

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

TOPIC: Housing for Special Needs Populations

Stakeholder Workshop August 30, 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 barriers faced by special needs populations, such as people with disabilities, the elderly, or persons in recovery, in accessing safe and affordable housing in our community?
- How effective are the current housing programs and services in meeting the needs of any of these special needs populations?
- Are there specific areas where improvements or additional resources are needed for any of these populations?

Questions to Consider

- In your experience, what types of discrimination or challenges do special needs populations encounter when trying to secure housing?
- How can the city better address these issues?
- What are the most critical supportive services (e.g., health care, transportation, counseling) that should be integrated with housing solutions for special needs populations?
- Are these services currently accessible and adequate?

Questions to Consider

- Can you identify any innovative housing models or community-based solutions that have been successful in other cities or regions in addressing the needs of special needs populations?
- How could these be adapted or implemented locally?

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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