



2021-2025 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan)

City Council - July 2021



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THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN

The **Consolidated Plan**:

- Identifies and prioritizes community development and housing needs
- Develops a 5-year strategy to target \$2.1M in federal grant funds to areas with greatest needs

The **Annual Action Plan**:

- Serves as funding application for HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program

An evaluation report (called the **CAPER**) is produced at the close of each program year

PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

DATA SOURCES CONSULTED

American Community Survey

Continuous sampling for more current data

Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Data

Special HUD tabulation of ACS data

Public & Indian Housing Information Center

Public housing demographics and occupancy data

Previous Works of Local Research

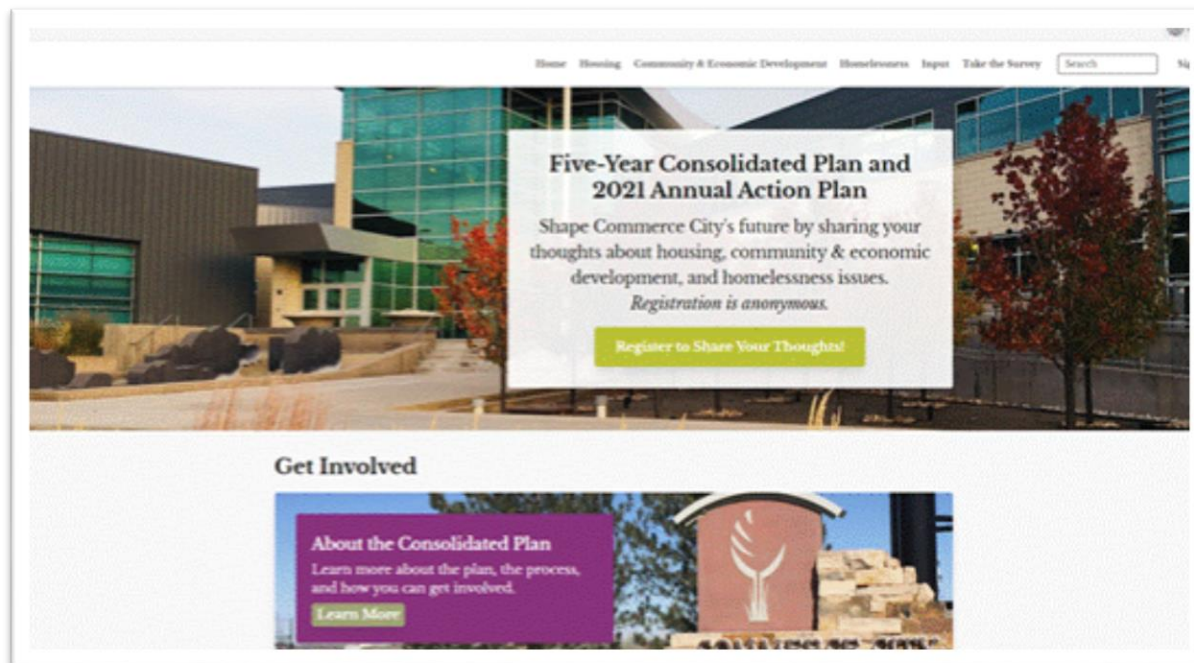
Plans and reports prepared for the City

Public Input

Meetings, focus groups, and website

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

- Stakeholder Interviews
- Focus Groups
- Virtual Community Meetings
- Interactive Project Website: **InformC3.com**



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES

44

residents joined a focus group

73

stakeholders joined an interview

7

meeting attendees

297

website visits

TOP 18 STAKEHOLDER/RESIDENT RESPONSES

IC3	Votes	Community Need
X	23	Community Resource Navigator and a Resource Guide
X	17	Homeless Assistance
X	17	Affordable housing options (financing, taxes, NIMBY, transitional, tiny, van life)
	16	Job training and higher education (includes ESL, trade skills, new technology training, and community college)
	16	Transportation (internal city and to service orgs, esp seniors, bike-share, ride-share, Lift/Uber vouchers, ebikes)
	16	Healthy food availability/community gardens/farmers market
	15	Bilingual/Undocumented assistance
X	14	Childcare/Senior-care assistance for working families
	14	Homelessness prevention
X	14	Rent/Mortgage & utility assistance
X	12	Housing rehabilitation (health, safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency)
	11	Technology/Broadband availability
	10	Victim services
	10	Youth programs (afterschool, summer, etc.)
X	10	Mental health
	10	School supplies/Basic supplies
X	9	Walkability (sidewalks, trails, benches)
	9	Underdeveloped parks/Rec Centers

