

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
AND
PUBLIC COMMENT REVIEW
FY 2020/21 – 2024/25 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
FY 2020/21 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FY 2020/21-2024/25 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN
FY 2020/21-2024/25 ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE (AI)
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAMS**

This combined notice commences a 30-day public review period during which interested persons are encouraged to review and comment on the City of Huntington Beach's (City) FY 2020/21-2024/25 Consolidated Plan, FY 2020/21 Annual Action Plan, FY 2020/21-2024/25 Citizen Participation Plan, and the FY 2020/21-2024/25 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI), and serves to notify all parties that the City Council will hold a public hearing at 6 PM at the Council Chambers at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California 92648 on **Monday, May 4, 2020**, after which Council will adopt the four Plans.

Consolidated Plan

The Consolidated Plan functions as a strategic plan prepared through a comprehensive planning process that incorporates local needs, priorities, specific objectives and strategies. Along with the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires an Annual Action Plan outlining the City's uses of the federal grant funds for one year. HUD allocates federal grants including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) funds to eligible jurisdictions on a formula basis. For the 5-year Consolidated Plan period, Huntington Beach's estimated budget is \$7.5 million in CDBG funds and \$4.7 million in unallocated HOME funds, a total of \$12.2 million. The City's Consolidated Plan has identified the following priorities as having the greatest need in the community:

- Sustain and strengthen neighborhoods
- Preserve existing and create new affordable housing
- Support efforts to address homelessness
- Support agencies that assist special needs populations
- Increase access to community services to low- and moderate-income persons
- Preserve existing and create new public facilities
- Provide needed infrastructure improvements
- Planning for housing and community development

Annual Action Plan

Each year, the City prepares an Annual Action Plan in connection with the Five-Year Consolidated Plan which details how the City will spend HUD federal funds, specifically CDBG and HOME. The Annual Action Plan has two principal purposes: 1) The Annual Action Plan identifies the projects and programs to be undertaken during the upcoming fiscal year, and the proposed objectives and outcomes to be achieved within the overall context of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and 2) The Annual Action Plan acts as the City's application process for federal formula

grants, principally comprised of as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs. For FY 2020/21 specifically, Huntington Beach’s estimated budget is \$1,696,814 million in CDBG and \$1,923,816 million in estimated HOME funds (inclusive of program income and unallocated carryover). Funds are designed to assist the City in providing decent and affordable housing; provide community and supportive services; improve public facilities and infrastructure; and expand economic opportunities and anti-poverty activities for primarily low-and-moderate income persons. The City is proposing to allocate CDBG and HOME funds in the FY 2020/21 Annual Action Plan as follows:

City of Huntington Beach – Owner-Occupied Residential Rehab Grant Program	\$100,000
City of Huntington Beach – Owner-Occupied Residential Rehab Loan Program	\$90,000
City of Huntington Beach – Housing Rehab Loan/Grant Administration	\$65,000
City of Huntington Beach – Special Code Enforcement	\$240,000
City of Huntington Beach – Homeless Outreach Program	\$85,000
StandUP for Kids OC – Street Outreach Program	\$15,000
Robyne’s Nest – Housing for Homeless High School Students	\$10,000
City of Huntington Beach – Senior Services Care Management	\$44,000
City of Huntington Beach – Oak View Family Literacy Program	\$10,000
City of Huntington Beach – Children’s Bureau	\$60,637
City of Huntington Beach – CDBG Program Administration	\$257,445
Fair Housing Foundation – Fair Housing Program	\$30,000
Unallocated Funds for Back-Up Projects	\$689,732
Central Library Lower Level Restrooms ADA Improvements	
ADA Curb Cuts in Maintenance Zone 3	
Additional Funds to 2019 Cameron Lane Navigation Center	
Total CDBG Projects	\$1,696,814
City of Huntington Beach – Affordable Housing Program	\$1,304,348
Interval House – Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program	\$175,000
Families Forward – Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program	\$175,000
Mercy House – Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program	\$200,000
City of Huntington Beach – HOME Program Administration	\$69,468
Total HOME Projects	\$1,923,816

The City is certifying that at least 70 percent of all Fiscal 2020/21 CDBG funds will be used for activities that principally benefit persons of low- and moderate-income. Records are available regarding the past use of CDBG and HOME funds.

