

**Notice of Substantial Amendment
For the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
City of Battle Creek Annual Action Plans
Program Years 2024 (7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025) and 2025 (7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026)
Notice of Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 7pm**

Under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, the City of Battle Creek receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds annually through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to meet the need of low- and moderate-income residents of Battle Creek. This substantial amendment proposes moving CDBG funds from Minor Home Repair projects to the renovation of 614 NE Capital, a vacant building, to provide recovery transitional housing.

The City of Battle Creek is publishing this notice to make citizens aware of a public comment period on the City's Substantial Amendment to the 2024 and 2025 Annual Action Plans reallocating funds from Minor Home Repair programs to complete the rehabilitation of a vacant building at 614 NE Capital, Battle Creek, MI 49017 for the provision of recovery housing for people in recovery from opioid addiction. The public comment period starts on November 13, 2025, and ends at the conclusion of the **Public Hearing** to be held before a regularly scheduled City Commission meeting on **Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, Room 301**, 10 N. Division Street, Battle Creek, Michigan.

The Substantial Amendment, Annual Action Plans, and the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan may be reviewed in hard copy at the City of Battle Creek's Community Development Division, City Hall, 10 N. Division Street, Suite 104, Battle Creek, MI, Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm, or viewed online on the Community Development page on the City's website at [Community Development | Battle Creek, MI](#)

The City proposes the following changes in its use of CDBG funding:

Move \$338,369.83 from Minor Home Repair projects to the renovation of 614 NE Capital for Recovery Housing.

A vacant building will be renovated to create five units of recovery housing for persons recovering from opioid abuse disorder. The costs to renovate the five-unit apartment building have continued to increase making this amendment necessary to identify funds to complete the renovation of the building. The city will complete the rehabilitation of this building and then turn it over to a recovery housing provider, Recovery Services Unlimited, LCC, to operate the building as transitional housing for individuals and families in recovery from opioid use disorder. The total cost of rehabilitation of 614 NE Capital is estimated at \$785,744 including holding costs. The City of Battle Creek is expected to contribute at least \$200,000.00 toward the project from Opioid Settlement funds. The City has already designated \$327,552.89 in CDBG funds toward the rehabilitation of 614 NE Capital.

Funds will be moved from:

1) CDBG Program Year 2025 Housing Rehabilitation Minor Home Repair Program: \$300,000.00

The city originally approved using \$599,312 for the Minor Home Repair program to assist 36 projects. The program provides grants to homeowners for health and safety necessary repairs mainly replacing roofs, furnaces, water heaters, and outdoor steps. Repairs are funded up to \$25,000 and do not disturb lead paint surfaces. The primary focus is exterior repairs for cited code violations and addressing health and safety issues. With this substantial amendment, the city will instead assist up to 20 homes with Minor Home Repair with \$299,312 in CDBG funds.

2) CDBG Program Year 2024 Senior Minor Home Repair contract with subrecipient, Community Action: \$38,369.83

This remaining funding is from a \$300,000 contract with the subrecipient, Community Action, to provide Senior Minor Home Repair to homeowners, age 60 and over, who were in need of roofing and other repairs. Community Action spent \$261,630.17 of the contract helping 19 homeowners in Program Year 2024 and 3 homeowners in Program Year 2025 with minor home repair with an average project cost of \$9,400.

Written comments on this Substantial Amendment to the City's 2024 and 2025 Annual Action Plans, and projected use funds must be received December 15, 2025, to:

Helen Guzzo, Community Development Supervisor,
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The City of Battle Creek will provide interpretation services and translation of any printed materials being considered in this meeting upon seven-day notice. Individuals needing interpretation or translation should contact Sara Espinoza by email at sespinoza@battlecreekmi.gov, or by calling (269) 966-3315.