



Public Hearing
HUD Draft Consolidated Plan
2018-2022

City of Somerville, MA
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**Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community
Development**

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The Somerville Central Library



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Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- 2018-2022 Draft Consolidated Plan Overview
- Public Comments
- Next Steps



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Consolidated Plan Overview

- Consolidated Plan – Serves the following functions:
 - A planning document built on a participatory process
 - An application for federal funds under HUD’s formula grant programs
 - A strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs
 - An action plan that provides the basis for assessing performance
- CDBG Funds - can be used in a flexible manner for economic development, improvements to parks and open space, needed public services, and affordable housing projects and programs
- HOME Investment Partnership Funds - can be used to further affordable housing programs and projects
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds - are to be used to support homeless prevention and rapid re-housing programs

The goal of this document and these HUD funds is:

“to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low-and moderate-income persons.”



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Past HUD Projects

Symphony Park



St. Polycarp's Village



181 Washington St. Apt



North St. Veterans Playground





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Needs Assessment Overview

Housing Needs

- **Housing Cost Burden** – 74% of Somerville’s low to moderate income residents are considered cost burdened according to current census data. This is an increase from 66% the 2000 census data
- **Housing Supply** – Regional economic growth and shifts in demographic trends have resulted in historically low vacancy rates for housing in Somerville and regionally
- **Overcrowding & Suitable Units** - Family sized housing and units lacking proper facilities are often the only affordable options for low-mod residents

Non-Housing Needs

- **Economic Development** – Workforce Development and small business assistance remain vital economic development components in Somerville’s changing economy
- **Infrastructure and Open Space** - creating safe multi-modal transportation options and quality recreational and open space are also vital to providing a suitable living environment



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Program Year 2018 Grant Allocations

- **Community Development Block Grant - \$2,472,527 ↑10%**
- **HOME Investment Partnership - \$541,004 ↑34%**
- **Emergency Solutions Grant - \$202,461 ↓0.1%**



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2018-2022 Consolidated Plan Goals Summary

- Create and Preserve Affordable
 - Housing Rehabilitation
 - Acquisition and Development
- Stabilize and Revitalize Diverse Neighborhoods
 - Economic Development
- Infrastructure and Urban Environment Improvements
 - Public Infrastructure
 - Parks and Open Space
- Family Stabilization and Job Readiness
 - Public Service Programs
- Reduce and End Homelessness
 - Homeless prevention programs



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2018 - 2019 CDBG Proposed Program Allocations

Building Communities Of Opportunity		
Program	Goal	Amount
<u>Economic Development</u>		
Business Retention & Expansion	Stabilize and Revitalize Diverse Neighborhoods	\$275,000
Small Business Resiliency Program	Stabilize and Revitalize Diverse Neighborhoods	\$227,500
<u>Public Infrastructure</u>		
Neighborhood Infrastructure	Stabilize and Revitalize Diverse Neighborhoods	\$300,000



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2018- 2019 CDBG Proposed Program Allocations

Building Communities Of Opportunity		
Program	Goal	Amount
<u>Parks & Open Space</u>		
Parks & Open Space	Stabilize and Revitalize Diverse Neighborhoods	\$420,000
Urban Forestry	Stabilize and Revitalize Diverse Neighborhoods	\$80,000
<u>Affordable Housing</u>		
Housing Rehabilitation & Acquisition	Preserve and Maintain Affordable Housing	\$379,643
<u>Building Communities of Opportunity/At Risk Populations</u>		
Public Services Program	Family Stabilization and Job Readiness	15% Cap
Planning & Admin	All Goals	20% Cap



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2018 - 2019 HOME Proposed Program Allocations

Building Communities Of Opportunity

Program	Goal	Amount
<u>Affordable Housing</u>		
Housing Special Projects	Preserve and Maintain Affordable Housing	\$278,703
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	Preserve and Maintain Affordable Housing	\$85,000
Home Buyer Assistance	Preserve and Maintain Affordable Housing	\$15,000
CHDO Set-Aside	Preserve and Maintain Affordable Housing	\$81,151
CHDO Operating Set-Aside	Preserve and Maintain Affordable Housing	\$27,050
Admin	Preserve and Maintain Affordable Housing	10% Cap



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2018- 2019 ESG Proposed Program Allocations

At Risk Populations		
Program	Goal	Amount
<u>Homelessness</u>		
Stabilization Services & Homelessness Prevention	Reducing and Ending Homelessness	\$187,276
Admin	Reducing and Ending Homelessness	7.5% Cap



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Public Services Consolidated Plan Goals

(Up to 15% of total CDBG entitlement)

- Improve services to:
 - LMI Persons
 - LMI Youth & Teens
 - Seniors
 - Disabled Adults
 - Funded services will address emerging needs and the goals in the Consolidated Plan.
- * Requests for Proposals were received from 16 agencies.**



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Emergency Solutions Grant 2018 Goals

(Up to 7.5% set aside for administration)

- Shelter Operations, Outreach, & Essential Services
 - Homelessness Prevention Services
 - Rapid Re-Housing Services
 - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- * Requests for Proposals were received from 4 agencies.**



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Public Comments & Questions on the Annual Action Plan or Community Participation Plan

- Verbal: at any of the Consolidated Plan Public Hearings
- Via Email: ospcd@somervillema.gov
- In writing to:
 - OSPCD Attn: Elizabeth Twomey
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143
- Submit: from May 17th through June 18th 2018
- Visit the City's website for more information at www.somervillema.gov



Questions
And
Comments