CONSOLIDATED PLAN PRIORITIES

PROPOSED PRIORITY NEEDS

- Homeless Prevention
- ☐ Rent & Mortgage Assistance
- ☐ Home Repairs
- ☐ Transitional Housing
- ☐ Alternative Housing
- ☐ Emergency Shelter
- Water & Sewer Tap Fees

Housing & Homelessness



- Resource Navigation
- ☐ Senior & Youth Programs
- ☐ Job Training
- ☐ Bikeshare/Rideshare
- ☐ Transportation Vouchers
- ☐ Childcare
- ☐ Food and Nutrition

Public Services



- Micro Enterprise Development
- ☐ Child Care Centers
- ☐ Senior Care Centers
- ☐ Business Expansion
- ☐ Business Stabilization
- Business Start-ups

Economic Development



- Neighborhood Cleanups
- ☐ Accessibility Improvements
- ☐ Art Installations
- ☐ Landscaping and Planting
- ☐ Noise Abatement
- Business Façade Improvements

Neighborhood Stabilization



- Transportation
- ☐ Pedestrian Improvements
- ☐ Public Transportation Improvements
- ☐ Park Improvements
- ☐ Broadband Access
- Streetscaping

Public Infrastructure



- COVID-19 Response
- ☐ Flood Recovery
- Storm Recovery
- Hazardous Materials Release/Spill Response and Clean-up

Emergency Response



NEED PRIORITIZATION

Need	Priority Level (High or Low)
Housing & Homelessness	High
Public Services	High
Economic Development	High
Neighborhood Stabilization	Low
Public Infrastructure	Low
Emergency Response	Low

PROGRAM CHANGES

HOME CONSORTIUM

- Commerce City will join the Adams County HOME Consortium October 1, 2022
- Allows City to access a new source of funding for affordable housing
- This is also discussed in the ConPlan



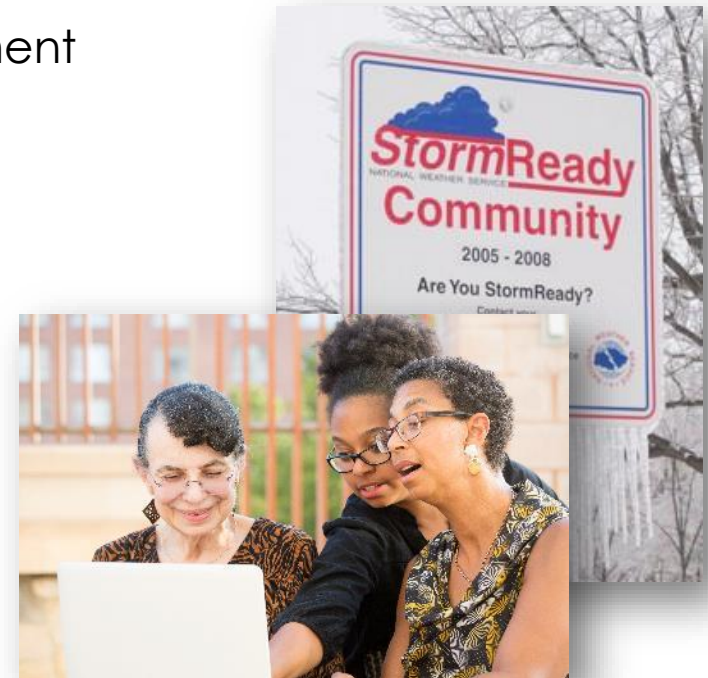
SECTION 108 LOAN PROGRAM

- Allows the City to borrow against future years' CDBG allocations to make a large investment in a CDBG activity.
- Borrowing capacity is 5x the City's annual grant amount (approx. \$2.1 million)
- Typically used to fill a gap in the financing for larger development projects.
- Often provides the security necessary to catalyze investment from private lenders.
- As with the CDBG Program, all projects and activities must meet one of the CDBG Program's three national objectives:
 - Benefit low- and moderate-income persons
 - Aid in the elimination or prevention of slums or blight
 - Meet urgent needs of the community



