUSING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT PLAN)**

October 21, 2025 Immediately Following the CDBG-CV Funding Public Hearing

Mayor Ruais called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Goonan, Long, Fajardo, T. Sapienza, Kantor, O'Neil, Levasseur,
Terrio, E. Sapienza, Burkush, Barry, Vincent, Thomas

Absent: Alderman Morgan

Messrs: T. Fleming, D. Orr

Mayor Ruais: The purpose of the public hearing is to review the City of Manchester's Housing and Community Development Plan. Anyone wishing to speak must first step to the nearest microphone when recognized and give his/her name and address in a clear, loud voice for the record. Each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; and any questions must be directed to the Chair. Before we hear from the public, I ask that the Planning and Community Development Department make a presentation.

Daniel Orr, Senior Planner: This is an overview of the consolidated plan that is required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, but it will also be serving for our housing and community development plan. So, we're just going to briefly go over what underpins the plan and what we developed, how we developed it, and how it ties into the current application to the CDFA. The plan serves as our blueprint for determining how the city will spend its HUD funding over the next five years. Process is designed to align with community input. So, these include broad strategies and goals that we developed through a public hearing process that we undertook this past spring. We conducted three public hearings and also launched a digital community survey. Through those, we were able to develop our updated consolidated plan that will last from this current fiscal year through fiscal year 2029. The goals are directly tied to measures of program outputs, and they ensure that funding is going to be spent effectively and fairly across projects across the city. So, it's important to note that we do have to identify these goals and strategies to ensure that they will be measurable and they will be justified based

on the goals and strategies that we developed during the planning process. In combination with the city's action plan, the consolidated plan measures or ensures accountability and fulfills a key requirement for Manchester as a HUD entitlement community. Since we are kind of unique among municipalities across the United States on the cohort of entitlement communities, we are receiving this funding without having to engage in a competitive grant process. So, we're ensuring that we're still kind of meeting or we're collecting all the input from city residents to complete that. So, this is just an overview of all of our current consolidated plan goals. I won't list all of them. You can kind of read through them but basically, they cover the different areas of homelessness, economic development infrastructure, employment opportunities. These are all goals that we identified in previous consolidated plans, but they've been updated to the current one. They've been vetted by community members and incorporated into the plan just submitted. To reiterate, the process as it involves HUD we have as noted, it was submitted this past spring and it was reviewed or is under the process of being reviewed. And we were able to kind of move forward with the next five-year process of appropriations from HUD. So, these are all the breakdowns of what the city is anticipating during this fiscal year process. We have confirmed grant award of \$1.57 million for CDBG funding. We have entitlement projects that include administration and planning studies, public services, demolition, capital improvement nonprofit facilities, park improvements, code enforcement efforts, and homeless shelter operations. That ties into the stated goal of this evening as well. The Home Investment Partnership program, we were awarded \$582,000 and this will be directed to administration for our affordable housing projects, notably the Orange Street project that is imminent. Lastly, this is tying into our stated goal of addressing housing and homelessness related concerns. It's integral to our residents' priorities because it ties into ten of the twenty-nine priority needs and three of the sixteen goals that were mentioned before. The adoption of the comp plan this evening, as our Housing and Community Development plan, will meet the key threshold for the CDFA application. Seeking more funding will demonstrate the city's commitment to addressing priority needs and meeting stated goals. Although we have concluded our public comment phase for the adoption of the consolidated plan we do want to kind of express that the public may be involved in the public comment process for our future annual action plans. So, we will be holding our next annual action plan development process during next

spring. I want to make sure the public is aware of that. You may access the plan on the city's website.

Mayor Ruais: Is there anyone from the public wishing to speak?

There were no public speakers.

Mayor Ruais: Can you all confirm for me, just for the group here in public, that there are no requirements for any matching funds for this. This is simply money coming from the state that the city is not required to match. Correct?

Todd Fleming, Grants Administration Manager: That's correct.

Mayor Ruais: Are there any questions or comments from the board?

Alderman Terrio: Do we need to approve this tonight?

Mayor Ruais: That's correct. I believe the application process is December. This was the last opportunity that we were going to have going forward. You give us the permission to apply for it in December. It is item 19 on the regular meeting's agenda tonight. We're doing the public hearing portion first, which is a requirement of the grant. Then the board will consider it under item 19.

The Mayor advised that all wishing to speak having been heard, the testimony presented will be taken under advisement and a motion is in order to adjourn.

*There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman Terrio**, duly seconded by **Alderman Barry**, it was voted to adjourn.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

City Clerk

Meeting Start Time: 6:12PM
Meeting End Time: 6:19PM
Minutes Prepared By: Michael Intranuovo