

WASHTENAW URBAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, September 9, 2026 - 2:00pm – 3:30pm (In-person)

This meeting is being held in-person at the Learning Resource Center (Superior Room), 4135 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor

Members of the public can attend in person or virtually using the Zoom information below:

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A link to Urban County Executive Committee roster with members' contact information is available [here](#).

I. Welcome & Introductions

Roll Call – members shall state their name and community they are representing.

II. Public Comment - Comments can be made in person or virtually using the Zoom link above.

III. Announcements from Members and/or Staff

A. 2026 Washtenaw County Community Needs Assessment – OCED invites residents to share their thoughts on current needs and priorities by completing the Community Needs Assessment survey accessible [here](#). More information is available [here](#).

B. Member Announcements (All)

IV. Minutes

A. 05-13-2026 Meeting Minutes – Review & Approval (**ACTION**)

V. General Administration

A. Introduction to Public Hearing on Draft 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (Jasmyne Townsend, OCED)

i. Public Hearing on Draft 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

B. 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act – Criteria Updates to CDBG & HOME Allocations (Tara Cohen, OCED)

C. Project Cycle 2027 Preparation (Jasmyne Townsend, OCED)

VI. General Updates - Member Announcements

VII. Public Comment – Comments can be made in person or virtually using the Zoom link above.

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2026, 2:00 – 3:30pm

Location: Learning Resource Center (Superior Room), 4135 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor

WASHTENAW URBAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 13, 2026 - 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Learning Resource Center (4135 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor)

Members in Attendance: Supervisor Diane O’Connell (Ann Arbor Township); Council Member Chris Watson (City of Ann Arbor); Katie Jones (Economic Development & Equity Coordinator, City of Ypsilanti); Laurie Lutomski (Community Resource Coordinator, Ypsilanti Township); Janet Dillon (Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Saline); Jessica West (Director of Community Development, Pittsfield Township); Chris Cheng (Project Manager, Scio Township); Supervisor Emily Dabish-Yahkind (Superior Township); Michelle Aniol (Director of Community Development, City of Dexter)

Members Absent: Supervisor Laurie Fromhart (Bridgewater Township); Supervisor Lonnie Scott (Dexter Township); Supervisor Bill VanRiper (Lima Township); Supervisor Ronald Milkey (Manchester Township); Supervisor Larry Roman (Northfield Township); Supervisor Gary Whittaker (Salem Township); Supervisor Jim Marion (Saline Township); Supervisor Mike DeAngelo (Webster Township); Supervisor Dave Ludwig (York Township); Mayor Kate Henson (City of Chelsea); Supervisor Todd Waller (Augusta Township); Supervisor Amanda Nimke (Sylvan Township); Mayor Edward Kolar (City of Milan); Supervisor Pamela Byrnes (Lyndon Township)

Chair: Commissioner Katie Scott

OCED Staff Present: Jasmyne Townsend, Tara Cohen, Andrew Kraemer, Toni Kayumi

Guests: None

Members of the Public Present: None

I. Welcome & Introductions – Roll Call

Commissioner Scott called meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

Pursuant to [MCL 15.263 Sec.3](#), Ms. Townsend took roll call during which each member stated their name and their jurisdiction being represented (I.e. City or Township, Washtenaw County, State of Michigan).

Michelle Aniol: Representing City of Dexter , Washtenaw County
Jessica West: Representing Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County
Katie Jones: Representing City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County
Christopher Cheng: Representing Scio Township, Washtenaw County
Emily Dabish-Yahkind: Representing Superior Township, Washtenaw County
Laurie Lutomski: Representing Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County
Diane O’Connell: Representing Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County
Janet Dillon: Representing City of Saline, Washtenaw County

Chris Watson: Representing City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County arrived at 2:15 pm

II. Public Comment

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting for public comment at 2:05 pm. There were no public comments received.

