

CONSOLIDATED PLANS AND HOUSING

LOCAL PLANNING HANDBOOK

The Consolidated Plan is a required assessment and framework that identifies housing and community development priorities for communities receiving certain types of federal funding, most notably Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds. Communities receiving these funds must complete a Consolidated Plan every five years, and under those plans, submit to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a yearly Annual Action Plan that describes in greater detail the tools and strategies to be used in pursuit of the Consolidated Plan's objectives. Finally, grant recipients are required to report progress made under these programs through a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Depending on the various formulas and strategies permitted by HUD, an individual community, county, state agency, or even a consortia of multiple jurisdictions, can develop a Consolidated Plan (and its associated Annual Action Plan and CAPER). Regardless of which communities are addressed by a Consolidated Plan, most follow a similar format that identifies priorities and strategies to align and focus the use of these HUD resources.

What does this have to do with your Comprehensive Plan's housing element? Some of the recognized tools communities must consider in their implementation program include the CDBG and HOME programs. Whether you are an entitlement community with your own Consolidated Plan or a non-entitlement community with access to these funds through county or state governments, you should be aware of the strategies and funding priorities within them. Aligning the relevant Consolidated Plan with your housing element and housing implementation program will improve its effectiveness and strengthen your plan.

Consolidated Plans are typically long documents that contain a lot of information, so it may seem difficult to find the content that intersects with your community's housing needs. You can find links below to current Consolidated Plans that can help you understand how the Consolidated Plan might align with your community's housing needs and implementation strategies. If you have dedicated housing staff in your community, they, too, may be a good resource to better understand the applicable Consolidated Plan.

Carver and Scott County communities (CDBG - through a state consortium): [Consolidated Plan](#)

Anoka County communities (CDBG): [Consolidated Plan](#)

Anoka County communities (HOME - through a consortium led by Dakota County): [Consolidated Plan](#)

Dakota County communities: [Consolidated Plan](#)

Hennepin County communities (excluding Minneapolis): [Consolidated Plan](#)

City of Minneapolis: [Consolidated Plan](#)

Ramsey County communities (CDBG): link currently unavailable

Ramsey County communities (HOME – through a consortium led by Dakota County): [Consolidated Plan](#)

City of Saint Paul: [Consolidated Plan](#)

Washington County communities (CDBG): [Consolidated Plan](#)

Washington County communities (HOME – through a consortium led by Dakota County): [Consolidated Plan](#)

City of Woodbury: [Consolidated Plan](#)

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