

**A GUIDE TO DEVELOPMENT  
Of the  
City of Fall River, Massachusetts**

**Consolidated Plan  
(2015-2019)  
and  
Year Four Annual Action Plan  
July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019**

**Background**

This document outlines the process for development of the single submission that satisfies the minimum statutory requirements for the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**, **HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)**, and **Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)** Programs, replacing separate submissions, funding cycles, and program years.

**Purpose**

The overall goals of the community development and planning programs are to strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and non-profit organizations, to enable them to provide decent housing, establish and maintain a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities for every American, particularly for very low-income and low-income persons.

**Program Year**

Each of the CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs in Fall River will be administered on a single consolidated program year extending from July 1 through June 30 by the Community Development Agency (CDA).

**Contents of Consolidated Plan**

The *City of Fall River Consolidated Plan* was approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or around July 17, 2015. That document described estimated housing needs and needs for supportive services projected over a five-year period that will conclude on June 30, 2019.

The five-year plan (2015-2019) also includes an assessment of the City's housing, community development, and homeless needs, a description and analysis of the housing market, listing of public and assisted housing, inventory of resources available for the homeless, barriers to affordable housing; strategies, priority needs, and objectives for each of the identified non-housing needs.

## **Annual Action Plan**

On a yearly basis, an Annual Action Plan segment of the *City of Fall River Consolidated Plan* is updated to describe activities to be undertaken during the following program year for each of the CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs.

The planning process for development of the Annual Action Plan requires that all applicants for CDA administered HUD Program funds complete the **Request for Funding (RFF)** and submit it to CDA no later than **January 10, 2018**. Copies of the RFF are available at CDA upon request.

## **Citizen Participation**

Encouraged throughout the planning and development process is the active participation of all Fall River residents, particularly by very-low and low-income persons, those living in slum and blighted areas and where funds are expected to be used, residents of public and assisted housing, minority and non-English speaking persons, and persons with mobility, visual, or hearing impairments. The process also provides for the active participation of public and private service providers, for-profit and non-profit agencies, and neighborhood and community groups.

In conformance with citizen participation requirements for development of the *Consolidated Plan* and *Annual Action Plan* for the forthcoming program year, a **Public Hearing** has been scheduled for **Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6 P.M.** in the City Council Chambers at the Fall River Government Center. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to obtain the views of residents, public and non-public agencies, and other interested parties on housing and community development needs and the needs of the homeless, proposals, and on program performance. **Requests For Funding** will be accepted through **January 10, 2018** at:

Community Development Agency  
One Government Center  
Fall River, MA 02722

Technical assistance in the development of Requests For Funding is available upon request to groups' representative of very low and low-income persons at the Community Development Agency.

Persons requiring assistance for the hearing impaired or in securing wheelchair access should notify the Community Development Agency by calling 508-679-0131 no less than 48 hours prior to the public hearing.

On the basis of information collected, the City of Fall River will develop a **Year Four Annual Action Plan Summary** for citizen review. Comments will be accepted at a separate Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2018. Citizen comments also will be accepted at the Community Development Agency through March 26, 2018.

With enactment of an authorizing resolution by the Fall River City Council on April 10, 2018 the **City of Fall River Year Four Annual Action Plan** will be forwarded to the U. S. Department of HUD on or before May 2, 2018 in anticipation of a July 1, 2018 startup of activities.

The timetable for development of the **City of Fall River Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan** follows.

**Available Resources**

It is anticipated, that for the program year starting July 1, 2018, the City of Fall River will receive approximately \$2,600,000 for eligible CDBG Program activities, \$700,000 for the HOME Programs, and \$230,000 for the ESG Program.

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