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2025-2029 HUD Consolidated Plan Overview and Community Engagement

HUD Formula Grants Received by the City

All HUD entitlement funds are received and allocated by the City

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Housing, public facilities and services, economic development, planning
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) - Expanding the supply of affordable housing for low- and very low-income persons
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) - Preventing homelessness and assisting those already homeless



Allocations 2019-2024



Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) Overview

- HUD requires the City to adopt a five-year consolidated plan detailing goals and objectives expected for use of HUD funds.
- Annual Action Plans (AAP) are required for years 2-5 of the Con Plan cycle to summarize the actions, activities, and resources that will be used each year to address the identified needs and goals. The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) documents the accomplishments and progress toward Consolidated Plan goals on an annual basis. HUD must review and approve all plans and reporting.
- Con Plan development is a one-year process administered by PED's Planning Division that follows strict HUD guidelines and engagement requirements. AAP updates follow a three-month abbreviated process engaging the same stakeholders.
- Reflects housing priorities and policies of Comprehensive Plan.
- Addresses issues expressed by housing partners such as the Public Housing Authority, Ramsey County, and others.
- Describes the housing market conditions and community needs for affordable housing, supportive services, economic and community development, and public facilities and services based on data collection and analysis, agency and organization consultation, and community engagement.



Con Plan Needs and Goals

- Plan sets five-year priority **needs** and **goals** and the amount of funding that will go toward each goal on a five-year basis. It also describes strategies for addressing these needs.
- Includes the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan that documents those **goals** on an annual basis, the annual amount of funding that will go toward each goal, and the specific **projects** that are planned to be funded during the program year to support the annual goals. Capital projects were recommended by the Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) Committee.

2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Goals

- 1. Homeless Prevention
- 2. Development of New Housing
- 3. Rental Housing Rehabilitation
- 4. Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation
- 5. Public Services
- 6. Preservation of existing affordable housing

- 7. Development of new affordable
- housing
- 8. Support stable, affordable, safe homeownership
- 9. Affordable housing for special needs populations
- 10. Homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, and support

2020-2024 Con Plan Priority Needs

- 1. Preservation of existing affordable housing
- 2. Development of new affordable housing
- 3. Support stable, affordable, safe homeownership
- 4. Affordable housing for special needs populations
- 5. Homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, and support
- 6. Emergency shelters and transitional housing
- 7. Fair Housing and anti-discrimination efforts
- 8. Tenant and landlord education
- 9. Public service needs
- 10. Public facilities and infrastructure
- 11. Economic development and job growth
- 12. Community planning needs
- 13. Lead-based paint abatement plan implementation
- 14. Acquisition, demolition, and clearance of property
- 15. Community outreach to underserved populations

Discussion at organizations' meetings, in person and phone interviews:

- Public and private agencies that provide assisted housing, health services, and social services (including those focusing on services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, homeless persons)
- Community-based and regionally-based organizations that represent protected class members
- Organizations that enforce fair housing laws
- Broadband internet service providers, organizations engaged in narrowing the digital divide
- Agencies whose primary responsibilities include the management of flood prone areas and public land or water resources
- Emergency management agencies

Community Engagement Goals

- Inform and educate the community about the Consolidated Plan, eligible uses of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds, and opportunities to provide feedback, and encourage participation in the development of the plan
- Solicit community input regarding housing, economic development, infrastructure, and public service needs
- Publish the draft plan for public review for a 30-day comment period and hold at least two public hearings prior to plan adoption:
 - Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) Committee during 2025 budget process (August 2024)
 - City Council during adoption process (anticipated March/April 2025)

2025 - 2029 HUD CONSOLIDATED PLAN

What Have HUD Funds Been Used For?

The funds received by the City have been used to address needs identified during the Consolidated Plan Process. The needs in the last plan are categorized into nine goals, below. Goals for the upcoming plan are under development.



Proposed Community Engagement Activities

City website (style="color: blue;"style="color: blue;"style="

- Overview of Con Plan and HUD funding
- Current and previous plans

Engage Saint Paul website (<u>engagestpaul.gov/conplan</u>)

- What is the Consolidated Plan?
- What could the next five years of funding look like?
- Timeline and process
- Links to learn more
- Online surveys (Open October December)
 - Option to take it as a resident or representative of an agency/organization
 - Asking participants to rate community needs (housing, economic development, infrastructure, and public services)
 - Surveys in English, Hmong, Karen, Spanish, and Somali



Proposed Community Engagement Activities

Email outreach

- o Emails to District Councils, community organizations, and agencies
 - Invite them to take the survey and share with staff and community
 - Offer City staff to attend the organizations' staff or community meeting to discuss plan and community needs

In-person events

- o Tabling at Safe Summer Nights on August 1 and August 15
 - Informing the community, offering flyers and survey
 - Voting activity on community needs
- o Paper survey available at public libraries
- District Councils/community organizations/agencies meetings
 - Overview presentation
 - Discussion of community needs
 - Encouragement to take the survey
- \circ Focus groups
 - Community development professionals (Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers)





Discussion

- What are your thoughts on the proposed outreach given the Con Plan's specific scope?
 - Do you have ideas for additions to the engagement website?
 - Do you have ideas for additional events or organizations to engage with?
- Do you have any edits to or additional questions that should be added to the survey?
 - Would the survey results (raw data or summary) be useful for your work independent of the Con Plan?