

Consolidated Plan Summary

The City of Vacaville is pleased to announce the availability of the draft Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for review and public comment.

The goals of the CDBG Program are to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for extremely low-, very low-, low-, and moderate-income persons. The Consolidated Plan is intended to further these goals through a collaborative process involving citizens and representatives of public, private non-profit, and for-profit entities involved in community development. The Consolidated Plan process offers the community a better chance to shape its various community development programs into effective, coordinated, neighborhood and community development strategies.

Summary of Recommendations

The principal strategies contained in the Plan are summarized as follows:

Affordable Housing

1. Provide additional rental subsidies for extremely low-, very low-, and low-income tenants.
2. Promote and expand homeownership program opportunities through the City's First Time Homebuyer Assistance Programs.
3. Operate local programs to rehabilitate substandard rental and owner-occupied units.
4. Work with private developers who wish to construct affordable single-family apartments, homes, townhouses, and condominiums.
5. Provide a local HUD-certified Housing Counseling Program.

Homelessness and Special Needs Housing

1. Support local and county programs providing emergency shelter and temporary lodging or rental and utility assistance to homeless persons/households.
2. Support current and future private and public development efforts to create additional permanent and transitional housing opportunities for people who are homeless or those who are threatened with homelessness and for persons with special needs.

Non-Housing Community Development

1. Provide information, referrals, and support services at the Vacaville Housing Counseling Center's Self-Help Resource area.
2. Support neighborhood-strengthening efforts through the Vacaville Boys and Girls Club.
3. Increase enrollment in the Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

4. Administer the Vacaville Youth in Action program to encourage youth employment.
5. Assist organizations that provide food, shelter, health care, clothing, education services, crisis counseling, and job development to low-income, elderly, and disabled persons.
6. Upgrade inadequate or deteriorated public infrastructure.
7. Abate environmental blight through comprehensive enforcement of City Ordinances.

The draft Consolidated and Annual Action Plans will be available for a 30-day public review and comment period from April 11, 2010 through May 10, 2010. On May 25, 2010, the City Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located at 650 Merchant Street, then discuss and consider approval of the FY 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan and FY 2010-2011 Annual Action Plan for submission to HUD. The draft Plan is available at the Department of Housing and Redevelopment at 40 Eldridge Avenue, Suite 2, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 and 5:00. It will also be available at City Hall and the Vacaville Public Libraries. All residents and organizations are invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan development process, and the City will consider citizen comments in finalizing this document. If you have any comments or questions concerning this process, please call Anne Putney at the Housing and Redevelopment Department at 449-5679.

The City of Vacaville provides its programs and services in a nondiscriminatory manner, and is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. If you plan on attending the public hearing and need a special accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability, or have a need for an interpreter, please contact Shannon Nelson at (707) 449-5409 to arrange for those accommodations to be made. Notification 4 days prior to the meeting will enable reasonable accommodations to be made to assure accessibility at the meeting.