

HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

March 16, 2026

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Monday, March 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance.

The roll call was taken with 4 members of the Human Affairs Committee present:

Alderman Thomas Lopez, Chairman, presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Thomas Lopez, Chair
Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly, Vice Chair
Alderwoman-at-Large Amber Morgan
Alderman Tim Sennott

Members of the Committee absent: Alderman Stephen Chess

Also in Attendance: Alderman Paula Johnson
Matt Sullivan, Community Development Director
Mike Jungers, Project Manager
Emily Martuscello, Emergency Management Director
Liz Hannum, Economic Development Director
Steve Buxton, Fire Chief
LaTonya Muccioli, Housing Services Officer

PUBLIC HEARING

FY2027 CDBG AND HOME PROGRAM ANNUAL ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR - None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION - None

The public hearing was declared closed at 7:05 p.m.

The regular meeting opened at 7:05 p.m.

Regular Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter
- Nashua Children's Home
- Gateways Community Services
- City of Nashua Economic Development
- Other organizations pending 3/13 response deadline

Chairman Lopez recognized Project Manager Mike Jungers.

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Mike Jungers, Urban Programs Manager
Re: Fiscal Year 2027 CDBG Applications

Without objection, Chairman Lopez accepted the communication and placed it on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-26-011

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Derek Thibeault
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-Large Alicia Gregg
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$15,833 FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY INTO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT ACTIVITY "SMART HAZMAT
FY26"**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SENNOTT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE
MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE - None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Alderman Tim Sennott
Committee Clerk

FY 2027 CDBG Applications Summary

Further application details, including full application PDFs for downloading, may be found at: [FY2027 CDBG Applications](#).

Applicant	Activity/Project	Summary (see full application for complete description)	CDBG \$ Requested	CDBG %
Public Service				
Nashua Police Athletic League (PAL)	Nashua PAL St. Patrick's Gym Rental	The Nashua PAL YSH and St. Pat's Basketball Gym provide free, year-round afterschool and summer programs to 340+ low-income youth (ages 7–18). PAL's St. Pat's Gym adds a safe space for physical activity, including PAL's youth basketball team "Thunder".	\$12,387.78	50 %
City of Nashua, NH Economic Development	Nashua's Financial Empowerment Center	A Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) provides free, professional, one-on-one financial counseling as a municipal public service. This includes program administration, outreach, and data tracking required by the national model.	\$100,000.00	33 %
City of Nashua Division of Public Health and Community Services	Overnight Warming Station	CDBG funding would be utilized to support the staffing expenses associated with operating a winter warming station.	\$50,000.00	25 %
Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire	Homelessness Prevention Program	Funding will support the salary of our Homelessness Prevention Program Director, who plays a critical role in assessing family needs, coordinating services, and developing individualized plans.	\$50,000.00	43 %
Sum Requests:			\$212,387.78	
Public Facility				
Nashua Children's Home	Boiler Replacement for Transitional Living Program Building	Nashua Children's Home (NCH) aims to replace the boilers and hot water heating systems at the Transitional Living Program (TLP) located at 123 Amherst St.	\$92,315.85	110 %

