

Eugene-Springfield Consolidated Plan 2010 – 2015

Overview and Process

What is a Consolidated Plan? A Consolidated Plan is a comprehensive process to identify housing, homeless, community, and economic development needs and resources, and then to formulate a 3 to 5 year plan fashioned to address meeting the identified needs. It provides a way for a community to define housing and community development priorities and a way to measure if the activities set forth in the Plan are actually meeting these priorities.

Why Must We Do a Plan? A Consolidated Plan is a HUD requirement. It must be completed by communities that receive formula allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds, Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) funds, and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds. The 3 to 5 year plan is augmented each year with the One-Year Action Plan (OYAP) and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Both the OYAP and the CAPER are submitted to HUD each year and must be approved by HUD.

When did this Area Last Create a Consolidated Plan? The last five-year Consolidated Plan was created in 2005. This Plan is in effect now and will be in effect until June 30, 2010. The Plan applies to both Eugene and Springfield. We must complete a Consolidated Plan jointly between Eugene and Springfield because we are a “consortium” under HUD rules for receiving HOME funds. We also collaborate with Lane County because they administer funding related to basic social services and homelessness.

What Process Was Used to Create the Current Consolidated Plan? A staff team coordinated the citizen participation and adoption process. The process included the two required public meetings/hearings. The first public meeting was a public hearing held to identify needs. The second meeting was a public hearing asking for comments regarding the draft Plan. The groups that received public comments in both cases included representatives of the City of Eugene CDBG Advisory Committee, the City of Springfield Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC), the Springfield Mayor’s Housing Task Force, the Housing Policy Board (HPB), and the Intergovernmental Human Services Committee (HSC).

What are the Required Components of a Consolidated Plan? HUD evaluates the plan and performance as it relates to three goals: 1) decent housing; 2) a suitable living environment; and 3) expanded economic opportunities. There are four major parts of the Consolidated Plan and they include:

- 1) Housing, homeless, community, and economic development needs assessment
- 2) Housing market analysis

- 3) Long-term objectives/priorities and strategies to meet priority needs in four categories: 1) homeless; 2) special needs populations; 3) housing; and 4) community development.
- 4) Development of measurable goals called performance measures.

There are number of small additional components that also must be addressed within the plan as specified by HUD

How do we create the New Consolidated Plan? We are now planning the process to create the Consolidated Plan 2010. It will be in effect from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015. An intergovernmental staff team from Eugene, Springfield and Lane County will oversee and write the Plan. HUD specifies that the Plan development process must include consultation with other public and private agencies that provide related services and provide opportunities for residents (particularly low-income and minorities) to help shape the plan. Specifically the process must include at least two public hearings. The Plan must demonstrate that consideration has been made of the comments received in the process.

An OYAP for the first year accompanies the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and contains the specific projects and activities a jurisdiction will undertake in the coming year (with HUD funds). The annual OYAP address the Consolidated Plan's objectives.

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