



COMMUNITY & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 24, 2025

The Community and Cultural Development Committee of the City of Mesa met in the Study Session room at City Hall, 20 East Main Street, on February 24, 2025, at 3:32 p.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT	COMMITTEE ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
Julie Spilsbury, Chairperson Jennifer Duff Scott Somers	None	Candace Cannistraro Holly Moseley Lauren Lowe

Chairperson Spilsbury conducted a roll call.

1. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

2-a. Hear a presentation, discuss, and provide funding recommendations for the FY 2025/2026 and prior years' available funding for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Human Services Programs.

Deputy City Manager Candace Cannistraro explained that the annual funding process allocates federal and local funds and stated that the City of Mesa (COM) is expected to receive approximately the same amount that was received last year. She confirmed that if the amount of the grant funding is significantly different, staff will come back to the Committee to discuss how to distribute the funds.

Housing and Community Development Director Michelle Albanese introduced Housing and Community Development Administrator Justin Boyd and displayed a PowerPoint presentation. **(See Attachment 1)**

Ms. Albanese highlighted the strategic priorities set by the Council and confirmed that the projects that were selected align with all the priorities. She shared information about the Mesa Housing Path program and pointed out that a significant portion of the federal and local funds are utilized through this program to address homelessness in Mesa. She provided a timeline for the funding process and described the next steps. (See Pages 2 through 4 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Albanese addressed the improvements made to the funding process over the past year and highlighted the new scoring tool and criteria for staff to consider when reviewing the

applications. She provided a summary of the application review process. (See Pages 5 through 7 of Attachment 1)

In response to a question from Chairperson Spilsbury, Ms. Albanese confirmed that the COM is considered an entitlement community, which has made it easier to request and to receive grant funds. She confirmed that some cities choose to keep the grant funds to support their own homeless programs.

Ms. Albanese reported the Fiscal Year (FY) 25/26 estimated amounts to be allocated for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and the Human Services programs. She provided the requested amount for grant funds received versus the available funding allocations for the programs. (See Pages 8 through 10 of Attachment 1)

Ms. Albanese outlined the CDBG public and non-public services, HOME, ESG, and Human Services/ABC programs that are recommended to receive allocated funds and the recommended award for each program. (See Pages 11 through 16 of Attachment 1)

Responding to a question from Chairperson Spilsbury, Ms. Albanese confirmed that the funds to be allocated must be used to serve the COM citizens only and explained the method used for verification.

Chairperson Spilsbury indicated that with the improvements and new scoring tools, she believes that the funding process is fair. She thanked staff for implementing changes based on feedback and providing agencies with opportunities to receive assistance with applications, presentations, and advice on the application process. She requested that staff provide the full Council with the list of agencies that requested and were not approved.

Ms. Albanese reviewed the next steps and stated that the funding recommendations would be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by May 15, 2025. (See Page 17 of Attachment 1)

Chairperson Spilsbury thanked staff for the presentation.

It was moved by Committeemember Somers, seconded by Committeemember Duff, that the FY 2025/2026 and prior years' available funding recommendations for the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and Human Services programs be forwarded to full Council.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Spilsbury–Duff–Somers
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

3. Adjourment.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Community and Cultural Development Committee meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 24th day of February 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

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(Attachments – 1)



FY 2025/2026

Annual Funding Recommendations

Community and Cultural Development Committee

**Michelle Albanese, Housing and Community Development Director
Justin Boyd, Housing and Community Development Administrator**