BROADBAND & RESILIENCY

- New CDBG Regulations Require 2018-and-later Consolidated Plans to consider **Broadband Needs** and **Resilience to Natural Hazards**.
- Requires new stakeholder consultations:
 - Broadband service providers
 - Organizations engaged in narrowing the digital divide
 - Flood and water resources management professionals
 - Emergency management agencies
- Review of broadband coverage maps and hazard mitigation plans
- These plan elements are incorporated into the Market Analysis component of the Plan.





2021 Action Plan Input (APP)



Project Ranking Methods

1. CDBG Viability & Risk Assessment
2. Consistency with Consolidated Plan
3. Overall Benefit or Impact to the City
4. Applicants Experience and Ability
5. Benefit to LMI Residents
6. Other Supplementary Funding & Leveraging
7. Is it in an Adopted City Plan?



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Public Service

Housing

Economic Dev

Public Facilities



2021 AAP Project Rank & Funding

As of June 25, 2021

2021 Grant Amount \$ 431,414

Administration (20%) \$ 86,282

Remaining Funds \$ 345,132



Public Services (15% Cap)		\$ 64,711		
Applicants	Requested	Funded		Rank
A Precious Child - Family Support	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	300	1
PD - Domestic Violence Victim Support	\$ 28,000	\$ 24,000	12 hhlds 30 ppl	2
PRG - Homeless Outreach Supplies	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	80	2
Kids in Need of Dentistry	\$ 38,915	\$ 15,711	90	3
Almost Home - Rent and Mortgage	\$ 60,000			4
Colorado Housing Connects	\$ 15,000			5
Neurodiversity Works	\$ 25,000			6
Angel Eyes - Grief Counseling	\$ 25,000			7
Public Service Totals	\$ 216,915	\$ 64,711		
Remaining non-PS Funding		\$ 280,421		
Plus any leftover PS \$		\$ 0		
Remaining Project Funds		\$ 280,421		
	Requested	Funded		
CD - Minor Home Repair Program	\$ 171,500	\$ 170,421	14	1
PRG - Fitness Court	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	Area	2
Paint-a-Thon	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	12	3
Adams County Food Bank - Building	\$ 150,000			4
GRID Alternatives CO - Solar	\$ 150,000			5
Non-PS Balance	\$ 581,500	\$ 280,421		



2021 Public Services

\$64,711



Police Department

Domestic Violence Victim Services

Housing, safety, relocation, and basic need assistance for domestic victims and their children/dependents

\$24,000

Non-Profits

A Precious Child

Family case management services for housing, shelters, homelessness prevention, clothing, food, baby items, school supplies, employment help, counseling, and education.

\$15,000

Non-Profits

Kids in Need of Dental

On-site service resource navigator
for pediatric health services at the
Commerce City Community
Campus (Adams Tower)

\$15,711

Non-Profits

Homeless Outreach Supplies

Basic supplies and services for the new homeless navigator to meet and assist the city's homeless

\$10,000



2021 Non-Public Services

\$280,421



Housing

Minor Home Repair Program

Home Rehabilitation Funds for health, safety, accessibility and energy efficiency home rehabilitation.

\$170,421



Housing

Paint-a-Thon

Exterior painting and accessibility
improvements for seniors and
disabled residents

\$40,000

Public Facility

Fitness Court

Purchase and install a 38' x 38'
recreational fitness court within a
park in the Target Area

\$70,000



Then:

HUD Submittal August 16, 2021
Approval by September 30th





Any Questions?

