

## Understanding the Consolidated Plan Submission

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, makes grants to communities directly through a series of formulas created by the U.S. Congress. These grantees are known as “entitlement “ grantees. The federal regulations at 24 CFR 91 describes the specific requirements and format for application that cover the use of Community Development Block Grants, CDBG, Home Investment Partnerships Program Grants, HOME, and Emergency Shelter Grants, ESG. A similar program, the Housing Opportunities for People with Aids, HOPWA, is awarded to the largest jurisdiction in a metropolitan area- in our county these funds are awarded to the City of Cleveland.

The format of this submission follows the format required by HUD. The questions were also created by HUD to facilitate review of a community’s submission for compliance with the regulations at 24 CFR 91.

Each community’s submission contains the following elements

- 1) A Community Profile giving available and accurate information about demographics, the condition of the housing stock, and other information to assist a reader in developing an understanding of the community. This is covered in HUD questions 1 –19. The Community Profile includes information about all of the entitlement communities that have formed a Consortium for the purposes of receiving HOME funding directly from HUD. The Consortium is composed of the CDBG Entitlement jurisdictions of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood, and the Cuyahoga Urban County, which is composed of 50 suburban communities.
- 2) A 5-Year Strategy section that describes the Urban County’s priority needs for housing, special need populations and community development.
- 3) An Annual Plan for activities planned for 2010.
- 4) A series of HUD Required Tables

The formal form 424 for anticipated CDBG, HOME and ESG funding and accompany certifications will be prepared at the time of submission to the Board of County Commissioners.

Every effort has been made to have as much information completed before the Consolidated Plan goes out for public comment on December 10, 2009. This year the effort was undertaken at a time when 5 new programs were being introduced to assist communities in combating the serious economic condition faced by the American economy and all Americans. The effort to compile a complete Consolidated Plan submission requires significant coordination with a very diverse group of agencies and local governments. Not all sections have been completed when the Draft of this document is scheduled to begin the 30-day public comment period. Updates will be posted on the Department of Development’s website; <http://development.cuyahogacounty.us> .

To assist in this updating, each of the four sections described above will be in individual folders under the heading of Draft Consolidated Plan. A separate folder will also contain this introduction with a copy of the text of the Public Notice appearing in The Plain Dealer on Wednesday, December 9, 2009. When the actual ad was scanned, the text became unreadable so the original ad copy was inserted as a replacement.

There are four sources of federal data presented in this Consolidated Plan that present differing data – three are U.S Census products and one data set was developed by the Census as a special run for HUD. When there is conflicting information, the three Census derived counts are presented. HUD requires that its special run known as CHAS Data set and/or SOCS data set be presented. Given current economic conditions, the actual counts may vary significantly; however, the new and potentially more accurate data will be unknown until the 2010 Census is published and the special data again run for HUD. This data is anticipated to be available about 2011.

**RE The 3 Sets of Census Data** Since the 2000 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau has introduced the American Community Survey. This project is intended to provide socioeconomic data on an ongoing basis. As of 2009 however, the ACS data is only available for communities with a population of 25,000 or more. The ACS is cited as a source in some exhibits. In these instances, the Cuyahoga Urban County data was developed in the following manner. First, large communities not part of the Cuyahoga Urban County were subtracted from Cuyahoga County totals (Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, Euclid, Lakewood, and Parma). The remainder includes the 50 Cuyahoga Urban County communities plus three non Urban County communities: Brecksville, Chagrin Falls Village, and Hunting Valley. These three communities could not be subtracted from the totals because their population is below the ACS threshold of 25,000. These three communities have a combined 2008-estimated population of about 17,000, which is about 2% of the Cuyahoga Urban County's 2008-estimated population of 808,620. The small percentage represented by these three communities does not have a significant effect on the Cuyahoga Urban County data.

**RE The Special and Required HUD Data Sets** The *Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) 2000 Data Book* was produced by the U. S. Census Bureau for HUD in 2003/2004. The *CHAS Data Book* is cited as a source in some exhibits. The data for the Urban County will be an approximation, due to the minor roster changes of the Cuyahoga Urban County between the creation of the *CHAS Data Book* and the current 2009 roster of member communities. The SOCS data sets are also special HUD data runs conducted by the Census. Unlike the CHAS data, there is a slight variation in the SOCS data downloaded in October 2009 when compared to the previously reported data, which may reflect the inclusion of the populations of the newest members of the Urban County added since the original data sets were run. .

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**Public Notice: Cuyahoga Urban County  
5-Year Strategies and FY 2010 Action Plan**

The National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (Housing Act) as amended and implemented through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations at 24 CFR 91, requires local governments to create a five-year local strategic planning document, the HUD Consolidated Plan (Plan) and submit one-year action plans. The action plan is an application for three programs administered by the Board of County Commissioners through the Department of Development. These programs are the Community Development Block Grant, (CDBG), the Emergency Shelter Grant, (ESG), and the HOME Investment Partnership, (HOME), programs. The 2010 application enables the County to access and use new funding in excess of \$ 7,500,000.

The purpose of the Plan is to determine appropriate programs and services to be made available to low- and moderate-income persons and households. A new 5-Year Strategy and One-Year Action Plan for fiscal year 2010 has been prepared and are available for public comment.

The Housing Act also enabled the cities of Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Lakewood and Parma to join with the Urban County to form the Cuyahoga Housing Consortium (Consortium), to submit a coordinated application for HOME funding. Each of these cities is developing strategies and one-year action plans for their respective jurisdictions and is submitting their action plans for public comment in their communities.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners Department of Development has developed a Draft Strategy and One-Year Action Plan for fiscal year 2010 and will make that Plan available for public review during regular hours at the main city libraries in Cleveland Heights, Euclid and Lakewood, and at the Regional Libraries in the Cuyahoga County Public Library System in the cities of Fairview Park, Maple Heights, Mayfield and Parma. A copy has also been placed at the Cleveland Public Library Branch in Cleveland City Hall.

Additionally, a copy of the Draft Plan will be available at the Department of Development, Administration Annex Building, 4th Floor, 112 Hamilton Ave., Cleveland Ohio 44114. The Consolidated Plan will be available for a thirty (30) day comment period beginning December 10, 2009 and ending January 9, 2010.

This notice is being published to afford all interested persons an opportunity to review a draft copy of the One-Year Action Plan. A hearing on the proposed Consolidated Plan and Action Plan submission will be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 3:00 P.M. in the Chamber of the Board of County Commissioners, 4th floor, County Administration Building, 1219 Ontario Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. This location is accessible.

Interested persons also may submit comments on the Plan in writing or by visiting the Department's web site: <http://development.cuyahogacounty.us/> . Comments should be directed to Harry Conard, Department of Development, 112 Hamilton, 4th Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. (216) 443-7260. If you need special accommodations to participate, please call Mr. Conard at least two business days prior to the meeting.

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