

South Carolina Department of Commerce

MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Councils of Government

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SUBJECT: Draft 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan & 2021 CDBG Program Description

The South Carolina Department of Commerce, as the designated lead agency for the State, has prepared the State's 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development. The Consolidated Plan is required every five years to satisfy U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) statutory requirements for South Carolina to receive funding for the five regular HUD programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships, National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The Con Plan also contains summary information regarding the disaster CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT grants the State has received.

The Con Plan includes the 2021 Annual Action Plan, which outlines resources the State expects to receive for Program Year 2021 (April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022), each Program's plan for distributing available funds (or Method of Distribution) and goals and objectives for the funding. Greater detail on the CDBG Program plan for 2021 can be found in the 2021 CDBG Program Description, which is also available for review. Detailed information on the other program plans can be found on the program websites.

- Copies of the draft 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, which includes the 2021 Annual Action Plan, and the 2021 CDBG Program Description can be downloaded from the www.cdbgSC.com Consolidated Plan web page: <https://www.cdbgsc.com/consolidated-plan/>
- Per our State Citizen Participation Plan, we would normally ask each COG to make a copy of the draft 2021 CDBG Program Description available for review during regular office hours. If your offices are open, please do make a copy of the document available for physical review. Otherwise, please provide interested individuals with the link to cdbgSC.com website, from which they can download a copy of the document.

Both the draft 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and 2021 CDBG Program Description will be available for review during the 30-day public comment period which runs from January 4, 2021 through February 4,

2021. Written comments can be mailed to the SC Department of Commerce, Division of Grants Administration, 1201 Main Street, Suite 1600, Columbia, SC 29201 or emailed to lross@sccommerce.com. The deadline for submitting written comments is 5pm February 4, 2021. Final documents will include any comments received and are due to HUD within 45 days of the start of the program year, or per HUD requirements, within 45 days of the announcement of final allocations for CDBG, HOME, NHTF, ESG and HOPWA.

Given the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic, a virtual public hearing to discuss the 2021 CDBG Program Description, the 2021 Annual Action Plans for the other four programs covered by the Consolidated Plan and the Consolidated Plan itself will be held on January 20, 2021 at 2pm. To receive an email link to participate in the virtual public hearing, please register using the link below:

<https://2021annualactionplanpublichearing.eventbrite.com>

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

General questions about the Consolidated Plan should be directed to the SC Department of Commerce. The SC Department of Commerce is located at 1201 Main Street, Suite 1600, Columbia, SC 29201. Phone (803) 734-0429 or email lross@sccommerce.com.

For questions about the Housing Market Analysis or housing related sections of the Needs Assessment, Strategic Plan or Action Plan, contact the SC State Housing Finance & Development Authority. Phone (803) 898-0650 or email jennifer.coganj@schousing.com

For questions about homeless issues, contact the SC Office of Economic Opportunity. Phone (803) 734-2454 or email gregg.mcconkey@admin.sc.gov.

For special needs housing and HIV/AIDs questions, contact the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control HIV/STD Division. Phone (803) 898-0650 or email odenl@dhec.sc.gov.

For non-housing or CDBG questions, contact the SC Department of Commerce. Phone (803) 734-0429 or email lross@sccommerce.com.

For CDBG-DR or CDBG-MIT questions, contact Boe Alexander at the SC Disaster Recovery Office. Phone (803) 422-0489 or email Alexander.Boe@admin.sc.gov.