Citizen Participation Plan

The regulations implementing the Consolidated Plan submission requires the City of Huntington Beach to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan for the consolidated planning, application and reporting processes. Part of the Consolidated Plan process entails the grantee to certify that it is in full compliance and is following a detailed Citizen Participation Plan consistent with the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105. The City’s Citizen Participation Plan is designed to ensure equitable representation of all segments of the population and to aid communication between the City and its residents on matters pertaining to the use of all federal funding from HUD. The Citizen

Participation Plan sets forth policies and procedures to encourage citizen involvement regarding the use of federal funds, notably Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds. The intent of the Citizen Participation Plan is to encourage those least likely to participate in the process, especially low-income persons living in distressed neighborhoods, in public and assisted housing developments, and in areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used. This document outlines basic tenets of the citizen participation regulations and will remain in effect throughout the implementation of the City's entitlement awards during the Consolidated Plan period of FY 2020/21 – 2024/25.

The City will also adopt a policy to minimize the effect of displacement as a result of CDBG and HOME funded projects. To the greatest extent feasible, CDBG and HOME projects are developed in a manner whereby displacement is avoided completely or accomplished with minimal effect on persons. In the event displacement occurs, the assistance provided shall include, but not be limited to, relocation payments, assistance in locating replacement housing and related advisory services. The City's Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan are included in the FY 2020/21-2024/25 Citizen Participation Plan.

FY 2020/21-2024/25 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)

Since 1968, the Fair Housing Act has required that federal agencies and federal grantees affirmatively further fair housing. Accordingly, jurisdictions that receive funds from federal sources, such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), are required to, every five years, prepare an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) and an action plan to address those impediments that are within their ability to control or influence. In Orange County, cities have taken a collaborative approach to identifying and addressing impediments by agreeing to review these issues on a regional basis.

For the current AI, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (consultant) has performed extensive outreach into the community, reviewed and analyzed local data and reports and worked with the cities to ensure the appropriate breadth and scope of work. In the AI Report, 45 factors were determined to contribute to fair housing issues across Orange County. The AI also includes the following cross-jurisdictional goals:

1. Increase the supply of affordable housing in high opportunity areas (areas which offer a stronger infrastructure for education, transportation, environmental health and economic opportunity).
2. Prevent displacement of low- and moderate-income residents with protected characteristics, including Hispanic residents, Vietnamese residents, seniors and people with disabilities.
3. Increase community integration for persons with disabilities.
4. Ensure equal access to housing for persons with protected characteristics, who are disproportionately likely to be lower-income and to experience homelessness.
5. Expand access to opportunity for protected classes.

**Opportunity for Public Review and Comment
During the National Emergency Concerning COVID-19**

The Huntington Beach City Council formally declared a Local Emergency in Huntington Beach on March 16, 2020 to further bolster the City's ability to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak, and based on that directive, the City has closed City Hall, all City buildings and facilities to the public. However, in an effort to meet citizen participation requirements at 24 CFR 91.105, from **April 3, 2020 through May 4, 2020**, the Draft 2020/21-2024/25 Consolidated Plan, the Draft FY 2020/21 Annual Action Plan, the Draft FY 2020/21-2024/25 Citizen Participation Plan, and the Draft FY 2020/21-2024/25 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) and detailed public announcement for the use of funds will be available for public review at the City's website at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/ed/cdbg/> and copies of the aforementioned documents will be available to be reviewed at the Huntington Beach Office of Business Development, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 **by appointment only**. The Draft Plans will also be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request to Robert Ramirez, Economic Development Project Manager at (714) 375-5186 or via email at Robert.Ramirez@surfcity-hb.org .

Special accommodations for disabilities and/or language barriers are available upon request, including translation services in Spanish, as required by the City's Citizen Participation Plan. Specific requests must be directed by U.S. mail to the Office of Business Development at 2000 Main Street, 5th Floor, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, by phone to Robert Ramirez, Economic Development Project Manager at (714) 375-5186, or via email at Robert.Ramirez@surfcity-hb.org at least one week prior to the May 4, 2020 public hearing date. The City will attempt further to provide written material in Spanish upon request. Adequate and accessible parking will be provided for all public meetings to facilitate the attendance of disabled residents.

Following adoption, the FY 2020/21-2024/25 Consolidated Plan, the FY 2020/21 Annual Action Plan, the FY 2020/21-2024/25 Citizen Participation Plan, and the FY 2020/21-2024/25 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) will be submitted to HUD and will remain available for public review throughout the program year.

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