

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice FY 2025-2029 Five-year Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan

TOPIC: Housing the Homeless & Near-Homeless

Stakeholder Workshop August 29, 2024 12:00 pm – 1:15 PM

Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda

- M&L Associates, Inc.
- Myerson Consulting, LLC
- Overview of HUD Planning Documents
- Review of Stakeholder and Public Outreach and Process
- Open Discussion and Input

A Collaborative Process

- Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice: identify barriers that restrict housing choice for members of protected classes and recommendations to resolve the barriers
- Consolidated Plan: describe community development priorities and goals based on assessment of affordable housing and community development needs, market conditions and available resources
- Annual Action Plan: describes how the State will use its federal funds to address identified needs in 2025

A Collaborative Process

These documents enable the City of Bloomington to continue receiving annual allocations from the following sources:

Program	FY2024 Allocation
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$795,743
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)	\$565,803
Total	\$1,361,546

Public Outreach

- The City of Bloomington recognizes that successful plans require input from a broad array of stakeholders
- The planning processes for these documents require a qualitative analysis in which extensive public outreach is conducted to identify affordable housing, fair housing and community development needs
- The qualitative analysis (the public outreach) will be used to enhance the quantitative profile (the hard data) with the opinions, experiences, perspectives and ideas of the City of Bloomington's stakeholders and residents

Methods of Public Outreach

- Stakeholder Workshops six workshops over the next two weeks to get input on housing, community development needs and impediments to fair housing
- Public Meetings three in August/September and a third in April 2025 for the Five-Year CP and AAP requirements

Methods of Public Outreach (cont'd)

- Online Surveys for in English and Spanish
- Draft documents to be made available for public review and comment in April 2025
- Submission of new Five-Year CP and FY 2025
 Annual Action Plan to HUD is anticipated in May of 2025

The Value of Stakeholder Input

- You are practitioners in your areas of expertise
- You encounter the challenges to housing and community development on a regular basis
- You are familiar with City regulations, policies and laws that impact the work you do – whether these help you in your work or create difficulties
- You are the individuals and organizations that we need to hear from to expand affordable housing, fair housing choice and improve the quality of life for Bloomington residents

Questions to Consider

- What are the primary challenges you encounter when trying to secure stable housing for homeless and near-homeless individuals, particularly regarding discrimination or systemic barriers?
- Can you identify any gaps in current housing programs or policies that, if addressed, could significantly improve access to housing for homeless and near-homeless populations?

Questions to Consider

- What innovative approaches or successful initiatives have you seen implemented locally or in other cities that could be adapted to improve housing options for the homeless and nearhomeless in our community?
- How do current support services, such as mental health, addiction recovery, and employment assistance, impact the ability of homeless individuals to secure and maintain stable housing?
- What improvements or additional services are needed?

Questions to Consider

- How effective are current partnerships between housing providers, social services, and local government in addressing homelessness?
- What changes could enhance collaboration and outcomes?

Open Discussion

Your responses will help to craft the City's updated Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan

Survey

Share our online survey with your colleagues! http://surveymonkey.com/r/Bloomington2024

The survey is also available in Spanish at this link.



Questions?

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