

U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development Funds

Denver Economic Development & Opportunity Department of Housing Stability

Business Development
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Welcome

Agenda:

- Review of Denver's HUD-funded programs and planning process
- Review of 2020 CARES Act
- Briefing of identified housing and community development needs and proposed projects

HUD Programs & Planning Process

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Grants

HUD grants received annually by Denver are:

- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

As of April 1, 2020, Denver received additional funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for the following HUD grants:

- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Planning Process for HUD Grants

The following studies and plans are required by all communities receiving community planning and development grants from HUD:

■ Consolidated Plan and Action Plan

- Con Plan is a 5-year plan that evaluates housing and community development needs and then guides how funds will be spent over the next five years. Action Plans are annual updates that specify how funds will be spent each year of the Con Plan cycle.
- The 2020 Action Plan is the second action plan in the 2019-2023 HUD Consolidated Plan.

■ Fair Housing Study

- Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) or Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) studies are conducted once every 5 years and look at disparities in access to housing and economic opportunities for protected classes (race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, familial status).
- This study was completed in 2019 for Denver and applies to the 2020 Action Plan.

The current ConPlan and AI are available at:

<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-office-of-economic-development/reports-and-studies.html>

Planning Process for HUD Grants

Due to new HUD guidance under the CARES Act, Denver's 2020 planning process has changed:

■ Public questions & comment period

- To receive the 2020 HUD Allocations and the new CARES Act funds from HUD, Denver is posting several documents for a 5-day comment period from May 11 to May 16:
 - 2020 Action Plan draft
 - 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan – amendment draft
 - Citizen Participation Plan – amendment draft
 - 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) draft
- Denver is accepting questions and comments on the drafts during this 5-day period. Contact information is available at the end of this presentation.
- Comments, a list of the questions and answers, and the final documents will be posted on Denver's website.

■ Public presentation

- In place of public meetings, Denver is making this presentation available on its website, recorded in both English and Spanish.
- The PowerPoint slides and transcript are also available in English and Spanish.

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2020 CARES Act

HUD Grants Under the CARES Act

- The Federal CARES Act, enacted March 27, 2020, directs HUD to provide state and local governments with additional funds under CDBG, HOPWA, and ESG grants.
- As of April 1, 2020, Denver has received its first allocations for CDBG, HOPWA, and ESG grants under CARES.
- HUD grants received under the CARES Act can be used the same way as normal HUD grants, plus some additional activities. Uses may include:
 - CDBG: small business support, neighborhood service programs, and housing support services and shelter
 - HOPWA: mortgage, rental, and utility assistance; support services; temporary lodging
 - ESG: support services related specifically to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic

How much is Denver receiving from HUD under the CARES Act?

Programs	2020 CARES Allocations (4/1/2020)
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$4,012,373
Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)	\$2,059,400
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	\$373,541
TOTAL	\$6,445,314

How will Denver use HUD funds under the CARES Act?

- Denver will add the new CARES Act funds to the list of proposed projects in the 2020 Action Plan.
- All activities funded under the 2020 Action Plan will either directly support or partially support Denver's COVID-19 response effort.
- Activities will include:
 - CDBG: rental assistance and shelter support; small business relief grants and technical assistance; and increased neighborhood support services like employment training and nonprofit support
 - HOPWA: mortgage, rental, and utility assistance; transportation and PPE support; support services related to COVID-19
 - ESG: support services related to COVID-19 such as rapid re-housing, shelter operations, and outreach services

Consolidated Plan & Action Plan

Purpose of the Consolidated Plan

- To identify a jurisdiction's housing and community development needs, priorities, goals and strategies; and
- To stipulate how federal funds will be allocated to housing and community development needs in the community.

Informed by:

- ✓ Data analysis
- ✓ Other planning efforts in the City
- ✓ Community engagement for the AI
- ✓ Stakeholder survey and interviews
- ✓ Community meetings

Strategic Goals for 2019-2023

1	Goal Name	Create and preserve housing affordability, accessibility, and quality
	Goal Description	This goal includes activities that invest in the creation of affordable housing in vulnerable and opportunity areas, preserve affordability of housing, and stabilize residents at risk of involuntary displacement and promote equitable access to housing options.
2	Goal Name	Support business and workforce development
	Goal Description	This goal supports businesses and workforce development through collaboration between public, private and the nonprofit sectors. Efforts will focus on improving access to capital and technical resources (e.g., accounting, marketing and mentorship) to start and operate small companies. It also supports workforce development through job training, and job supports (e.g., childcare, transportation, etc.)
3	Goal Name	Foster equitable access to city and neighborhood amenities and services
	Goal Description	This goal includes activities that create equitable choices for residents and business to choose to prosper in place, anticipate and prevent involuntary displacement and disruptive neighborhood changes, foster equitable access to city and neighborhood amenities and services.

