NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISPLAY AND PUBLIC HEARING
F.Y. 2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
F.Y. 2025 ACTION PLAN
ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE
CITY OF CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PA

In accordance with the Federal regulations at 24 CFR, Part 91, the City of Chester prepared a Consolidated Plan for the period 2025-2029, an Action Plan for F.Y. 2025, and the 2025-2029 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) in order to qualify for direct assistance under certain funding programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

The F.Y. 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan includes a Needs Assessment related to Housing, Homeless, Non-Homeless Special Needs, and Non-Housing Community Development, a Housing Market Analysis, and a Strategic Plan. The F.Y. 2025 Action Plan includes proposed allocations to programs and activities for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The 2025-2029 AI identifies impediments and defines specific goals and strategies to address each impediment.

The City of Chester's F.Y. 2025 CDBG allocation is estimated to be $1,250,000 and the HOME allocation is estimated to be $340,000.

The F.Y. 2025 Action Plan includes the following proposed projects to be funded with CDBG and HOME funds:

CDBG PROGRAM

Senior Community Services – Senior Center Services	$20,000.00
Wesley House Community Corp. – Wesley House Shelter Operations	40,000.00
Domestic Abuse Project – Counseling and Legal Advocacy	20,000.00
Salvation Army Chester Corps, - Homeless Services	15,000.00
Chester Community Improvement Project – Pre-purchase Counseling	20,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Chester – Afterschool Programs	10,000.00
Entrepreneur Works Fund – Microenterprise Technical Assistance	10,000.00
Making a Change Group – Connected Families Program	10,000.00
Chester Education Foundation – Resource Hub	10,000.00
The Foundation for Delaware County – Homeless Prevention	10,000.00
Chester Eastside, Inc. – Afterschool Program	10,000.00
Trinity Transitional House, Inc. – Homeless Services	10,000.00
Fire Department – Truck Payment 5 of 7	105,127.00
Infrastructure Improvements – Streets, Inlets, Sidewalks/ADA, etc.	250,000.00
Parks and Recreation Facilities	100,000.00
Fire Department Equipment, Vehicles, Supplies	150,000.00
Boys and Girls Club – Restroom Renovations	58,000.00
Scattered Site Demolition	150,000.00
Contingencies	1,873.00
Administration/Planning	250,000.00

Total CDBG Budget	$1,250,000.00

NOTE: If the City's final F.Y. 2025 CDBG allocation is more than estimated, the City will increase the following line items accordingly: Infrastructure Improvements and Administration/Planning (to meet the 20% Administrative Cap). If funding is less than estimated, the City will decrease Infrastructure Improvements, Public Service activities (proportionately as necessary to meet the 15% Public Service Cap) and Administration/Planning (to meet the 20% Administrative Cap).

HOME PROGRAM

CCIP CHDO Operating Expenses	17,000.00
CCIP CHDO Set-Aside for Affordable Housing	51,000.00
Single Family Affordable Housing Initiative	138,000.00
Silvercare Senior Housing – Phase II	100,000.00
Planning and Administrative Expenses	34,000.00
Total HOME Budget	$340,000.00

NOTE: If the City's F.Y. 2025 HOME allocation is more or less than estimated, the City will increase or decrease the following line items: CCIP CHDO Operating Expense (to the allowed 5% of the allocation), CCIP CHDO Set-Aside (to the minimum 15% of the allocation), Single Family Affordable Housing Initiative, and Administration (to the allowed 10% of the allocation).

The City of Chester will hold a **Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers**, 1 Fourth Street, Chester, PA, to solicit citizen comments on the F.Y. 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, the 2025 Action Plan, and the 2025-2029 AI. The building is handicapped accessible. If any person requires accommodation to attend the Hearing or to access the Consolidated Plan/Action Plan/AI information, please contact Mrs. Jo Ann Ruark of the Chester Economic Development Authority (CEDA) at (610) 447-7854 (hearing impaired individuals may dial 711) or by email at jar@ceda.cc. Cualquier persona que no habla Inglés que desean asistir a la reunión pública deben comunicarse con CEDA cinco (5) días del calendario antes de la reunión y un intérprete de lenguaje se proporcionará.

Copies of the draft documents will be available for public inspection and review from March 3, 2025, through April 4, 2025, at the following locations, on the City's website at www.chestercity.com, or on CEDA's website at www.ceda.cc:

Office of the City Clerk or CEDA
City Hall, 1 Fourth Street
Chester, PA 19013

J. Lewis Crozer Library
620 Engle Street
Chester, PA

The City will be undertaking an evaluation of the projects to be funded in an effort to identify historic and archaeological resources that may be affected by the projects. By this Notice, the City invites parties who may have an interest in projects which may

impact historic and archaeological resources to make themselves known. Parties should contact CEDA. The City will involve such parties in the notification and review process of the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as set forth in 36 CFR Part 800.

The City intends to approve the Final 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, the F.Y. 2025 Action Plan, and the 2025-2029 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, and submit such documents to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or about May 30, 2025, or at such time as final allocations are known. Interested persons are encouraged to express their views on the draft documents at the public hearing or in writing to CEDA, P. O. Box 407, Chester, PA, 19016 or to jar@ceda.cc. All comments received through April 4, 2025, will be considered.

Stefan Roots
Mayor of the City of Chester