



IMPLEMENTING ROCHESTER 2034:

ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

CONSOLIDATED PLAN

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN



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BACKGROUND

- The City of Rochester adopted a new Comprehensive Plan in November 2019
- Rochester receives about \$12M in HUD funding
- These funds can be used for many activities that are recommended in *Rochester 2034*:
 - Neighborhood reinvestment
 - Expanding homeownership
 - Affordable rental units in mixed income developments
 - Stabilizing housing through code enforcement
 - Park and playground improvements
 - And many, many more!

THREE DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO HUD

- ⦿ Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (called an AI for short)
- ⦿ Five-year Consolidated Plan for 2020-2024
- ⦿ Year 1 Annual Action Plan for 2020

1. CONSOLIDATED PLAN



- ◉ Required for all HUD funding
- ◉ Covers the period July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2025
- ◉ *Consolidates* the planning for four programs into one document:
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
 - Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)
 - Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

2. ANNUAL PLAN

- Covers the period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021
- Lays out Rochester's budget and specific activities for Year 1 of the five-year plan
- A tool to implement Rochester 2034



3. ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

- Fair housing:
 - The right to choose housing free from unlawful discrimination
 - Federal, state, and local laws protect people from discrimination in housing transactions such as rentals, sales, mortgage lending and insurance
 - Ensures access to housing for everyone
- The AI identifies obstacles that restrict fair housing choice
- A Fair Housing Action Plan is a tool that will assist in implementing *Rochester 2034*

FAIR HOUSING LAWS PROTECTING ROCHESTER RESIDENTS

	Federal Fair Housing Law	New York State Human Rights Law	City of Rochester Human Rights Law
Race	X	X	X
Color	X	X	X
National Origin	X	X	X
Religion	X	X	
Familial Status	X	X	
Disability Status	X	X	X
Sex	X	X	
Age		X	X
Creed		X	X
Sexual orientation		X	X
Marital Status		X	X
Military Status		X	
Gender expression/identity			X
Gender			X

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAIR HOUSING AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

○ Fair housing:

- The right to choose housing free from unlawful discrimination



○ Affordable housing:

- How much income a household spends on monthly housing costs
- More than 30% is considered cost burdened



- Affordable housing can become a fair housing issue when local laws restrict affordable housing for members of the protected classes

IMPORTANT POINTS ABOUT THE FOUR HUD PROGRAMS



CDBG ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES



- Acquisition of Real Property
- Public Facilities and Improvements
- Clearance (Demo)
- Public Services
- Lead Hazard Reduction
- Planning & Capacity building
- Program Administration
- Rehabilitation
- Construction of Housing
- Special Economic Development Activities
- Microenterprise Assistance
- Community Based Development Organizations

CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

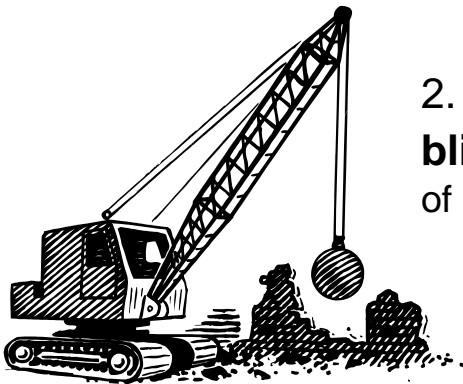
Each activity must meet one of the ***THREE NATIONAL OBJECTIVES***



1. **Benefit low- and moderate-income persons**
(at least 70% of grant amount)



2. **Prevent or eliminate blight** (not more than 30% of grant amount)



3. Meet **urgent needs** when health and welfare are threatened

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME)

- ◉ Strictly for housing activities to assist low- and moderate-income households
 - New construction
 - Rehabilitation
 - Homeownership assistance
 - Tenant-based rental assistance



HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)

- ◉ Housing assistance and supportive services for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families



EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG)

- ◉ Street outreach and emergency shelter activities
- ◉ Homeless assistance
- ◉ Homelessness prevention



RECENT GRANT AMOUNTS

HUD Program	2018	2019	Change
CDBG	\$8,084,177	\$8,068,554	- 0.2%
HOME	\$2,570,413	\$2,316,190	- 9.9%
ESG	\$674,005	\$685,960	+ 1.8%
HOPWA	\$890,163	\$958,466	+ 7.7%
Total	\$12,218,758	\$12,029,170	- 1.6%

CDBG ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2018-2019

Activity	Accomplishments
Economic development	35 businesses assisted 27 jobs created/retained
Housing	215 units rehabilitated
Public services	160 activities



HOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2018-2019

Activity	Accomplishments
New rental housing	62 new units constructed (Community on East Main)
Homebuyer assistance	227 first-time homebuyers assisted





ESG & HOPWA ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2018-2019

Activity	Accomplishments
13 various projects	2,851 persons assisted
Trillium Health and Catholic Charities	183 households assisted



SCHEDULE

Item	Dates
Public Meeting	January 22 Phyllis Wheatley Library
Public Comment	February 7
Publish Draft Plans	On or about April 15
Submission to HUD	On or before June 30
2020 Program Year Starts	July 1





QUESTIONS?

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