

The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role		Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		BLOOMINGTON	Housing and Neighborhood Development Department
HOME Administrator		BLOOMINGTON	Housing and Neighborhood Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(l) and 91.315(l)

1. Introduction

The City of Bloomington developed an outreach effort to maximize input from a large cross-section of stakeholders. The outreach effort included public meetings, stakeholder meetings, published meeting notices, and a web survey conducted in both English and Spanish.

Several housing, social service agencies, and other organizations serving the City of Bloomington were consulted during the development of this Consolidated Plan. The City held stakeholder meetings from June 11-12, 2019. Participants included affordable housing providers, neighborhood organizations, homeless and social service providers, and city staff members.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

The City of Bloomington encourages public communication and agency consultation to demonstrate its commitment to identifying priority needs and engaging the participation of citizens, public agencies, and nonprofit organizations in a positive and collaborative manner. A list of stakeholders and affordable housing providers was developed and included public agencies and private nonprofit organizations whose missions include the provision of affordable housing and human services to low- and moderate-income households and persons. These stakeholders were invited to participate in group interviews held for the purpose of developing the Con Plan. The list of stakeholders is included in the Citizen Participation Comments section.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness

The City of Bloomington is part of the Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care (BOS CoC). The BOS CoC is divided into 16 regions, with Bloomington being a part of Region 10. Each region has a planning council and chairperson and meets regularly with other councils to develop and implement strategies to alleviate homelessness.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS

Service providers that work with persons experiencing homelessness participated in stakeholder meetings as described above. While the City does not receive ESG funds directly, ESG funds are distributed through the CoC to Region 10.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Bloomington, Housing and Neighborhood Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings, conduct outreach.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	IU Health Bloomington Hospital/Positive Link
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	SHALOM COMMUNITY CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Centerstone of Indiana, Inc
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	NEW HOPE FAMILY SHELTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Families with children
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	MONROE COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Wheeler Mission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Council of Neighborhood Associations
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Public facilities and improvements
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.

9	Agency/Group/Organization	South Central Indiana Housing Opportunities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	SOUTH CENTRAL CAP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Bloomington Health Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of Monroe County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Middle Way House, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Bloomington Board of Realtors
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Horn Properties
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Loren Wood Builders
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Elm Heights Neighborhood Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Title Plus!
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Bloomington Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Crescent Bend Neighborhood Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.

22	Agency/Group/Organization	Bloomington Township Trustee
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	BLOOMINGTON RESTORATIONS, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MONROE COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	Bailey & Weiler Design/Build
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
26	Agency/Group/Organization	AREA 10 AGENCY ON AGING
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.

27	Agency/Group/Organization	Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended supplemental stakeholder meeting.
28	Agency/Group/Organization	Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended supplemental stakeholder meeting.
29	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Kitchen of Monroe County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended supplemental stakeholder meeting.
30	Agency/Group/Organization	Commission on Aging
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
31	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Bloomington, Community and Family Resources Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
32	Agency/Group/Organization	Bloomington Police Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.
33	Agency/Group/Organization	Bloomington Parks & Recreation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended stakeholder meetings.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Indiana Balance of State CoC	Strategies addressing homelessness were created in part by consulting with the Indiana BOS CoC.
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, 20	City of Bloomington, Housing and Neighborhood Development	Barriers to affordable housing opportunities from the AI were included in the Con Plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.100(4), the City of Bloomington will notify adjacent units of local government of the non-housing community development needs included in its Con Plan. Bloomington will continue to interact with public entities at all levels to ensure coordination and cooperation in the implementation of the Con Plan and thereby maximize the benefits of the City's housing and community development activities for the residents being served.

Narrative (optional):

PR-15 Citizen Participation – 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Stakeholder Interviews – A series of six stakeholder meetings and interviews were conducted between June 11-12, 2019 to discuss issues and opportunities related to housing and community development needs. Individuals representing government and policy makers, nonprofit organizations, affordable housing providers, and other interested parties were invited to participate to ensure that as many points-of-view as possible were heard.

Public Needs Hearing – Two public needs hearings were held on June 11-12, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Utilities Services Building at 600 E. Miller Drive to educate residents and organizations about the CDBG programs and obtain input on housing and community development needs.

Supplemental Meetings – Two supplemental meetings were held to gather more public input. The first supplemental meeting was held on June 14, 2019 and focused on stakeholders involved in the BPD Outreach Program. The BPD Outreach program serves to find better alternatives to arrest when dealing with the consequences of either being homeless or at risk for homelessness. The advisory committee for this outreach come from a wide variety of sectors, including staff from the City and Monroe County, the Bloomington Police Dept., Centerstone (mental health services), homelessness service providers, IU Health, and City Parks. Additional follow-up was made individually with Bloomington Economic Dev. Corp. and the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce.