Nashua Center	Roof Replacement	Nashua Center is requesting CDBG Public Facilities funding to replace the deteriorating roof at its headquarters located at 18 Simon St. The roof is close to 30 years old and has numerous leaks.	\$92,295.00	100 %
Gateways Community Services	Supported Residential Homes- Replacement of Decks	We are requesting funding to replace rotting wood decks at two residential properties: 33 Atherton Avenue and 12 Upstone Drive. These decks have deteriorated and pose safety risks to residents and staff. Replacing them is essential to maintaining safe, accessible homes for the individuals we serve.	\$105,369.00	100 %
Mary A. Sweeney Home	Window Replacement	The windows in the building are approximately 30 years old and need to be replaced. Some of the apartments also experience significant issues with drafts during the winter months. The funds would be used to purchase and install new windows to upgrade the entire building.	\$100,000.00	100 %
Nashua Police Athletic League	Water Intrusion Issue & Expanded Exterior Security Cameras	PAL seeks support for 2 key safety needs: Exterior concrete work to correct conditions causing water intrusion into the elevator shaft and resulting damage to the building. Enhanced Outdoor Camera Security to expand the camera coverage of the exterior of the building for increased participant safety and security.	\$33,000.00	100 %
The Front Door Agency, Inc.	Elevator Repair/Replacement	Funds will be used to repair or potentially replace an existing elevator located in the Agency's Mary's House Affordable Housing Complex. This property provides 40 single-room occupancy units with shared bath facilities to single women who have experienced homelessness. The elevator is now 32 years old and has experienced significant wear, causing increased calls for service and downtime.	\$50,000.00	50 %
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua	Security Enhancement and Outdoor Play Project	CDBG funds will support the reinstallation of perimeter security fencing around our outdoor program areas and the creation of a dedicated playground for children ages 0–5 in our expanded Early Learning Center—serving as the capstone to the full renovation of our childcare spaces. Existing temporary fencing will be replaced with durable, code-compliant security fencing. Funds will also enable the installation of age-appropriate (0-5 years) playground equipment and a nature-themed mural.	\$100,000.00	84 %
Nashua Center	Entry Door Replacement	Nashua Center is requesting CDBG Public Facilities funding to replace the aging sliding entry doors at its headquarters, which houses adult day services, LIFE-OP,	\$55,720.00	100 %

		administrative offices, case management meetings, and board functions. The existing doors are more than 20 years old and cannot accommodate modern swipe-card or buzzer entry systems. Frost heaving beneath the current doors has also damaged the vestibule floor, creating uneven surfaces that impact safe entry and proper door function. Funds will support removal of the sliding doors, repair and leveling of the vestibule floor, and installation of ADA-compliant double doors with integrated access control technology.		
Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter	Full-building Backup Generator	NSKS serves the Greater Nashua region with programs addressing hunger and homelessness. This CDBG funding would cover the cost of a 45 KW Natural gas generator and a 3R service rated Automatic Transfer Switch to maintain operations in the event of a power outage. A power outage would require facility evacuation, and result in devastating loss of stored food. A generator will ensure that service and security will not be disrupted.	\$83,000.00	59 %
Arlington Street Community Center	HVAC Improvements	The first floor of the Arlington Street Community Center has inadequate heating and cooling, with large temperature variations across different rooms where program activities are conducted. A contractor has evaluated the existing system and determined that it can be modified to provide even temperatures throughout the building. The CDBG funding would be used to fund the needed modifications.	\$9,500.00	100 %
Sum Requests:			\$721,199.85	
Infrastructure (City only)				
City of Nashua	Ledge Street Community Playground	The City requests funding to support the development of a community playground located in the vicinity of the Ledge Street Elementary School. The project would be completed in phases, with the first phase focused on site and infrastructure improvements to create a greenspace. Following phases would include the installation of playground equipment and related amenities.	\$50,000.00	38 %
Sum Requests:			\$50,000.00	

City of Nashua

Division of Public Health & Community Services
18 Mulberry Street, Nashua, NH 03060



Our Mission

To promote, protect, and preserve the health and well-being of the Greater Nashua Public Health Region through leadership and community collaboration.

Our Vision

To have an informed, safe, healthy, and resilient community where all people can thrive and prosper.

Project

The Overnight Warming Station:

- Supports our unhoused community (low income residents)
- Prevents loss of life during the Winter months by providing a warm place to stay
- Low-barrier to entry
- Prevents loss of life from drug overdoses
- Fosters connections to treatment, recovery, medical needs, mental health supports, benefits, and emergency and long-term housing navigation

FY 27 CDBG Request

- Funding Request: \$50,000
- Funding Use: Staffing



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF GREATER NASHUA**

UNLOCKING POTENTIAL AT THE CLUB

Our Mission

is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. To achieve our mission, we reduce barriers to access, provide a safe and fun environment, foster trusting relationships with caring mentors, and build confidence to unlock potential.

Every day, youth walk through our doors to learn, build friendships, and discover opportunities that help shape their future. From early childhood through the teen years, the Club provides programs that support academic success, healthy lifestyles, leadership development, and emotional well-being. Dedicated staff and mentors create a welcoming environment where every child feels valued and encouraged to succeed.

