

The following are components of the 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan and 2009-2010 Action Plan:

**Fiscal Year 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan:**

- Five-year Strategic Plan
- Housing Market Study released March 2009
- Community Profile and Analysis of Special Needs Populations
- Funding Priorities
- Analysis to Impediments to Fair Housing
- Public Participation Process

**Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Action Plan:**

- Identifies funding for the first fiscal year of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan
- Requires separate public input process each fiscal year

Summary of public input:

**1) Draft Comment Period (June 12, 2009 – July 13, 2009)**

The Draft Fiscal Years 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan and Draft Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Action Plan were available for a 30-day public comment period from June 12, 2009 through July 13, 2009, during which two public hearings were conducted. The public hearing before the Austin City Council was June 18, 2009, and the public hearing before the Community Development Commission was June 29, 2009.

The City must submit its Council-approved Fiscal Years 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan and the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Action Plan to HUD by August 15, 2009.

**2) Needs Assessment (January 1, 2009 – March 13, 2009) – Summary of Public Input**

An important aspect of the Consolidated Plan is to conduct a needs assessment to help determine program priorities for the next five years. The City of Austin Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) office conducted a “needs assessment” from January 1, 2009 to March 13, 2009, to determine housing and community development priorities in the community included in the five-year Consolidated Plan.

The needs assessment steps included the following:

• **Five Public Hearings:**

- One with the Austin City Council.
- Two with the Community Development Commission (CDC).
- One with the Community Action Network.
- One with the HIV/AIDS Planning Council.

- **Housing Market Study** – An evaluation of the existing and future housing needs in Austin.
- **Community Survey** – A survey to gather public feedback about priorities for funding.
- **Impediments to Fair Housing report** – An analysis of impediments to fair housing examining barriers to fair housing in Austin.
- **Consultations** with social services, non-profits, for-profits, and government entities regarding public housing needs and planned programs and activities.

Outreach for the needs assessment included:

- **Public notices** in three local papers, including one in Spanish. Public notices were placed in El Mundo, the Austin Chronicle, and the Villager.
- **E-mail notifications** from January 1, 2009 to March 13, 2009 were distributed to over 2,500 individuals including partnering organizations, neighborhood associations, non-profit community partners, and others regarding opportunities to comment and participate.
- **Flyers** regarding participation opportunity were distributed to local community centers, churches, and businesses.

Participation in the needs assessment included:

- Over 250 individuals participated in the public hearings and consultations. Consultations included the Ending Community Homelessness Organization, HOPWA (Homeless Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS) providers, Child Care providers, the Mayor's Mental Health Task Force Monitoring Committee, the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and the Austin Area Human Services Association.
- 370 people completed a survey available on line, at City of Austin libraries, and local community centers.