Strategic Goals for 2019-2023

4	Goal Name	Assist people who are homeless and at-risk of homelessness
	Goal Description	This goal includes activities targeted to persons and families experiencing and at-risk of homelessness.
5	Goal Name	Assist populations with special needs
	Goal Description	This goal consists of activities to help persons with special needs access needed supportive services and facilities, as well as to provide affordable and accessible housing.
6	Goal Name	Assist persons living with HIV/AIDS
	Goal Description	This goal consists of activities to help persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families achieve and maintain a high standard of living and satisfactory health status.
7	Goal Name	Affirmatively further fair housing choice
	Goal Description	This goal includes activities that support implementation of the Regional Analysis of Impediments.

How much is Denver receiving from HUD?

Programs	2020 Funding Allocations	2020 CARES Act Allocations	TOTAL
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$6,821,276	\$4,012,373	\$10,833,649
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)	\$3,090,873	\$0	\$3,090,873
Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)	\$597,226	\$2,059,400	\$2,656,626
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	\$2,566,790	\$373,541	\$2,940,331
TOTAL	\$13,076,165	\$6,445,314	\$19,521,479

HUD 2020 Proposed Action Plan Projects

Program	Fund Source	Amount Estimated	Indicator	2020 Goal
Housing				
Community Housing Development Organization-CO	HOME	\$50,000	NA	-
Community Housing Development Organization- SA	HOME	\$460,000	Housing Units	4
Downpayment Assistance for Homeownership	CDBG	\$350,000	Households	25
Housing Access and Modification	CDBG	\$300,000	Housing Units	30
Housing Support (housing counseling)	CDBG	\$374,254	Individuals/ Households	5,600
Rental Housing Development and Preservation	HOME	\$2,408,131	Housing Units	15
Emergency Rehabilitation	CDBG	\$250,000	Housing Units	50
Single Family Rehabilitation	HOME	\$850,000	Housing Units	20
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	HOME	\$566,000	Households	54
Rental Assistance & Shelter Activities, incl. for COVID-19	CDBG	\$1,200,000	Households/ Individuals	500/5,000

HUD 2020 Annual Action Plan Projects

Program	Fund Source	Amount Estimated	Indicator	2020 Goal
Economic Development				
Small Business Stimulus Grants, incl. for COVID-19	CDBG	\$2,000,000	Urgent Needs	n/a
Revolving Loan Fund	CDBG	\$750,000	Jobs	22
Neighborhood Business Revitalization	CDBG	\$750,000	Jobs	22
Economic Development Initiative, incl. for COVID-19	CDBG	\$495,000	Businesses	345
Neighborhood Development				
Neighborhood Facilities and Improvements	CDBG	\$1,500,000	Pub. Fac./People (Area)	5/15,000
Neighborhood Support, incl. for COVID-19	CDBG	\$1,000,000	People	750
HOPWA				
Supportive Services	HOPWA	\$797,000	People	1,300
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	HOPWA	\$960,000	Households	100
Short-Term Rent/Mortgage/Utility Assistance	HOPWA	\$150,000	Households	80
Permanent Housing Placement	HOPWA	\$150,000	Households	100
COVID-19 Support payments and services	HOPWA	\$373,541	Households	200

Emergency Solutions Grant

The ESG program provides funding to: (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; (2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; (3) help operate these shelters; (4) provide essential services to shelter residents, (5) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, and (6) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

Emergency Solutions Grant – 2020				
Program	Fund Source	Amount Estimated	Indicator	2020 Goal
Administration	ESG	\$34,541	N/A	-
Prevention	ESG	\$122,855	People	100
Rapid Re-Housing	ESG	\$263,554	People	100
Shelter	ESG	\$176,276	People	12,000
Coronavirus/COVID-19 Support Activities	ESG	\$2,059,400	People	15,000

Questions or comments?

Tell us what you think today!

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Denver is accepting questions and comments on its draft 2020 Action Plan until May 16 (mail submissions must be postmarked by May 16).

**The draft 2020 Action Plan, the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan amendment, and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice are available at:
www.denvergov.org/economicdevelopment (see *Reports and Studies*)**