



What is a Consolidated Plan?

Each year, the City of New Orleans receives new federal funds from HUD under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing for People with AIDS (HOPWA) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs. In 2012, these funds represented about 6.4% of the City's total budget.

The funds are used for public facilities, recreation, blight eradication, street repair, homeless services, health care delivery and vital housing programs.

In order to receive these yearly grants, the City must submit a five-year Consolidated Plan, as well as annual updates, to HUD for approval. The Consolidated Plan describes the City and its priorities and objectives for the anticipated funds for the five years.

The City is currently embarking on its planning process, to be completed by early summer. Now is the time for City residents to weigh in.

More about civic participation in the CDBG Consolidated Plan process:

Any grantee of these HUD funds must develop and follow a detailed plan which provides for, and encourages, citizen participation and which emphasizes participation by persons of low- or moderate-income, particularly residents of predominantly low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, slum or blighted areas, and areas in which the grantee proposes to use CDBG funds. The plan must:

- provide citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records related to the grantee's proposed and actual use of funds;
- provide for public hearings to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program, including at least the development of needs, the review of proposed activities, and review of program performance;
- provide for timely written answers to written complaints and grievances;
- and identify how the needs of non-English speaking residents will be met in the case of public hearings where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate.