



CITY OF
MODESTO
CALIFORNIA

Consolidated Plan
Fiscal Years 2015-2020

&

Annual Action Plan
Fiscal Year 2015-2016



Executive Summary

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1. Introduction

The Consolidated Plan is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order for local jurisdictions to receive federal housing and community development funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The overall goal of the CDBG program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities.

The Consolidated Plan serves as:

- A planning document, built through a participatory process, for the City of Modesto (City);
- An application for federal funds under HUD's CDBG formula grants programs;
- A strategy to implement HUD's programs; and
- A method to allocate funds to specific projects and activities for the first fiscal year of the Consolidated Plan.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The City has identified several areas on which to focus funds. These areas include:

- Affordable Housing
- Fair Housing
- Ending Chronic Homelessness
- Public Services
- Public Facilities Improvements
- Public Improvements

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City utilized the resources identified in the FY 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan to carry out the identified programs and activities. The City continued to take an active role in the promoting and producing affordable housing, addressing the social and economic needs of low- and moderate-income individuals and the special needs populations within the City.

The CDBG, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and other programs provided operating funds for many local programs. These funds also allowed the City to make progress towards its goals and objectives.

All funded programs aligned with priorities in the Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2010-2015.

Housing programs funded through the CDBG, ESG and HOME Programs assisted in stabilizing neighborhoods by providing affordable housing rehabilitation and enforcing City building codes that are designed to assure the community's housing stock is safe and sanitary.

CDBG and ESG funded public service programs strove to alleviate the problem of gaps in human service needs throughout the City by offering various programs such as emergency rental assistance and homeless case management. In light of continuing decreases in funds and increased construction costs, staff and subrecipients continue to explore alternative strategies to provide decent affordable housing, create economic development opportunities, and ensure suitable living environments.

The City has a system in place to assure deadlines are met, reports are submitted timely and required tasks are accomplished. A calendar is created at the start of the program year and lists all activities, tasks, events, and deadlines related to the management of CDBG, ESG and HOME funds. Staff meets on a regular basis to review pending issues.

At least once every two years, staff conducts formal onsite monitoring of CDBG, ESG and HOME funded projects implemented by subrecipients. These visits are conducted more frequently if the subrecipient is new or is having difficulty meeting program or contract requirements.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

The City holds a minimum of two neighborhood meetings each year in low-income census tract areas to encourage participation of low- and moderate-income persons in conjunction with development of its Annual Action Plan and, every five years, its Consolidated Plan. These are held at different times and locations in an effort to accommodate different households.

The City also conducts a minimum of one community meeting annually with service providers as the primary audience. The service provider meeting is held during the day to accommodate service providers. Additionally, the City will, as needs are identified, make presentations at meetings hosted by civic groups, faith-based groups and other community organizations.

Spanish-speaking translators are available at all meetings. If a request for other language translators is made at least five working days prior to a public meeting, translators will be provided. All community input meetings will be held at public buildings with disabled access.

To obtain community input on the development of the Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-2020 (Consolidated Plan), Community Development Division staff (CDD staff) requested to be included on the agenda for local focus groups and forums providing health services, social and fair housing services, including those focusing on services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, the homeless and the chronically homeless persons. Presentations to these groups outlined the eligible uses of these funds, how the funds are currently utilized, and proposed future uses.