The second supplemental meeting was held via phone on December 6, 2019 for stakeholders involved in food security. These stakeholders are regular applicants but were unable to attend the public meetings and workshops to provide input. Participants included Hoosier Hills Food Bank, Community Kitchen, and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

Web-based Citizen Survey - The City conducted a web-based survey for the general public from May 31, 2019 to July 31, 2019 which generated 428 responses in total. Questions focused on housing and community development needs.

Consolidated Plan Public Comment Period – A draft of the Consolidated Plan for FY 2020-2024 and the Annual Plan for FY 2020 was placed on public display for 30 days beginning March 9 - April 10, 2020.

Public Hearing – The City held a public hearing on February 19, 2020 at the City Hall located at 401 North Morton Street in the municipal Council Chambers to obtain final comments on the proposed Consolidated Plan for FY 2020-2024 and the proposed use of funds for FY 2020.

2020 Cares Act Funding Notification - A notice in the local newspaper informing the public that the City of Bloomington will receive additional allocation of CDBG funding under the CARES Act and the amount was advertised on May 11, 2020. The public also was informed that applications for funding were available and how to apply. Notice was also done by the department's Facebook page. Informational meetings were held virtually for those agencies interested in submitting an application for funding.

Citizen Participation Process - A legal ad was posted in the local newspaper notifying the general public that they may comment on the applications received for funding under the CDBG Cares Act as well as review and make comments on the department's revised Citizen Participation Plan from June 29, 2020 through July 3, 2020. The public was directed to the department's website to review the documents and submit comments to the Director by July 3, 2020. In addition, a public hearing was held by the RDC to review applications submitted for CDBG Cares Act funding and review and approve changes to the Citizen Participation Plan on July 6, 2020 via Zoom.

SubAm note: AD-25 has more narrative for 2021 CV funds (under Grantee Unique Attachments).

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Online Survey	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	428 responses	See Survey Results in Citizen Participation Comments	None	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Bloomington-HAND
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	8 attendees	See comments in Citizen Participation Comments	None	
3	Online Survey	Non-targeted/broad community	99 attendees	See comments in Citizen Participation Comments	None	
4	Online Survey	Food assistance service providers	3 attendees	See comments in Citizen Participation Comments	None	
5	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	4 attendees	No public comments.	None	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
6	Online Survey	Non-targeted/broad community	No public comments were made.	No public comments were made.		
7	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Newspaper add - public comment not taken.	No public comments for Cares Act funding.		
8	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	No response from attendees regarding CARES Act funding	No response received prior to the meeting for CDBG Cares Act funding		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
9	Online Survey	Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Approximately 25 community stakeholders were in attendance to hear the HAND Director, Mayor and other stakeholders speak about housing and community development initiatives. \$660K in CV funds available was announced by HAND Director, noting that applications would be available in the coming days and due July 2.	Three news outlets covered the event. No public comment was not formally taken.	Public comment was not formally taken.	https://bsquarebulletin.com/tag/cdbg/

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
10	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Ad noticing July 19 RDC hearing to consider CV funding recommendations	N/A - newspaper ad	N/A - newspaper ad	
11	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Zoom meeting held for City RDC to consider funding recommendations for remaining CV1 and all of CV 3 funding.	(INSERT COMMENTS HERE FOLLOWING HEARING).		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
12	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Newspaper ad noticing five-day public comment period for Substantial Amendment (July 22-27) and August 2. RDC hearing to consider Substantial Amendment for 2020 Con Plan	N/A - newspaper ad	N/A - newspaper ad	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
13	Online Survey	Non-targeted/broad community	Five-day public comment period. Amendment CP was posted on City website, at the Public Library (on their website) and a hard copy is available to the public at City Hall.	The City received one public comment from the five-day period (July 22-27) (comment received July 28). The summary of the comment was in regard to the formatting of the plan when it came to the length and content. Additionally, the commenter was mentioning the list of goals in the plan and made no mention of the prospective projects to be funded through CDBG-CV. Director John Zody responded to the commenter following receipt and thanked them for their participation.	All comments received were accepted.	20

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
14	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	August 2 RDC Meeting to consider Substantial Amendment before submission to HUD and after five-day comment period.	None received; Redevelopment Commission approved Substantial Amendment/Consolidated Plan for submission to HUD.		
15	Online Survey	Neighborhood Groups		See above comment received during the five-day period as well. Respondent saw notice of the public comment period due to it being mentioned in the department's monthly newsletter that goes to neighborhood groups in Bloomington.		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach