



Mayor John Laesch

2026 CITY OF AURORA GRANT PROGRAMS

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City of Aurora
Committee of the Whole

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Today's Agenda

- **2026 Grant Program Overviews**
- **Grant Program Eligible Activities**
- **Grant Application Process**
- **2025 Program Highlights**
- **2026 Funding Recommendation Next Steps**





2026 CITY OF AURORA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

SIX GRANT PROGRAMS

Federal

- **Community Development Block Grant Program**
- **HOME Investment Partnership Program**
- **HOME-ARP Investment Partnership Program**

State

- **Opioid Use Disorder Grant**

Local - Gaming Tax

- **Affordable Housing Solution Grant**
- **Quality of Life Grant**

CITY OF AURORA GRANT PROGRAMS



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (FEDERAL)

City residents, households, and neighborhoods that qualify as low-moderate income (e.g. 4-person household with income below \$95,900 qualifies as low-income for CDBG)

Neighborhood projects must serve a low-moderate income population percentage of at least 51%

HUD-defined Presumed Benefit groups:

- Abused children
- Elderly persons (62 years old)
- Battered spouses
- Homeless persons
- Severely disabled adults
- Illiterate adults
- Persons living with AIDS



HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) (FEDERAL)

City residents who qualify as low-income (with priority for households at or below 60% Area Median Income)

Renters living or seeking access to income-restricted affordable rental housing

Income-eligible homebuyers seeking affordable homeownership opportunities

Households served through HOME-assisted developments, including:

- Families
- Seniors
- Individuals with disabilities
- Other income-eligible residents



HOME-ARP GRANT PROGRAM (FEDERAL)

- QP 1 – Homeless Individuals and families
- QP 2 – Individuals and families at risk of homelessness
- QP 3 – Individuals and families attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- QP 4 – Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability

*QP=Qualified Population

CITY OF AURORA GRANT PROGRAMS



STATE OF ILLINOIS OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Aurora residents and households impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD), substance use, or overdose risk.

- Residents at risk of overdose or opioid-related harm
- Individuals and families needing treatment access, recovery support, or behavioral health services
- Residents impacted by the criminal justice system due to opioid use
- Community members served through prevention, diversion, harm reduction, and treatment-related services



AURORA AFFORDABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS FUND (CITY GAMING TAX)

Aurora residents and households experiencing housing instability or facing barriers to affordable housing.

- Expand long-term sustainable housing options.
- Infill Housing
- Housing Rehabilitation,
- Education
- Landlord Outreach and Engagement
- Homeownership

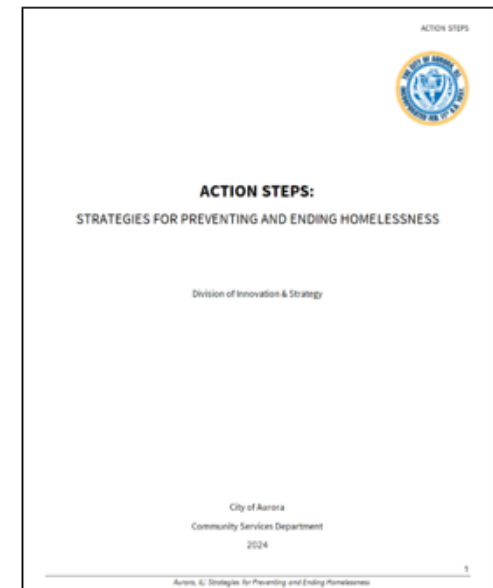
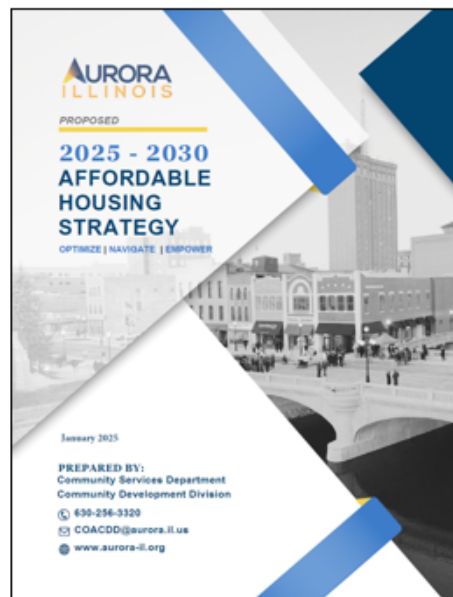
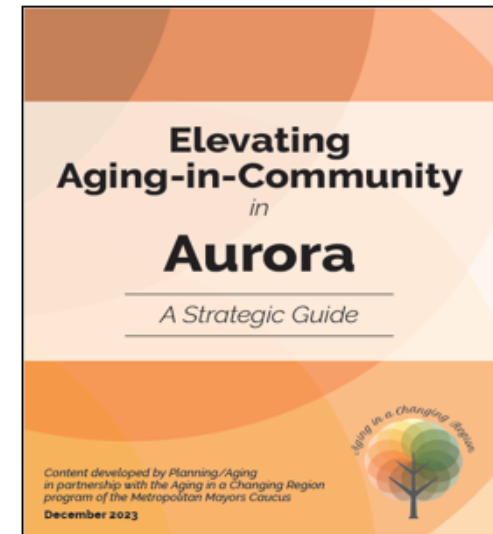