February 24, 2025

Council Strategic Priorities



**Community
Health & Safety**



**Strong Community
Connections**



**Skilled & Talented
Workforce**



**Thriving
Economy**



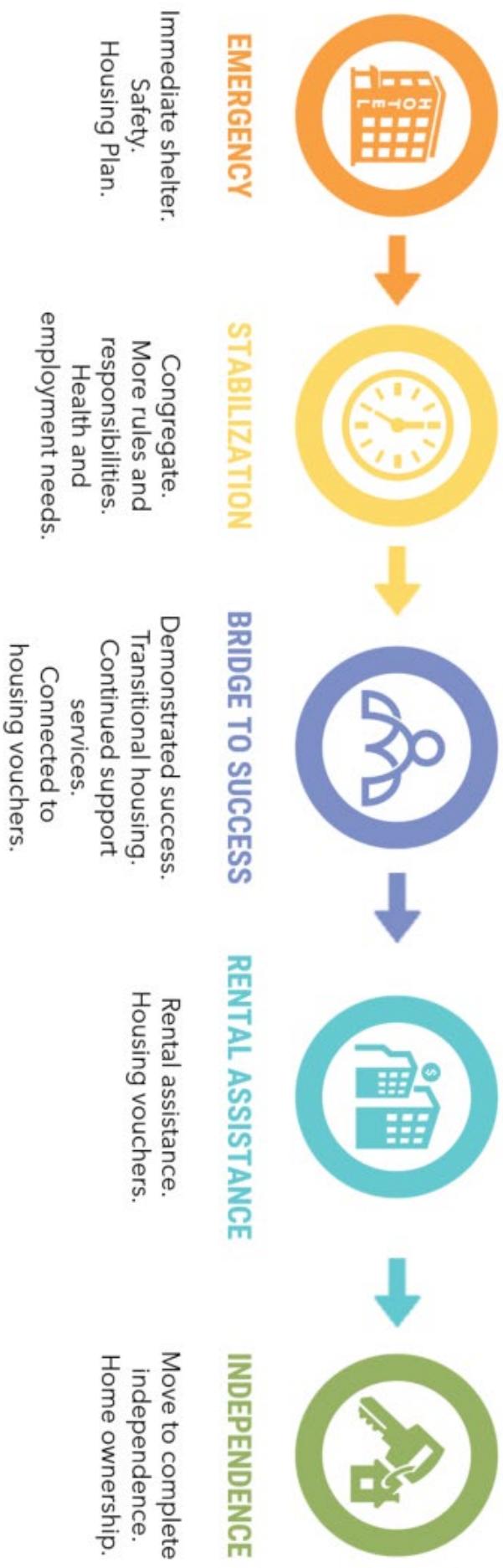
**Neighborhoods &
Placemaking**



**Sustainable
Environment**

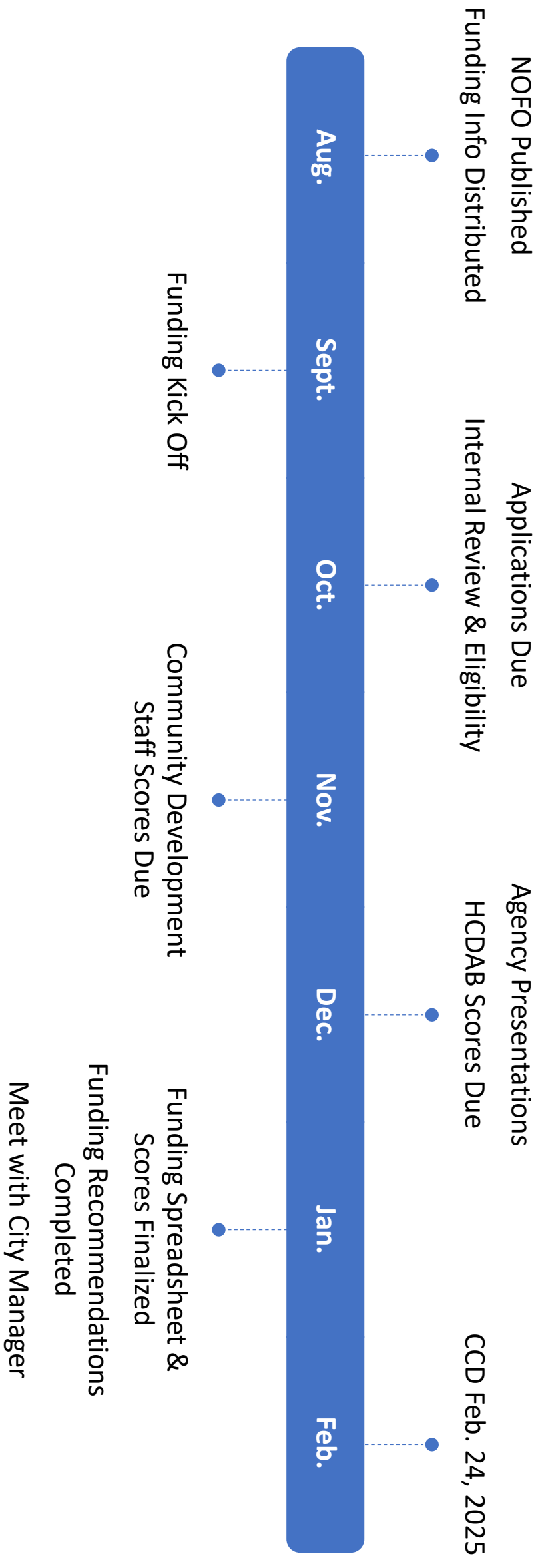


Mesa Housing Path





Timeline



FY 25/26 Continued Improvements



Set Aside:

Funds for Non-Public Services City Projects (Capital Need & Shovel-Ready Projects)



Researched:

3-Year Agency Funding History



Scheduled:

More Time Between CCD and Study Session



Prepared:

2nd Study Session Scheduled (If Needed)



Informed:

Councilmembers of Key Dates/Updates throughout the Funding Process

FY 25/26 Continued Improvements



Developed:

Three Separate Application Categories



Implemented:

Application Minimum - \$25,000 CDBG Public Services



Implemented:

Human Services Maximum Funding Request - \$60,000



Created:

