



Community Development Department Consolidated Planning Update

Citizens' Input Needed on Spending Millions of Dollars in Grant Money

Charleston County and the City of North Charleston receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- Every 5 years, Charleston County prepares a Consolidated Plan to identify and prioritize the community needs for improving **housing, community programs, homelessness services, and infrastructure (water/sewer, well/septic, sidewalks)**.
- Need public input to set quantifiable goals to invest future HUD funding to address the needs of low-to-moderate income individuals in Charleston County.

➡ Survey to Determine 5-Year Goals:

- The survey can be found here: <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/community-development/survey>. You can also call (843) 202-6960 to request a paper survey. **Survey closes September 1, 2020.**
- This survey is one of many tools used to gather public opinion on how staff will use the community feedback along with research to provide HUD a detailed needs assessment. The survey contains 16 questions and should take about 7 - 9 minutes to complete.

➡ Roundtable Schedule:

Join us for a Roundtable to discuss the priorities for the next 5 years. All citizens and organizations are welcome to attend any of these meetings, but if you represent an organization that falls into one of the categories listed below, please try to attend at that time.

- **Tuesday, July 28th at 2 PM**
 - Homeless service providers, Public service providers, Non-profit organizations, Lowcountry Continuum of Care
Join Zoom Meeting [online](#) or by phone (646-558-8656)
Meeting ID: 816 2798 6618
Password: 576552
- **Thursday, July 30th at 10 AM**
 - Affordable housing providers, real estate developers, Fair Housing organizations, Public Housing Authorities
Join Zoom Meeting [online](#) or by phone (646-558-8656)
Meeting ID: 824 8717 3799
Password: 576552
- **Monday, August 3rd at Noon**
 - Broadband providers, emergency management agencies, flood management agencies, agencies involved in public land or water resources, organizations related to infrastructure, water/sewer providers, well/septic installers
Join Zoom Meeting [online](#) or by phone (646-558-8656)
Meeting ID: 864 6983 1072
Password: 576552
- **Wednesday, August 5th at 5:30 PM**
 - Local/state government, elected officials
Join Zoom Meeting [online](#) or by phone (646-558-8656)
Meeting ID: 820 0152 3742
Password: 576552

➡ Request For Applications (RFA) for Year 1 of the NEW Consolidated Plan

- **APPLICATION RELEASE DATE:** November 2020 here - www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/community-development/
- Special attention and priority given to applicants that successfully align with priorities in the NEW Consolidated Plan (Priorities set by citizen feedback in survey and roundtables as discussed above)
- Priorities will be outlined in the RFA in November 2020

About the Department:

- Each year the County receives 3 types of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding:
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
 - Emergency Solutions Grant (HESG)
 - HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
- Funding is intended for **low-to-moderate income individuals**
- New priorities will be set for next 5 years with public input, but priorities in recent years include:
 - Clean water (well/septic, water/sewer connections)
 - Affordable housing (to include new construction and rehabilitation of existing units)
 - Emergency home repairs
- Participating Jurisdictions for the HUD funding: Charleston County (Unincorporated Areas), City of Isle of Palms, City of North Charleston, Town of Awendaw, Town of Hollywood, Town of James Island, Town of Lincolnville, Town of McClellanville, Town of Meggett, Town of Mount Pleasant, Town of Ravenel, Town of Sullivan's Island

Resources:

- CARES Act Funding to help individuals affected by COVID-19:
<https://www.charlestoncounty.org/news/2020/4424.pdf>
- Resource Directory: www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/community-development/files/ResourceDirectory.pdf
- Well/Septic/Connection Program Application: <https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/community-development/grants.php>
- Monthly Grant Alert (Email Carolyn Smalls at casmalls@charlestoncounty.org to be added)