

CITY OF ALLEN
2010 – 2014 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Executive Summary

The Consolidated Plan is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that cities must prepare in order to receive federal monetary assistance from HUD programs. The Consolidated Plan is a comprehensive strategy developed by the community addressing the affordable housing and community development needs present within the community. Ultimately, the Consolidated Plan will be used to implement the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

This document is the Consolidated Plan for the next five-year period (2010-2014). The 2010 Consolidated Plan will become effective October 1, 2010. Annual Action Plans are also required. As mandated by HUD, The Consolidated Plan must contain the following elements:

1. Citizen Participation Plan
2. Housing and Homeless Needs Assessment
3. Housing Market Analysis
4. Strategic Plan with Housing and Community Development Priorities
5. One-Year Action Plan

CDBG funds must be used for eligible activities only. Eligible activities are determined by statutory and regulatory limitations. Every CDBG-funded activity must meet one of three national objectives of the program:

- benefiting low and moderate income people,
- preventing or eliminating slums or blight, or
- meet needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Additionally, the activity must conform to a number of programmatic requirements such as meeting environmental clearance standards and labor standards.

Citizen Participation

Public input was sought through neighborhood meetings and public hearings in accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan. An additional summary of public participation can be found in Attachment A. The draft Annual Action Plan was advertised in the local newspaper and made available on the City's website with a public comment period beginning June 24, 2010. The public hearing was held on July 27, 2010. No comments were received during the citizen participation process. The 2010 – 2014

Annual Action Plan was approved for submission to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by the City Council on July 27, 2010.

Goals and Objectives

Citizen participation was important in establishing needs and setting goals for the 2010 - 2014 Consolidated Plan. Based on the needs analysis, the Consolidated Plan describes the following housing and community development objectives for Allen.

Objective #1: To preserve and expand the supply of decent, safe, and affordable housing through the rehabilitation of existing residential property.

Strategy #1: Provide housing rehabilitation, home repair and weatherization assistance to low for moderate income persons.

Goal: The City will provide financial assistance for rehabilitation and repair of owner-occupied units. It is anticipated that 45 dwellings will be rehabilitated or repaired at a rate of nine (9) per year.

Objective #2: To provide educational information for low and moderate persons about affordable housing, homeownership, lenders fair housing laws, and lead-based paint hazards.

Strategy #2: Provide housing assistance and education to low to moderate income persons.

Goal: The City will provide workshops to educate the community about housing by availability/accessibility of a suitable living environment. It is anticipated that 100 people will attend workshops at a rate of twenty (20) persons per year.

Objective #3: To encourage the expansion and accessibility of human services for low to moderate income persons.

Strategy #3: Assist public service agencies who serve all categories of very low to moderate income persons.

Goal: Provide support to public service agencies for all classifications of very low to moderate income persons. The City plans to fund public service activities from CDBG funds and alternative sources. Services may include job placement / counseling, food and clothing, interim assistance, homeless prevention, transportation services, youth services, and child care services.

Annual Action Plan 2010 – 2011

An Annual Action Plan will outline the CDBG programs the City of Allen will administer. The following activities, funded through CDBG at \$288,808 plus approximately \$1,000 of roll-over from the current year, are proposed for the 2010-2011 program year:

Home Repair - Deferred loans to finance repairs and rehabilitation for owner-occupied dwelling units. Annual expenditure = \$238,808.

Public Service Funding – Funding assistance provided to public service agencies for activities such as job placement / counseling, food and clothing, interim assistance, homeless prevention, transportation services, youth services and child care services. Annual expenditure = \$40,000.

Administration – Includes training, advertising, printing and similar costs. Annual expenditure = \$10,000.

Outcomes

As a result of implementation of this plan:

1. Nine (9) households will have sustained affordable housing through a home repair program for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.
2. Two hundred (200) persons will have sustained affordable housing through rent and utility assistance for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.
3. One hundred (100) persons will have availability/accessibility of a suitable living environment through the Housing Educational workshops.

Evaluation of Past Performance

The 2010 – 2011 program year will be the seventh year for the City of Allen as a participant in the CDBG program. It is also the third year under the old Consolidated Plan. Previous activities implemented generally met the goals established in the previous Consolidated Plan. Overall, the activities have been very successful and in some cases have exceeded expectations. Funds are being spent in a timely manner with most funds being spent prior to the end of each program year.

Applications for these housing programs will be accepted year round as funds become available. For complete details and program requirements, contact the Planning and Development Department at (214) 509-4164, or email pblaydes@cityofallen.org.

The Consolidated Plan and the Executive Summary is available for public review and comment at the following locations beginning June 24, 2010:

- Allen City Hall, Planning and Development Dept. – 305 Century Parkway
- Allen Public Library – 300 N. Allen Drive
- City of Allen Website - <http://www.cityofallen.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1551>