For many families in our community, the Club is more than an afterschool program—it is a trusted partner and a place where kids can belong.



Club Membership

costs just \$90 per year, 3% of our actual cost to serve each child. It includes daily programming, transportation to the Club, daily hot meals and snacks (over 75,000+ served per year), mentorship from caring adults, mental health counseling, athletic opportunities, academic enrichment, and much more.

Licensed childcare and summer camp for children ages 6-weeks through 6th grade is available for a weekly fee. We accept state scholarships to ensure no child is turned away due to inability to pay. In the last year we have doubled the number of children served through licensed child care.

Club members are children and teens ages 6-weeks through 18 years old who live in the Greater Nashua Area. We reach more than 5,000 people each year—serving 1,500 youth through direct programs and engaging another 3,500 community members through athletics, partnerships, and shared programming.



Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, & Good Character & Citizenship

are our three program pillars. We seek to build foundations that enable our members to achieve future success. We provide equitable access to the resources and opportunities needed to achieve success, and are constantly seeking ways to evolve our Club programming to meet the changing needs of families and young people in our community.





THE POWER OF YOUTH

A campaign for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua

YOUR POWER, THEIR FUTURE.

Overall Power of YOUTH Capital Campaign Goals

The Power of YOUTH Campaign is strengthening our ability to serve young people today, and for generations to come. This campaign, our first in fifteen years, has a fundraising target of \$12M and is overhauling nearly every piece of our 55,000 square foot facility. This CDBG request will be part of this larger renovation of the Club facility.

Priorities of these renovations include enhancing facility safety, expanding services, improving spaces, upgrading systems, and ensuring sustainability through an investment in our endowment.

Completed Projects of the Campaign

Kitchen & Cafe



Tackling youth hunger in our community

STEM Lab



Enabling experiential learning & career exploration

Pool & Locker Rooms



Fostering healthy lifestyles through aquatics

Teen Learning Kitchen



Teaching life skills to set teens up for independence

Youth Wellness Center



Supporting families with mental health & basic needs

Facility Systems



Sustainability of roof, HVAC, drainage, electric, & plumbing

Main Entryway



Ensuring safe and secure spaces for youth

Project Learn Zone



Providing opportunities to learn through fun

Projects Currently In-Progress / Upcoming

Street Hockey Court



Creating opportunities for fun, recreational sports

Secondary Entrance



Streamlining access to pool, childcare, & Wellness Center

Early Learning Center



Increasing child capacity in our Early Learning Center

Gymnasium



Replacing original gym floor to improve safety & function

Inspiring Spaces

Murals are installed throughout the Club to infuse vibrancy and a sense of home. This is being done via Mural Fests, in which Club kids participate in the process.



CDBG Funding Request: Security Enhancement & Outdoor Play Project

Project fast facts:

- Funding will install 1,000 total linear feet of fencing around outdoor program spaces, and install a dedicated playground in Early Learning Center outdoor play area
- We will serve 300 young people per day (150 kids per day in licensed child care)
- Fencing will meet national safety standards, as well as criteria for NH Child Care Licensing
- Playground will feature materials built to engage our youngest Club members (infant through Pre-K) in developmentally appropriate, safe outdoor play
- Playground will also feature a mural that encourages creativity and imaginative play



2026 CDBG REQUEST

LEDGE STREET PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS



MATT SULLIVAN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, CITY OF NASHUA

LEDGE STREET PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

- **\$50,000 Request**
 - **Additional Funds Pending**
 - **Possible sources Charitable Gaming, District, Capital Budget**
- **Partnership with School District, Division of Public Works, Community Development, and PTA**
- **Development of new playground area on site to rear of property**
 - **Design pending**
 - **Move to rear of site provides additional safety due to separation from road**
 - **Address Site drainage challenges**



LEDGE STREET PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

- Playground area would be approximately 200% larger than the existing playground site, allowing for green space as well as playground equipment
- Community Benefit and Alignment with CDBG
 - 60% combined Low-to-Moderate Income rate for the Census Blocks 108 and 109 service areas
 - Playground would be accessible to 450 students, 80% of which receive free or reduced cost lunches



