III. Announcements from Members and/or Staff –

- A. Ann Arbor Housing Commission to host the 2026 Homebuyers Summit on Monday, May 18th, from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Building. Flyer is included in the meeting packet.
- B. Save the Date – Parkridge Summer Festival & Joe Dulin Community Day will be Saturday, August 22, 2026. This event will take place at the Parkridge Community Center and Park. More information to come.
- C. Save the Date – Washtenaw County OCED and Growing Hope will host the 2nd Annual Ypsi Food Fest on August 15, 2026, from 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM. More information to come.
- D. Member Announcements (All)
 - I. Bicentennial Updates – Commissioner Scott
 - a. May 30th – African American Bus Tour
 - b. June 21st – Juneteenth Tour
 - c. Bicentennial Mural in Gallup Park

IV. Minutes

- A. 03-11-2026 Meeting Minutes – Review & Approval **(ACTION)**

Moved by Michelle Aniol. Supported by Jessica West.

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Aniol – Yes

West – Yes

Jones – Yes

Watson – Yes

Cheng – Yes

Dabish-Yahkind – Yes

Lutomski – Yes

O’Connell – Yes

Dillon – Yes

V. General Administration

- A. **Adoption of 2026-27 Annual Action Plan (ACTION) (Jasmyne Townsend, OCED)**

Townsend reminded the committee there was a public comment period open from April 1st through May 8th to solicit input from on the Draft 2026 Annual Action Plan. During the comment period, two (2) public hearings were scheduled; the public hearing scheduled at the April UCEC meeting did not occur due to failure to meet quorum – no members of the public were present in-person or via Zoom. A draft of the 2026 Annual Action was available on the Office of Community & Economic Development’s website and social media platforms; updates to the draft were posted as needed. The Annual Action Plan identifies specific projects and programs the County intends to implement utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds during the period of July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

The updated Draft 2026 Annual Action Plan for approval and 2026 Planned Activities Table was made available on the website [here](#).

The remaining steps prior to submission of the FY 2026-27 Action Plan to HUD are as follows:

- May 2026: Approval of Final Plan*
- May 13, 2026- Urban County Executive Committee Approval
- May 20, 2026 - Board of Commissioners – First Read
- June 3, 2026 – Board of Commissioners – Final Approval

- June 5, 2026 - Final Action Plan submission to HUD

*Note: Based on HUD guidelines, County's deadline to submit the 2026 Annual Action Plan to HUD is June 2nd; Townsend noted due to constraints of the outlined schedule staff will submit the final 2026 Annual Action Plan no later than June 5th. Staff have communicated with the Detroit CPD field office about the delay in submission. Statutory deadlines state August 16th as the latest HUD will accept an Annual Action Plan submission.

HUD Actual Allocations for the 2026 Annual Action Plan:

HUD announced Fiscal Year 2026 Formula Grants on April 3, 2026. Updates to the version presented at the April meeting reflect and generally included:

- Adjusted allocations for 2026-27 activities

Change to Urban County HUD Allocations: Current vs Next Fiscal Year

	2025-26	2026-27	Change
CDBG	\$2,248,182	\$2,259,972	0.5%
HOME	\$1,255,294	\$1,303,962	3.9%
ESG	\$190,962	\$197,592	3.5%
Total	\$3,694,438	\$3,761,526	1.81%

Questions & Comments:

Q – Where in the allocations are “banked” funds identified? (Dillon)

A – The amounts identified in the FY 26 Annual Action Plan are based only on the FY 2026 total CDBG allocation and does not include previous “banked” allocations. We have a separate spreadsheet where we are tracking those funds and will communicate with communities their “banked” funds in conjunction with their incoming FY26 funds. (Townsend)

Draft Motion: The Urban County Executive Committee approves the 2026 Annual Action Plan as presented – with the ability for staff to make final adjustments as needed – and recommends that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners follow suit in adopting the Plan at their 7 PM meeting on June 3, 2026.

Moved by Michelle Aniol. Supported by Jessica West.