QUALITY OF LIFE GRANT PROGRAM (CITY GAMING TAX)

Aurora residents are able to benefit from a wide variety of programs such as:

- Basic Needs
- Community
- Education & Youth Services
- Mental Health
- Museums
- Public Safety
- Senior Services
- Workforce Development
- Other activities considered on a case-by-case basis

CITY OF AURORA 2026 PLANNING DOCUMENTS





2026 ESTIMATED CITY OF AURORA TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Type of Funding	Funding Availability
Community Development Block Grant (Federal Funds)	\$1,400,000
Home Investment Partnerships Program (Federal Funds)	\$1,600,000
Home Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan (Federal Funds)	\$1,100,000
Quality of Life (Gaming Tax)	\$863,000
Opioid Use Disorder (IL Settlement Funds)	\$632,535
Affordable Housing Solutions (Gaming Tax)	\$600,000
Total Estimated Funding Available	*\$6,195,535

**Amount reflects prior year unexpended funds in addition to an estimated 2026 CDBG allocation in the amount of \$1.2 Million and an estimated 2026 HOME allocation of \$525,000*





2026 APPLICATION SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Grant Type	Total Funding Request	Funds Recommended	Total Projects Applied
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$2,075,664	\$1,400,000	11
Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)	\$1,560,000	\$560,000	2
Home Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)	\$992,795	\$325,000	4
Quality of Life (QOL)	\$340,581	\$203,000	58
Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)	\$2,410,058	\$863,000	4
Affordable Housing Solutions (AHS)	\$1,225,405	\$550,000	6
Total	\$8,604,503	\$3,901,000	85

**Total projects applied represents all applications received, including those moved to other funding categories during review.*



FY 2025/26 - APPLICATION OVERVIEW, ACTION STEPS & MILESTONES

Steps Completed	Date
Pre-Application Announcement Email - Notice #1	8/26/2025
Beacon Newspaper Advertisement	8/17/2025
Community Resource Team Email Release	8/29/2025
Community Resource Team Social Media Post	8/29/2025
Pre-Application Announcement Email - Notice #2	8/29/2025
Beacon Newspaper Advertisement	8/29/2025
Pre-Application Announcement Email - Notice #3	9/4/2026
Pre-Application Virtual Workshop	9/9/2026
Final Reminder Regarding Application Due Date	10/6/2026
Application Due Date	10/10/2026



2026 GRANT APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND ACTIVITIES

COMPLETENESS AND QUALITY OF THE APPLICATION

ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY & EXPERIENCE

STAFF CAPACITY

GRANT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

FINANCIAL CAPACITY

PROGRAM CAPACITY

PAST PERFORMANCE

PROJECT IMPACT

ABILITY TO SERVE AURORA RESIDENTS

ALIGNMENT WITH CITY GOALS AND STRATEGIES

ADDRESSES COMMUNITY NEEDS

PROGRAM IMPACT AND OUTCOMES

PERFORMANCE METRICS

DUPLICATION OF SERVICES

FINANCIALS

BUDGET (INCLUDING SOURCES AND USES)

ABILITY TO OPERATE OR CARRY ON PROJECT WITH A REDUCED AMOUNT OF FUNDS

FUNDING IMPACT



2025

Program Highlights



HOME-ARP 2024 & 2025 Programmatic Summary

Organization	Description
Association for Individual Development	Provided street outreach to 259 homeless individuals
Hesed House	Provided housing search or placed 33 households in affordable rental housing.
Loaves & Fishes	Provided 10 Households emergency rental assistance.
Mutual Ground	Provided housing case management to 94 clients .
Prairie State Legal Services	Provided 79 households with legal services to prevent homelessness.
VNA Health Care	Provided comprehensive health care to 843 uninsured households that are homeless, or at risk of homelessness.
Total Individuals/Households Served: 1,318	

PROJECT PROFILE



2024-2025 Funded Projects:

- Case Management
- Housing Search & Placement
- On-Site Substance Abuse
- Domestic Violence Counselors
- Parking Lot Re-pavement
- Shelter Expansion



HESED HOUSE

A national model for ending homelessness – one person, one family at a time. They are the second-largest homeless shelter in the State of Illinois, and the largest shelter outside of the city of Chicago.

	2024-2025 City Funding		\$631,833
	2025 CDBG-CV State of IL DCEO Funding		\$1,762,875
	Total City Funded		\$2,394,708

PROJECT PROFILE



Safety & Accessibility Modifications

Rebuilding Together Aurora

To deliver high quality, lasting, home repairs and accessibility modifications for low-income homeowners impacted by disability.

