



# 2026 CDBG and HOME Application Information Session

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# Welcome!

- Enter name, pronouns, agency and email address in the chat.
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# Agenda



**Funding  
Sources**



**Application  
Process**



**Review  
Process**



**Questions**



# Funding Sources

**CDBG, HOME, HOME-ARP**





# CDBG

## Community Development Block Grant

- Increase affordable housing (no new construction)
- Expand economic opportunities
- Essential community services (related to housing)





# HOME

## Home Investment Partnerships Program

- Affordable housing
- Acquisition, construction, rehabilitation
  - Rental or homeownership
- Direct rental assistance





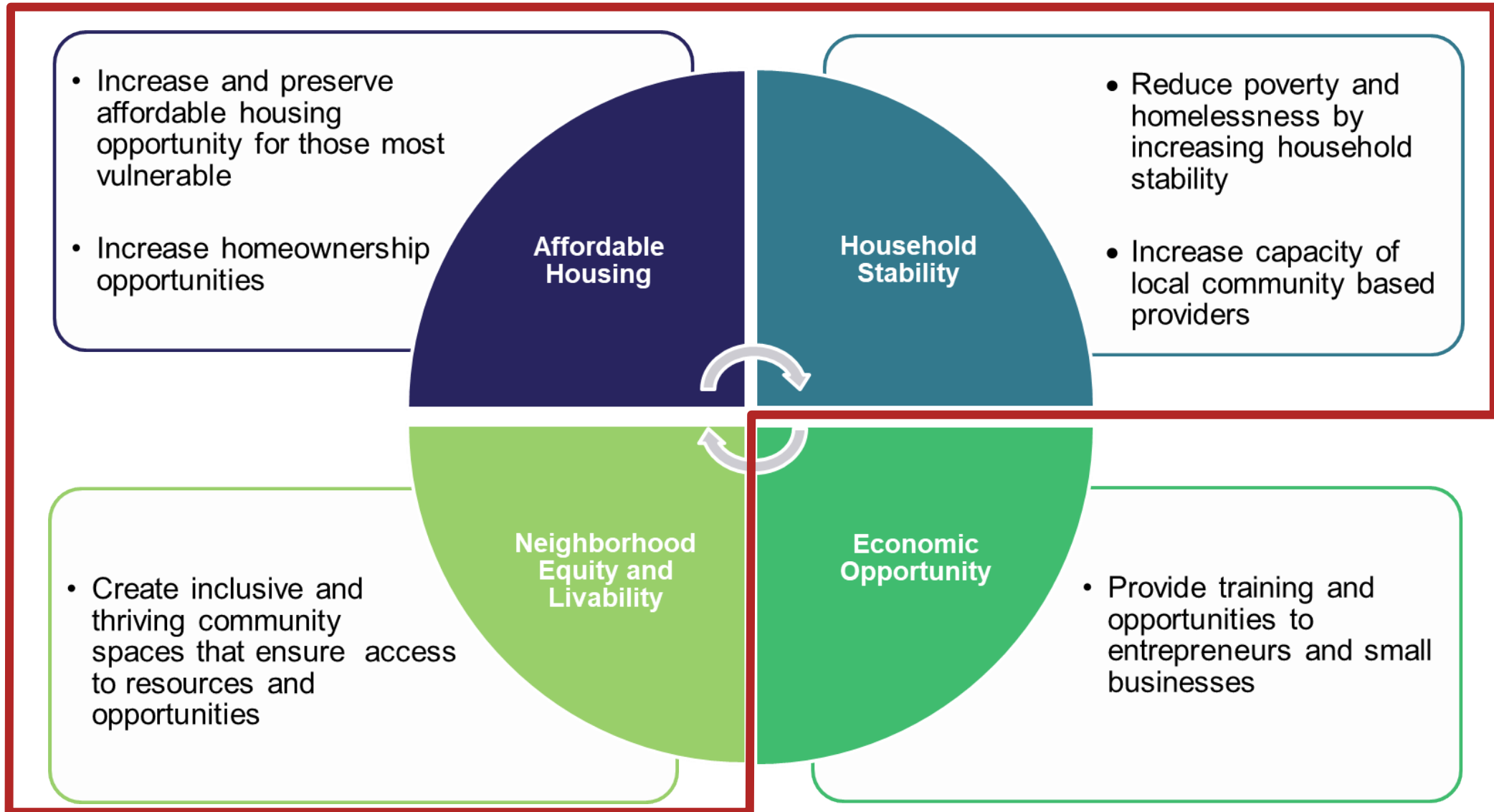
# HOME-ARP

## HOME American Rescue Plan

- Homelessness
- Supportive services
- Promote
  - Stable housing
  - Improved health
  - Self-sufficiency



