



Department Source: Housing & Neighborhood Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 20, 2025

Re: Authorizing the City Manager to sign the HUD Federal Award Agreements.

Impacted Ward: Citywide

### **Executive Summary**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires acceptance of HUD funding awards by the signature of the Grant Agreements by the "Authorized Official" i.e. the City Manager. These agreements awarded the City of Columbia \$1,065,222.00 in FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$493,820.06 in FY 2025 HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds.

#### Discussion

Authorizing the City Manager to sign the FY 2025 Federal Grant Agreements awarding a total of \$1,559,042.06 in CDBG and HOME funds. Acceptance of these funds were previously approved by the Housing and Community Development Commission via a funding recommendation to the City Council on June 25, 2025 and by the City Council on September 15, 2025 when Council approved the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan submission to HUD during the annual budget approval process. HUD has requested the return of the signed grant agreements as soon as possible.

### Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Total Award for FY 2025 funds is \$1,559,042.06. Approximate amount to City of Columbia over 2 years would be 3.1 Million in HUD funds.

Long-Term Impact: Funds must be used for investments in affordable housing, City infrastructure and public facilities. Investments will save qualified Citizens money with newer energy efficient HVAC systems and Insulation that will last for the life of the home. New and affordable homes built with HOME funds will last for 100 years or more.

# Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Resilient Economy, Secondary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community,

Tertiary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure,

Tertiary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility



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Date	Action
September 15, 2025	Council approved the submission of the FY 2025-2029
	Consolidated Plan and the 2025 Annual Action Plan to HUD.

## Suggested Council Action

Council approval authorizing signature of the grant agreements by the City Manager so that the Housing and Neighborhood Housing Services Division can implement projects previously authorized by the City Council in the FY 2025 Annual Action Plan. These programs will allow us to continue to help Low-to-Moderate income individuals with the Home Ownership Assistance Program, Energy Efficiency and Rehab Program, and work with Columbia's Non-profits that use CDBG and HOME funds for their programs including construction of new homes and other community development activities.