CITY OF LONG BEACH

Memorandum

Date: February 18, 2026

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager

From: Christopher Koontz, Director of Community Development

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Action Plan and 2026 Community Development Week**

The City of Long Beach (City) is an entitlement jurisdiction for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

These funds are vital in the effort to create more resilient communities across the United States. Over 1,200 state and local governments receive annual CDBG allocations to support the acquisition of land for affordable housing, public infrastructure projects, and a range of public service programming to CDBG-areas. Likewise, all 50 states and over 600 localities and consortia receive HOME funding to fund the construction of affordable housing. Annually, jurisdictions across the country participate in National Community Development Week to celebrate and acknowledge the impact this funding has on housing stock, infrastructure, public services, and the economic wellbeing of our local communities.

Part of the requirements to receive this federal funding include the preparation of an annual Action Plan. For the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Action Plan (Action Plan), the Community Development Department's (Department) Housing and Neighborhood Services Bureau staff are implementing a community engagement strategy that entails two in-person public hearings, a multilingual survey available online and in hard copy, and outreach at several community events in CDBG-eligible areas. There will also be additional opportunities to provide input on the Action Plan and learn more about HUD-funded programs during the 2026 Community Development Week.

In addition to the efforts outlined above, the City will be amplifying its local programming during Community Development Week through door-to-door outreach, a virtual Action Plan community meeting, a community clean-up event, and a social media campaign. Moreover, the City was recently awarded $4.8 million in funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development to provide loans for low-income homeowners to build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) on their property. More details about this program, including information sessions, will be announced during Community Development Week.

Lastly, to commemorate the 2026 Community Development Week, the Department will also provide a presentation and request a proclamation at the April 7, 2026, City Council meeting.

Below is the schedule of events for the 2026 Community Development Week:

Event Title	Date	Time	Location
2026 Community Development Week Proclamation	Tuesday, April 7	5:00 PM	Long Beach Civic Chambers 411 W. Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, CA 90802
Backyard Builders ADU Loan Program Launch (Round 2)	Wednesday, April 8	9:00 AM	See webpage for details: Longbeach.gov/ADULoan
Action Plan Community Meeting (Virtual)	Thursday, April 9	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Join online Join by phone: 213.338.8477 Webinar ID: 982 1284 2365
Community Cleanup (In-Person)	Saturday, April 11	9:00 AM – Noon	Meet at Pacific Coast Highway and San Gabriel Avenue (West Long Beach)

Community Development Week is an opportunity for Long Beach to celebrate the many accomplishments of CDBG and HOME and the dedicated City staff that make those programs and investments possible.

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