

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Resolution No. 142-2025

Introduced: July 7, 2025

Auditor: Maya Cameron

Fiscal Impact:

In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025, the County anticipates receiving a total of \$1,846,637 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This amount includes \$1,336,389 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$510,248 for Home Investment Partnership Programs (HOME).

The HUD requires a 25 percent County match for HOME grants. The 25 percent County match is \$116,385 for FFY 2025. It will be deducted from the County's Banked Match account held by HUD. The Banked Match account consists of the value of the donated land from the redevelopment of the Hilltop project in Ellicott City. The appraised value of \$6,732,000 was banked for future HOME projects. The balance in the Banked HOME Match account was \$5,903,703 as of March 24, 2024. For FFY 2025, the balance will be \$5,787,317.

Purpose:

The County must adopt an Annual Action Plan for housing and community services in order to qualify for the receipt of federal CDBG and HOME funds. The Annual Action Plan outlines the proposed activities that will be undertaken for the upcoming program year.

The County must also adopt a Consolidated Plan every five years in order to remain eligible for CDBG and HOME funds, and the last plan was adopted by passage of Council Resolution 51-2016.

This legislation adopts the Howard County Consolidated Plan FFY 2025-2029, including the Howard County Annual Action Plan Program Year 2025, as the Consolidated Housing Plan for the purpose of qualifying for the CDBG and HOME funds.

Other Comments:

No additional comments.