



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



**NOTICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS**

**INFORMAL FORUM:** Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 6:30 pm

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 6:30 pm

**“2016-2020 FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA”**

The DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is charged with developing a Consolidated Plan (“Plan”), a document that lays out a vision for how the Agency intends to spend four federal resources. The document is updated every five years and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This is an exciting time for DHCD as we are currently undergoing this process for Fiscal Years 2016-2020.

For DHCD, this Plan will serve as map for our work ahead, promoting the administration’s comprehensive vision of an affordable, livable, and growing DC. Community engagement is a vital component in this process and will serve as the basis for our policy goals and decision-making. These two community engagement events, along with two public hearings held in August, will help paint a picture about the affordable housing and community development needs in DC.

The four federal resources included in the Plan are:

- the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program**, which funds local activities that revitalize neighborhoods, promote economic development, and improve community facilities, infrastructure and services in low-moderate income communities. CDBG funds are the District’s most flexible federal resource, and can be used for both housing projects and non-housing community development activities;
- the **HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program**, which supports building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent, homeownership, or providing direct rental assistance to low-income residents;
- the **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program**, which provides funding for programs and services supporting homeless individuals and families; and
- the **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program**, which makes grants to the District and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

The previous *Five Year Consolidated Plan: October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2015* document is available for review on the Department’s website [www.dhcd.dc.gov](http://www.dhcd.dc.gov), and in at the Department’s office at 1800 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, Southeast, Washington, DC 20020 in the Housing Resource Center, First Floor. Additionally, copies will be available the following community-based organizations:

AARP Legal Counsel  
for the Elderly  
601 E Street, NW  
(202) 434-2120

Central American Resource Center  
1460 Columbia Rd, NW,  
#C1  
(202) 328-9799

Greater Washington  
Urban League, Inc.  
2901 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
(202) 265-8200

Housing Counseling  
Services, Inc.  
2410 17th Street, NW,  
Suite 100  
(202) 667-7006

Latino Economic  
Development Center  
641 S Street NW  
(202) 588-5102

Lydia's House  
4101 Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Avenue, SW  
(202) 373-1050

Manna, Inc.  
828 Evarts Street, NE  
(202) 832-1845

Marshall Heights  
Community  
Development  
Organization  
3939 Benning Road, NE  
(202) 396-1200

MiCasa  
6230 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW  
(202) 722-7423

University Legal Services  
220 I Street, NW  
Suite 130  
(202) 547-4747

University Legal Services  
3939 Benning Road, NE  
(202) 650-5631

University Legal  
Services  
1800 MLK Jr. Ave., SE  
(202) 889-2196

**The Department has scheduled two community engagement events:**

- (1) **An informal forum** to learn about existing programs and express affordable housing and community development needs about specific program areas. This event will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the large meeting room at Shaw Library at 1630 7<sup>th</sup> St, NW.
- (2) **A public hearing** to formally testify about affordable housing and community development needs. This event will be held on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, at the Greater Washington Urban League at 2901 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.

Residents who would like to present oral testimony at the public hearing are encouraged to register in advance either by e-mail at [dhcd.events@dc.gov](mailto:dhcd.events@dc.gov) or by calling (202) 442-7203. Please provide your name, address, telephone number, and organization affiliation, if any.

If you wish to provide written comment for the record, please do so by mail or email by close of business Wednesday, November 18, 2015. Written statements should be mailed to: Polly Donaldson, Director, DHCD, Attention: Five Year Consolidated Plan Comments, 1800 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, Southeast, Washington, DC 20020. Emailed comments should be submitted to [dhcd.events@dc.gov](mailto:dhcd.events@dc.gov) with a subject line, "Five Year Consolidated Plan comments."

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) relay service is available by calling (800) 201-7165. A sign language interpreter will be provided upon request by calling (202) 442-7251 five days prior to the event date. Residents who require language interpretation should specify which language (Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese-Mandarin/Cantonese, Amharic, or French). Interpretation services will be provided to pre-registered persons only. Deadline for requesting services of an interpreter is five days prior to the event date. Bilingual staff will provide services on an availability basis to walk-ins without registration.

If you need additional information, contact Booker Roary, Jr. at [booker.roary@dc.gov](mailto:booker.roary@dc.gov) or by phone at (202) 442-7203.

**Muriel Bowser, Mayor**  
**Brian Kenner, Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development**  
**Polly Donaldson, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development**

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