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Aniol – Yes

West – Yes

Jones – Yes

Watson – Yes

Cheng – Yes

Dabish-Yahkind – Yes

Lutowski – Yes

O’Connell – Yes

Dillon – Yes

B. UCEC 2027 Meeting Calendar (Discussion and Possible Action) (Jasmyne Townsend, OCED)

In efforts to address quorum concerns, OCED staff presented a draft 2027 meeting schedule and opened the floor for discussion. Townsend noted the second Wednesday appears to still be the best day, but inquired if an earlier meeting time would be better for committee members.

Additionally, staff inquired if there was more content the committee would like to see included in future agendas, such as presentations or training opportunities.

Comments:

(West) – Wednesday mornings are typically super busy for us, because we currently have a standing meeting on those days. However, if the majority would like to move to morning meetings we will make adjustments. I believe the meeting dates for Wednesdays is currently the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month so keeping UC meetings on the 2nd Wednesday would be best.

(O’Connell) – Presentation related, I think it would be important to have more presentations related to affordable housing and affordability within our county as a whole.

(Aniol) – I agree with Dianne . I think it would also be nice if there was more information provided about any important legislation that comes down the pipeline. Also understanding the difference between affordable housing versus attainable housing.

(Director Kayumi) – It may also be important to present or provide information on the new MSHDA Housing TIF Program.

(Cohen) – Nathan Voght in our office has become our TIF expert, so I’m positive that he would be eager to provide a presentation on this. I can also contribute to more discussion in relation to housing affordability versus attainability. We could also provide examples of how other communities are utilizing resources to address this.

(West) – I think it would even be interesting to hear about how in what other ways CDBG can be utilized. Traditionally, I see we’ve used CDBG for infrastructure, but I think there are other ways communities can use their allocation outside of infrastructure. I think it would also be good to hear about the CHDOs and how more organizations can potentially become certified.

(Watson) – I agree, I think it would be good to understand that process and how we can increase from just one certified CHDO to welcoming more. I also think discussing more collaborative ways we can be as an Urban County.

(Director Kayumi) – Please feel free to reach out to us if you all would like us to present on a topic at any of your community meetings.

(Jones) – To echo Chris’s point about collaboration, I think it would be good to see what other Urban Counties are doing and how they are utilizing their CDBG dollars for projects.

Motion: The Urban County Executive Committee approves the 2027 draft meeting calendar as presented and will move the meeting time [from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm] to 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

Moved by Jessica West. Supported by Janet Dillon.

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0

Aniol – Yes

West – Yes

Jones – Yes

Watson – Yes

Cheng – Yes

Dabish-Yahkind – Yes

Lutomski – Yes

O’Connell – Yes

Dillon – Yes

C. Designee Forms for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Jasmyne Townsend, OCED)

Townsend requested that elected officials submit the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 UCEC Designee Form by June 19th. Townsend noted that she would email a fillable electronic version; this form was to be submitted if a community’s Local Unit of Government (LUG) intended to make changes to their current UCEC Designee(s). If elected officials planned to continue with their designee, they should email Jasmyne.

D. Presentation: Homelessness/Continuum of Care Data (Andrew Kraemer, OCED)

OCED's CoC Data and Evaluation Specialist Andrew Kraemer provided updates on the current state of homelessness in the County and efforts being made to address those needs. UCEC members were encouraged to ask questions during Kraemer's presentation.

Questions & Answers:

Q: Can you clarify the appointments – So, you all had 87 appointments and 100 appointments taken? (Commissioner Scott)

A: Yes, the call center made 87 appointments and since there was a backlog the call center was playing catch up on older appointments. That can sometimes occur when there is ebb and flow, but typically we like to have appointments confirmed within 2 weeks. (Kraemer)

Q: When you talk about families with children is that in all-encompassing category? (Dillon)

A: For this particular data it is representative of the number of people, not households. (Kraemer)

Q: With permanent housing individuals, they can stay there as long as they need. But for rapid re-housing, what is the timeframe on that? (Cohen)

A: Yes, that is correct for permanent housing. For rapid re-housing we typically give an individual up to 12-24 months. There have been cases where an individual's time has gone over that time range.