New Scoring Tool & Criteria for Staff

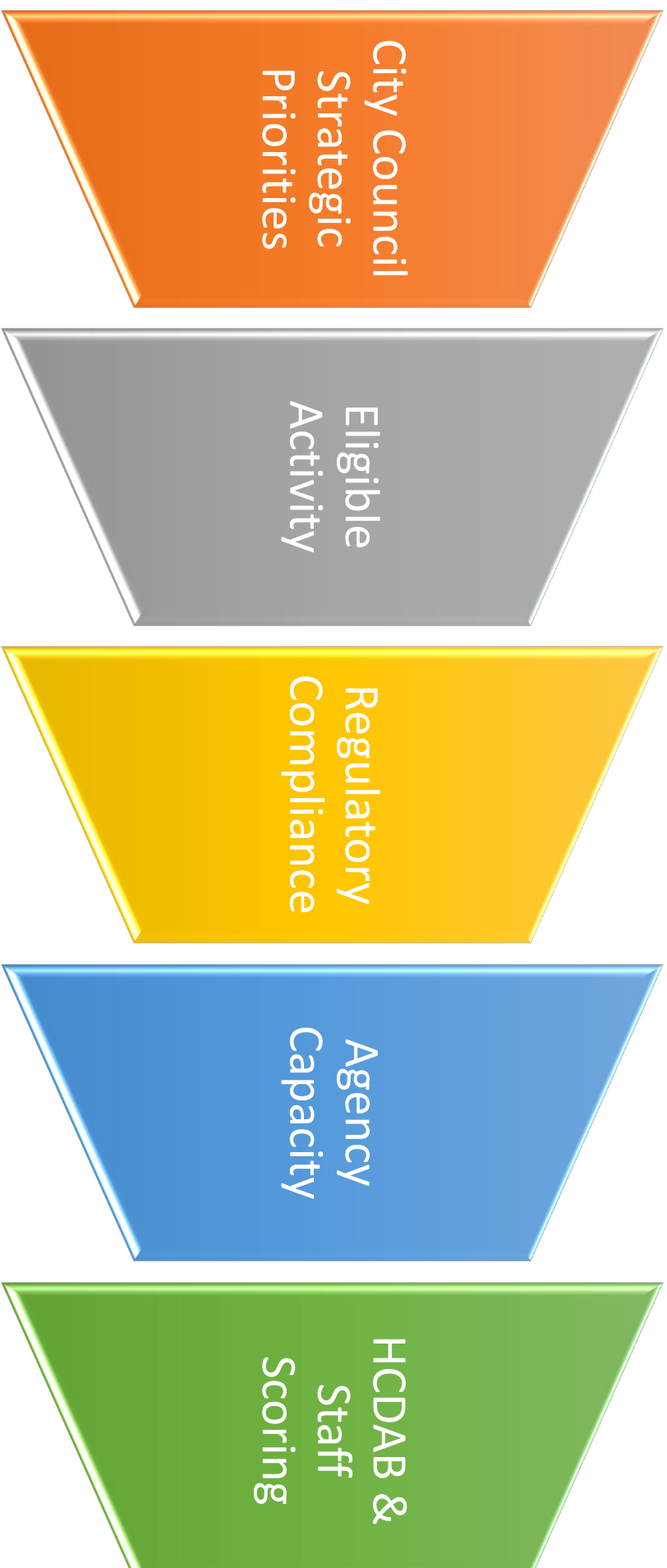


Created:

New Scoring Tool & Criteria for Housing and Community Development Advisory Board



Considerations for Funding



FY 25/26 Estimated HUD Allocations

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$3,868,757

- Public Services
- Non-Public Services
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Program Administration

HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) \$1,354,407

- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
- Rental & Utility Deposits



FY 25/26 Estimated Funding

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) \$355,987

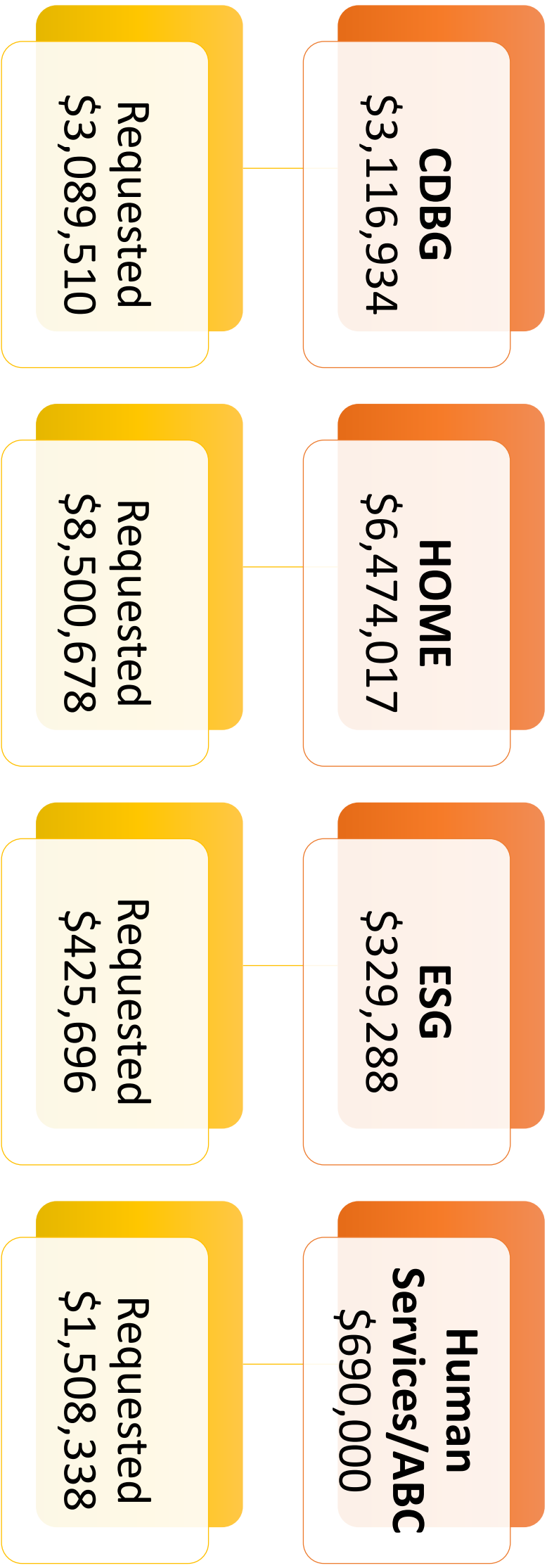
- Emergency Shelter
- Rapid Rehousing
- Homeless Prevention