# 2024-28 Consolidated Plan





# Estimated Funds Available

**\$1,900,000**

Funding Categories	Funding Source	Amount available	Maximum Request	Minimum Request
<b>Housing Projects</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>		
• Acquisition, Construction, Rehab			\$400,000	\$250,000
• Homebuyer Assistance			\$250,000	\$100,000
<b>Tenant-Based Rental Assistance</b>	<b>HOME/CDBG</b>	<b>\$405,000</b>	<b>\$270,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
• Rental Assistance	HOME	\$300,000	\$200,000	
• Housing Services	CDBG	\$105,000	35% of HOME	
<b>Public Services</b>	<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Microenterprise Business Assistance</b>	<b>CDBG</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Homeless Supportive Services</b>	<b>HOME-ARP</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>



# Program Eligibility

All programs must serve households within city limits

CDBG

HOME

HOME-ARP

80% AMI  
homeownership  
or  
microenterprise

50% AMI  
public service  
(or presumed  
benefit)

80% AMI  
homeownership

60% AMI rental

Literally  
homeless (QP1)

Safe Stay  
prioritization





# Application Process

Timeline, Neighborly



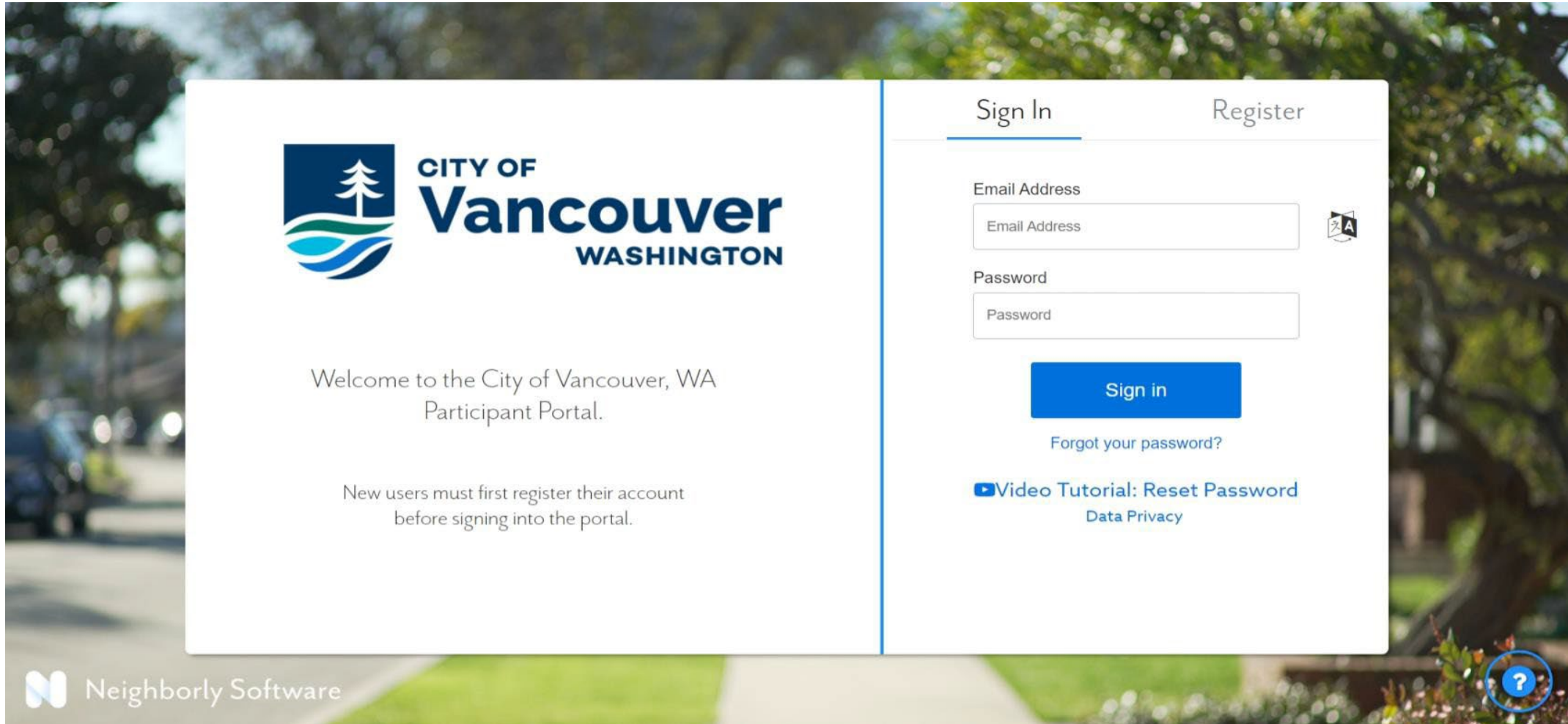
# Application Timeline

Date	Item
<b>October 24, 2025</b>	Office hours at 10am via MS Teams
<b>October 31, 2025</b>	<b>Pre-application due at <u>11:59pm PT via Neighborly</u></b>
<b>November 17, 2025</b>	Office hours at 2pm via MS Teams
<b>November 24, 2025</b>	Deadline to ask technical assistance questions
<b>December 5, 2025</b>	<b>Final application due at <u>11:59pm PT via Neighborly</u></b>
<b>December 12, 2025</b>	Staff review, request for technical corrections
<b>December 19, 2025</b>	Response to technical corrections due by 11:59pm PT
<b>February 2026</b>	<b>Applicant presentations. Planning for in-person. Date TBD.</b>
<b>February 2026</b>	Housing & Microenterprise Committees scoring complete
<b>March/April 2026</b>	<b>Funding recommendations to City Council</b>
<b>May 2026</b>	City Council Public Hearing
<b>May 2026</b>	Action Plan Submitted to HUD
<b>July 2026</b>	<b>Program Year Start: Funding availability dependent on HUD Grant Agreements</b>





# Accessing the Application



The screenshot shows the login interface for the City of Vancouver Participant Portal. The background is a blurred image of a park with trees and a path. The interface is divided into two main sections by a vertical blue line.

**Left Section:**

- Logo:** The City of Vancouver logo, featuring a stylized tree and waves, with the text "CITY OF Vancouver WASHINGTON".
- Welcome Message:** "Welcome to the City of Vancouver, WA Participant Portal."
- Registration Note:** "New users must first register their account before signing into the portal."
- Footer:** The Neighborly Software logo and name.

**Right Section:**

- Navigation:** Two tabs at the top: "Sign In" (active) and "Register".
- Form Fields:**
  - Email Address:** A text input field with a placeholder "Email Address" and a small icon of a person with a checkmark.
  - Password:** A text input field with a placeholder "Password".
- Buttons:** A blue "Sign in" button.