2024 - 2025 City Funding

\$200,000

PROJECT PROFILE



Aurora Regional Fire Museum

The Aurora Regional Fire Museum is located in Aurora's old Central Fire Station. Two floors of exhibits chronicle the history of the Aurora Fire Department, fire service in our region, and explore fire safety and prevention.

2024 - 2025 Quality of Life

\$85,000

PROJECT PROFILE



Wayside Cross Ministries

Wayside Cross will offer academic enrichment and youth leadership development for under-resourced children in East Aurora School District (EASD) 131.

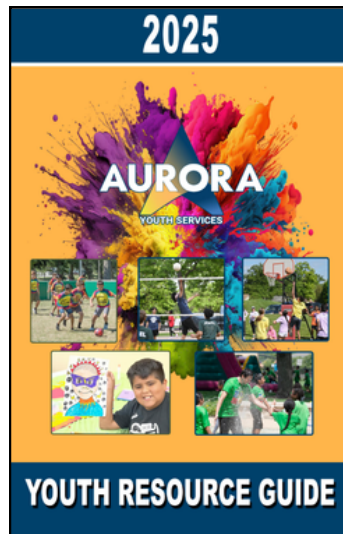
 **2024 - 2025 Quality of Life**

 **\$29,000**



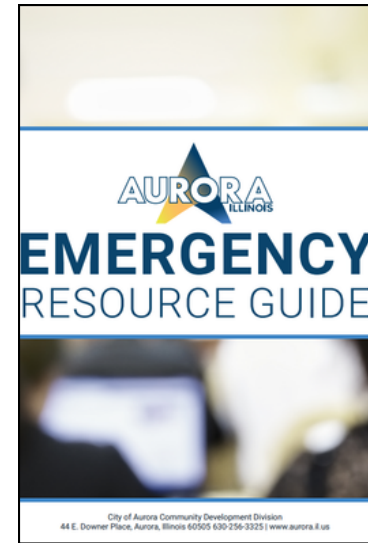
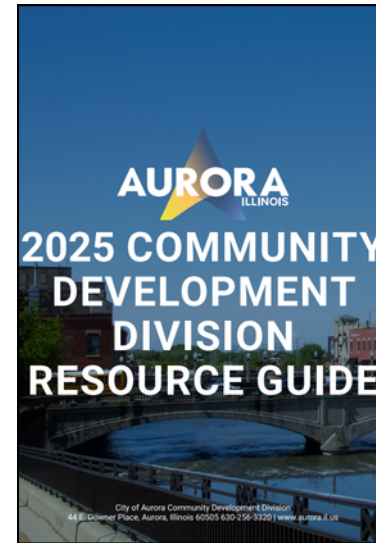
CITY OF AURORA RESOURCE GUIDES

Youth Services



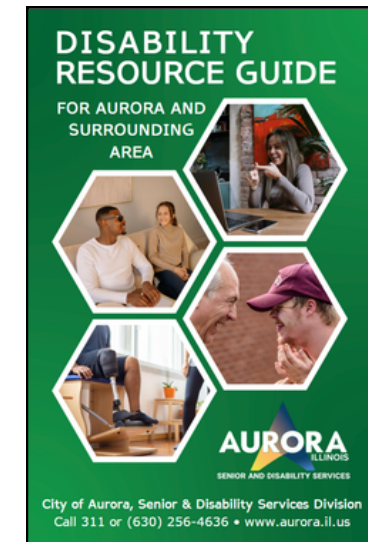
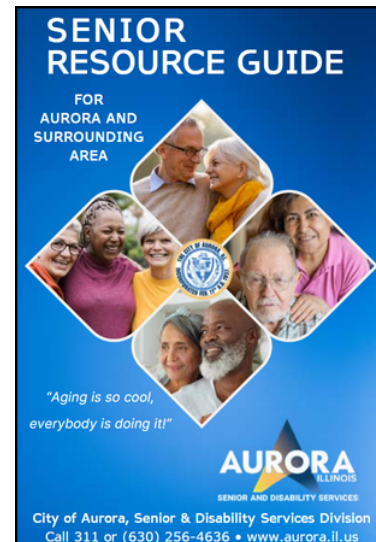
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Community Development



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Senior & Disabilities Services



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NEXT STEPS

REMAINING APPROVAL PROCESS

CITY PROCESS

Thursday January 15, 2026

- Block Grant Working Committee Recommendations

Sunday, January 18, 2026

- Public Notice

Monday, January 19, 2026

- 30-Day Public Comment Period Begins

Friday, January 30, 2026

- Public Hearing

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

- Public Health, Safety & Transportation Committee Review
Due to lack of quorum, referred to New Business under Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

- Public Comment Period Ends at 4:00 P.M.
- Committee of the Whole Review/Approval

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

- City Council Approval

March 2026

- Submit Action Plan to HUD
- Execute contracts and agreements for all 2026 CDBG, HOME-ARP, OUD, AHS, and QOL awardees

Spring 2026

- Conduct onsite monitoring to ensure project compliance with all City guidelines

Summer 2026

- All 2026 grant recipients serving City residents

December 2026

- Project Closeouts



Thank You

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION?



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