



City of Seattle  
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TO: Housing, Human Services, Health, and Culture Committee  
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SUBJECT: 2011 Update to the Consolidated Plan

This memorandum serves as background for a briefing you will receive on September 17, 2010 regarding proposed legislation for the adoption of a 2011 Update ("2011 Update") to the 2009 – 2012 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development ("Consolidated Plan"). The Consolidated Plan serves as the City's guide for the use of funds from four programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). These programs and their approximate anticipated 2011 revenue amounts for Seattle are:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$13 million
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program, \$4.3 million
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), \$1.8 million
- Emergency Shelter Grant Program, \$530,000

In addition to these direct allocations, we also anticipate approximately \$2 million in CDBG and HOME program income and reprogrammed funds to be available for use in 2011. The 2011 Update describes our use of these resources as well.

HUD requires an annual update every year prior to their allocation of funds to program recipients, i.e. the City. The original 2009 – 2012 Consolidated Plan was adopted by the City Council in November of 2008. The 2011 Update proposes to continue the funding priorities of the 2009 – 2012 Plan. Those priorities are:

- Provide operational support to emergency shelter and services to homeless individuals and families, in support of the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County
- Develop permanent affordable housing
- Provide tools for economic revitalization of Southeast Seattle's Rainier Valley Neighborhood

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These priorities and the strategies supporting them are proposed to remain unchanged because our review of the needs assessment done for the 2009 – 2012 Plan remains fundamentally unchanged. A substantial number of households in Seattle continue to face housing affordability and employment issues, and homelessness has become an even more complex issue.

The use of the anticipated 2011 funds is detailed in Section 4 of the 2011 Update. The proposed allocations reflect the 2010 allocation of these funds. This section of the 2011 Update is a proposal to HUD on the use of funds; formal budget authority for these funds will be incorporated into the Mayor's 2011-2012 Proposed Budget, to be presented to Council September 27, 2010.

Section 5 of the Update contains proposed amendments to the City's Housing Policies. These policies govern the use of HOME and CDBG funds as they are used for affordable housing development. They are being changed in part to ensure consistency with the current City of Seattle Housing Levy policies, HUD regulations, and HUD definitions for various household income levels.

Consolidated Plan funds are used by three City departments: Human Services, the Office of Housing, and the Office of Economic Development. Staff from these three departments will be at the September 17 briefing to discuss any issues regarding their proposed programs. Also on September 17, we anticipate that the Committee will have a public hearing on the proposed 2011 Update, in accordance with HUD regulations. Public comment will continue to be received through September. Final Council action is requested by November 15, 2010, the City's deadline to submit the 2011 Update to HUD.

If you have questions about the proposed legislation, the 2011 Update or any other matter concerning the 2009 – 2012 Consolidated Plan, please call Michael Look, CDBG Administrator, at 206-615-1717 or e-mail Michael at [Michael.Look@seattle.gov](mailto:Michael.Look@seattle.gov).