- Links:** A link "Forgot your password?" and a link "Video Tutorial: Reset Password" (with a play button icon) and "Data Privacy".

**Bottom Right:** A small blue circular icon with a white question mark.





# Important notes

## Must meet federal requirements

- Nonprofit agencies and public organizations only
- Income and rent limits
- SAM.gov, UEI
- Vancouver city limits
- Application guidelines





# City HUD Certification

## Compliance Requirements

- “Will not use Federal funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) mandates, policies, programs, or activities that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.”
  - Funds must continue to align with federal anti-discrimination laws (e.g., Fair Housing Act, Title VI).
- **Implications for Grantees**
  - Review program design to ensure no use of Federal funds for prohibited DEI initiatives.
  - Update program policies and compliance checklists if needed.
  - Maintain focus on eligible CDBG/HOME activities
- **NOTE:** The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996, exempts nonprofit charitable organizations from verifying an applicant's immigration status for federal benefits at 8 U.S.C. § 1642(d).



# Review Process

**Committee, Presentations**





# Housing Advisory Committee

~14 community volunteers

- Committee of community members
- Review and score applications in Neighborly
- Requested in-person presentations for 2026





# Presentations

## February 2026, in-person/hybrid

- Date TBD
- Location TBD
- 10 minutes per application
- 5 minutes presenting
- 5 minutes Q&A
- Housing Committee & City Staff



# Scoring – Objective: 25 points

## Staff review based on risk assessment and application

Category	Max. Points
<b>Committed Match Funds</b> Based on committed funds as share of total project cost  0% = 0 pts      41-60% = 6 pts 1-20% = 2 pts      21-40% = 4 pts 61-80% = 8 pts      81-100% = 10 pts	<b>10</b>
<b>Risk Assessment Score</b> Based on financial health, staff experience with services, prior monitoring results, and litigation.  Low = 10 pts      Medium = 5 pts High = 0 pts	<b>10</b>
<b>Project Outcomes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Benefit low-to-moderate income households</li><li>• Representative of community demographics</li></ul>	<b>5</b>





# Scoring – Committee: 75 points

## Based on application and presentation

Category	Max. Points
<b>Scope and Capacity</b> Well-planned, detailed description. Agency has experience on projects of similar size and scope.	15
<b>Need and Plan Alignment</b> Meets a critical community need, directly advances priorities in the City’s Consolidated Plan or 5-Year Economic Development Plan.	20
<b>Impact (Outcomes)</b> Large or long-lasting positive impact on people/households experiencing low or moderate income	15
<b>Financial Feasibility</b> Agency has or will secure other financing needed to carry out project and, if applicable, ensure long-term viability.	10
<b>Readiness</b> Can begin within one year (for programs/services) or two years (for projects involving acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation) of funding award.	10
<b>Collaboration</b> Clearly details coordination with partners or community.	5



# Thank You



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