



Executive Summary

Introduction

The City of Annapolis, Maryland is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. In compliance with HUD regulations, the City of Annapolis has prepared this Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019. This consolidated plan is a strategic plan for implementing the City's CDBG Program for housing, community, and economic development activities. The Community Development Division of the Planning and Zoning Department is the administering agency of the CDBG program for the City of Annapolis.

The Five Year Consolidated Plan establishes the City's goals for the next five (5) year period and outlines the specific initiatives the City will undertake to address its needs and objectives by promoting: the rehabilitation and construction of affordable, decent, safe, accessible, and sound housing; homeownership, homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, operations and support services; creating a suitable living environment; public and community facility improvements; infrastructure; public safety; revitalization; promoting fair housing; improving public services; expanding economic opportunities; and principally benefitting low- and moderate-income persons.

This Five Year Consolidated Plan is a collaborative effort of the City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, the community at large, social service agencies, housing providers, community development agencies, and economic development groups. The City accomplished the planning process through a series of public meetings, stakeholder interviews, resident surveys, statistical data, and review of the City's Comprehensive Plan and other community plans.

Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment

Overview

City of Annapolis identified the following six (6) priorities and subsequent goals/strategies for the period of FFY 2015 through FFY 2019 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. These priorities were based on a needs assessment, market analysis and information gained through a public participation process:

HOUSING PRIORITY – (High Priority)

Retain Affordable Housing Stock and Increase Availability of Affordable Permanent Housing

Goals/Strategies:

Housing Rehabilitation - Continue to provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners to rehabilitate their existing owner-occupied housing.

Unit Measure: 15 houses

Rental Rehabilitation – Provide support to affordable housing developers/owners to rehabilitate housing units that are rented to low- and moderate-income tenants.

Unit Measure: 61 units

Housing Construction - Increase the supply of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing that is affordable to owners and renters in the community through rehabilitation of vacant buildings and new construction.

Unit Measure: 6 units

Fair Housing - Promote fair housing choice through education and outreach in the community.

Unit Measure: 100 persons

Home Ownership - Assist low- and moderate-income households to become homeowners by providing down payment assistance, closing cost assistance, and requiring housing counseling training.

Unit Measure: 2 households

Public Housing - Support the local public housing authority in its efforts to improve and maintain the existing public housing communities, and promote homeownership programs through the use of Section 8 Vouchers for home purchase.

Unit Measure: The City will provide staff time. Currently staff completes environmental review for Housing Authority projects. In addition, staff provides technical assistance and coordination.

HOMELESS PRIORITY – (High Priority)

Provide housing and support services for homeless persons, and persons who are at-risk of becoming homeless.

Goals/Strategies:

Continuum of Care: Support the local Continuum of Care's (CoC) efforts to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing to persons and families who are homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless.

Unit Measure: The City's Community Development Division provides staff time.

Operation/Support - Assist providers in the operation of housing and support services for the homeless and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.

Unit Measure: 1,000 people

Prevention and Housing - Continue to support the prevention of homelessness and programs for rapid re-Housing.

Unit Measure: 1,000 persons per year

Permanent Housing - Support the development of permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals and families.

Unit Measure: 4 units

OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS PRIORITY - (High Priority)

Provide affordable housing, services, and facilities for persons with special needs and the disabled.

Goals/Strategies:

Housing - Increase the supply of affordable, decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing for the elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons with other special needs through rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.

Unit Measure: 15 units

Accessibility - Improve the accessibility of renter occupied housing by making reasonable accommodations for the physically disabled.

Unit Measure: 1 unit

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY – (High Priority)

Improve the public and community facilities, infrastructure, public services, and the quality of life for all residents in the community.

Goals/Strategies:

Community Facilities - Support improvement or construction of public facilities serving low and moderate-income neighborhoods.

Unit Measure: 1 public facility

Public Services - Support Vital Public Services concerned with assisting children and youth, providing persons with office skills training and job training, providing persons with information and referral and other services that promote family stability and self-sufficiency.

Unit Measure: 5,000 people

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY – (High Priority)

Increase employment and economic empowerment of low and moderate-income residents in the community.

Goals/Strategies:

Employment - Support job creation and economic development by assisting microenterprises.

Unit Measure: 5 micro-businesses

ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT PRIORITY – (High Priority)
Implement planning, administration, management, oversight of federal, state, and locally funded programs and fair housing activities.

Goal/Strategy:

Overall Coordination - Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federal, state, and local funded programs, including planning services for special studies, environmental clearance, fair housing, and compliance with all Federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

The City provides a staff person, at this time does not use administration funds for program administration, just fair housing activities.