Q: For the Housing Choice Vouchers – why are those numbers lower? (Aniol)

A: So, those vouchers are commonly known as Section 8 and there is a batch of them that are provided to the State that is divided by county based on homelessness. There was a point where we didn't receive any. But the most recent vouchers we received from the State, those individuals have been housed. (Kraemer)

A: The Ann Arbor Housing Commission also provides housing vouchers through their waitlist. (Cohen)

Q: Regarding rapid re-housing, (for) a family who may need the full 24 months and can't receive additional services during that time, can they re-enter as chronic or be placed back at the top of the list? Or is there a different tracking mechanism for those families? (West)

A: The ideal outcome is that we are able to transition them to permanent housing. But in cases where we can't, we would look towards helping the family to receive (an) HCV and continue to help provide services. There are a few different funding mechanisms that can help throughout this process such as HUD CoC funding and local funding. (Kraemer)

Q: Do you track any data for unhoused individuals who have pets? (Dillon)

A: I would need to run our numbers on that, we currently do not track that, but it is something I could start tracking. That is an issue that has come up where shelters have denied services because the individual did own an animal. (Kraemer)

VI. Public Comment – Commissioner Scott opened the meeting for public comment at 3:15 pm. There were no comments received.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn – Aniol

Adjourned at 3:17 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 2:00 – 3:30pm

Location: In Person – Learning Resource Center (4135 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor)

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AGENDA SUMMARY

Introduction to Public Hearing on Draft 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report
(Jasmyne Townsend, OCED)

The 2025-2026 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) provides information and accomplishment data related to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs for the time period July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. This is Washtenaw County's third annual performance report for the 2023-2027 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. A two-page overview of the CAPER highlights and a full draft report can be accessed [here](#). The two-page overview is also included in your meeting packet. In addition to the 30-day comment period which began on August 31st, this hearing is being held to solicit citizen input on the Draft 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER).

This hearing invites participation and/or written comments from any person having an interest, or their duly appointed representative, in the following Urban County jurisdictions: City of Ann Arbor, City of Chelsea, City of Dexter, City of Saline, City of Milan, City of Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor Township, Augusta Township, Bridgewater Township, Dexter Township, Lima Township, Lyndon Township, Manchester Township, Northfield Township, Pittsfield Township, Salem Township, Saline Township, Scio Township, Superior Township, Sylvan Township, Webster Township, York Township, and Ypsilanti Township.

21st Century Road to Housing Act – Criteria Updates to CDBG & HOME Allocations (Tara Cohen, OCED)

The 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act was enacted on July 11, 2026, following bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress. This new law will introduce beneficial updates to federal housing programs that will assist in lowering costs and expanding housing supply. Specifically, there will be substantial changes to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program allocation criteria requirements. Due to the substantial changes to federal funding, the Department of Housing and Development (HUD) will be required to do an overhaul on the current programmatic process – OCED staff will continue to share updates as they are provided. Specific criteria updates to the CDBG and HOME allocations are outlined below. The Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) provides more in-depth information and additional resources [here](#). The full legislative text can be accessed [here](#).

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

- Authorizes CDBG-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) for three years through the Reforming Disaster Recovery Act. This legislation requires that at least 70% of this allocation benefit low- and moderate-income households;
- For the first time, 20% of the total formula allocation received to the state or local jurisdiction (Urban County) can be allocated towards new construction of new affordable units;
- The current 20% allocated for CDBG Administration will remain

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME):

- Provides Permanent reauthorization, lifts beneficiary income eligibility to 100% of the Area Median Income (AMI), and raises home purchase caps to 110% Area Median Income (AMI);
- Allow local governments to use funds for housing-related infrastructure improvements (ex. water and sewer lines, and sidewalks);
- Infill development or acquisition are exempt from specific environmental review requirements