Human Services Programs \$690,000

- ABC donations/General Funds
- Homeless Services, Food, Basic Needs, Youth Services



FY 25/26 Funding Available vs. Requested





CDBG Public Services

Agency	Project Name	Recommended Award
A New Leaf	Housing Support Services	\$75,000
A New Leaf	LaMesita Family Shelter	\$66,087
Child Crisis Arizona	Early Education Services for Low-Income Mesa Families	\$80,000
City of Mesa - Homeless Solutions Office (set aside)*	Navigation Services	\$301,120
Family Promise - Greater Phoenix	Mesa Family Shelter Program	\$80,035
	Total	\$602,242

*Agencies listed in alphabetical order.



CDBG Non-Public Services

Agency	Project Name	Recommended Award
City of Mesa (Set Aside)*	Emergency Rehabilitation Program	\$2,514,692
	Total	\$2,514,692



HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Agency	Project Name	Recommended Award
HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)		
City of Mesa (set-aside)*	Rental and Utility Deposit Program	\$400,000
Community Bridges, Inc.	CBI Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$200,000
HOME Rental Development		
A New Leaf	La Mesita Phase IV Construction Project	\$3,000,000
Copa Health Inc.	Beverly Family Housing	\$1,000,000
	Total	\$4,600,000

*Agencies listed in alphabetical order.



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Agency	Project Name	Recommended Award
Rapid Rehousing		
Save the Family Foundation of Arizona	Rapid Rehousing	\$115,696
Shelter Services		
A New Leaf	East Valley's Men's Center	\$150,000
Child Crisis Arizona	Group Home for Homeless Male Youth	\$30,000
Tempe Community Action Agency	I-HELP Emergency Shelter	\$33,592
	Total	\$329,288

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Human Services/ABC Program

Agency	Project Name	Recommended Award
A New Leaf	Autumn House Domestic Violence Shelter	\$60,000
Arizona Brainfood	Weekend Food Bags	\$50,000
Aster Aging, Inc.	Meals on Wheels	\$60,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona (BBBSAZ)	Big Futures	\$30,000
Catholic Charities Community Services, Inc.	My Sister's Place: Family-Based Healing for Survivors of Domestic Violence	\$60,000
Community Legal Services	Legal Advocacy & Education for Low-Income Mesa Residents	\$42,075
East Valley Institute of Technology	Hope Tech	\$52,000
Homeless Youth Connection, Inc	Empowering Youth for the Future	\$20,925

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Human Services/ABC Program Cont.

Agency	Project Name	Recommended Award
House of Refuge, Inc.	Transitional Housing for Homeless Families	\$60,000
Maggie's Place, Inc.	Shelter Services at The Hannah House and Bunkhouse	\$60,000
Matthew's Crossing	Meals to Grow Program	\$35,000
Mesa United Way	Mesa United Way VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program	\$40,000
Oakwood Creative Care, Inc.	Respite & Nursing Care for Low-Income Mesa Seniors with Cognitive & Physical Impairments	\$45,000
Oakwood Creative Care, Inc.	Dementia Hub Community Engagement Services for Low-Income Mesa Seniors	\$15,000
United Food Bank	Emergency Food Assistance	\$60,000
	Total	\$690,000

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Next Steps

Mar. 9, 2025
(tentative)
30-Day Public
Comment Period
Begins

March 20, 2025
Study Session

May 5, 2025
City Council
Approval

May 15, 2025
Funding
Submittal to HUD

FY 2025/2026

Annual Funding Recommendations

Questions?

February 24, 2025