Project Cycle 2027 Preparation (Jasmyne Townsend, OCED)

Staff will start to send communication and project material at the beginning of November to communities included in Project Cycle 2027. As a reminder, according to the new [Urban County Policy & Procedures](#), communities are assigned to 1 of 3 tier groups to receive a lump sum allocation based on a multiplier of 3, 3.5, or 5.5, designed to generally correspond with a community's relative level of poverty and population within the County. Additionally, communities are assigned to Project Cycles that align with fiscal years (July – June). Communities who are included in the 2027 project cycle should begin to think about projects for their upcoming CDBG project application.

Please note: Communities with “banked” funds will be allowed to supplement their incoming allocation with their banked fund total, according to the new policy and procedures. Communities with banked funds will only have one chance to spend down their banked funds, after which point any unspent funds will be reallocated for other eligible activities at discretion of staff. The Urban County no longer allows communities to “bank” funds.

Communities included in the 2027 Project Cycle:

- Tier 3 – Sylvan Township
- Tier 2 – Northfield Township
- Tier 1 – Pittsfield Township
- Tier 1 – Superior Township
- Tier 0 (Annual) – City of Ann Arbor

**Staff will send allocation letters to current Project Cycle 2026 communities once we receive and execute HUD Grant Agreements.*

Project Updates for Project Cycle 2026 Communities:

- City of Dexter (Tier 3): ADA Curb Cuts at various locations – Design and Engineering underway
- City of Saline (Tier 2): Sidewalk Infill along Maple Rd – Design and Engineering underway
- City of Ypsilanti (Tier 1): Sidewalk Infill (ADA Sidewalk) along Prospect Rd – Construction underway, pending City Council approval
- City of Ypsilanti (Tier 1) Roof Replacement at Parkridge Park – Design and Engineering underway
- Ypsilanti Township (Tier 1) Renovations at the Ypsilanti Township Community Center – Construction underway, pending Board of Trustee approval

Additional Information

If you have any questions on any of the information included in this summary, please contact Jasmyne Townsend at 734-544-3056 or townsendj@washtenaw.org.

WASHTENAW URBAN COUNTY

2025 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT YEAR IN REVIEW

The following overview highlights a series of initiatives that were executed between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026:

Housing and Homelessness

39

Homeowners were served through the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

1,572

Individuals received homelessness prevention services, including shelter, rapid re-housing, and rental assistance through the Emergency Solution Grant (ESG).

171,185

Bed-nights were provided at homeless shelter facilities (75% capacity utilization) through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).



Community Services

198

Individuals from 87 low to moderate income households were served by Peace Neighborhood Center through after-school programming, family case management, and family enrichment programming.

94

Youth from low-income households received educational after-school and/or educational summer day camp programming from Community Action Network (CAN).



Photo: youth reading/writing outside of Bryant Community Center | Courtesy of CAN

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Community Infrastructure

4,490

Individuals benefitted from construction carried out by the City of Ypsilanti for the Recreation Park pedestrian pathway improvements.



Photo: Recreation Park Phase 1 Pedestrian Improvement, City of Ypsilanti

3,205

Individuals benefitted from construction carried out by Ypsilanti Township for the park renovations and pedestrian pathway improvements at Appleridge Park.



Photo: Appleridge Park Playground & Pedestrian Pathway Improvement, Ypsilanti Township



Community Infrastructure In progress or Anticipated in the 2026 Program Year

- City of Dexter – Installation of ADA Curb Cut Installations at various location
- City of Saline – Sidewalk Infill on N. Maple Rd. near the Saline Public Library
- City of Ypsilanti – Sidewalk Infill near Prospect Park
- City of Ypsilanti – Roof Replacement at Parkridge Community Center
- Ypsilanti Township – Completing construction phase for renovations and ADA improvements on Ypsilanti Township Community Center locker rooms

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