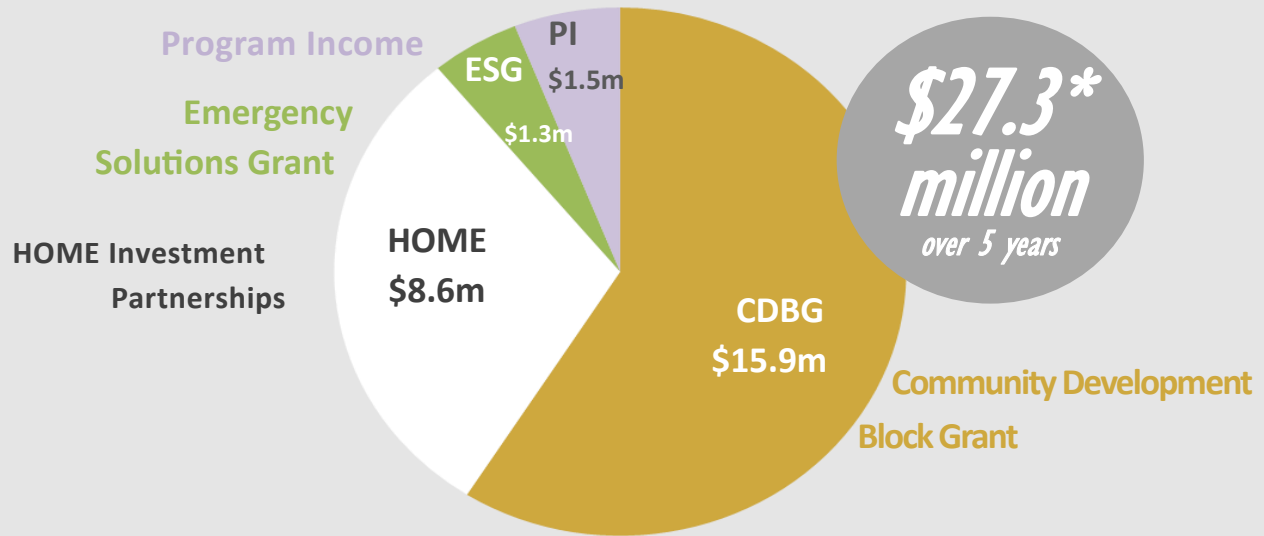


# Community Development Division

## 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Basics

The Community Development Division (CDD) manages federal grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to provide decent housing, create suitable living environments, and expand economic opportunities for low-income communities. The Consolidated Plan is a strategic document to guide CDD and its local partners in creating the most impact and benefit for the next five years.

### FIVE YEAR ESTIMATED BUDGET



## INVESTING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

### PRIORITY

HOME Investment Partnership Program (**HOME**), and Emergency Solutions Grant (**ESG**) are the three HUD programs allocated by formula to the City of Colorado Springs to benefit low-income communities. The Division spends this money on priorities identified by residents.

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**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

2

**HOMELESS HOUSING & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

3

**TARGETED NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE**

4

**IMPROVED PUBLIC FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE**

5

**NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**



# OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

With the help of a consultant, CDD staff developed the Consolidated Plan based on a robust data analysis, community participation, and stakeholder consultation process. The objectives below support the priority needs identified on the previous page and match the tools and strategies available through the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. We meet these objectives by funding various community partners—other City departments, public agencies, non-profits, religious organizations, private developers—through a competitive application process.

Provide Owner Occupied Housing Rehab
Increase Homeownership Opportunities
Increase Affordable Rental Housing Options
Provide Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Assistance
Provide Assistance for Street Outreach and Homeless Shelters
Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs Populations
Provide Vital Services for Low-Income Households
Expand and Improve Public Infrastructure
Improve Access to Public Facilities
Direct Assistance to For-Profit Businesses

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**Which parts of the city see the grant funds?**  
 CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds are available citywide, provided the proposed project meets eligibility requirements and the primary beneficiaries are low-income households.

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES over 2020-2024

<p><b>1</b></p> 	<p><b>2</b></p> 	<p><b>3</b></p> 	<p><b>4</b></p> 	<p><b>5</b></p> 
<p><b>3,075 households</b></p> <p>receiving some sort of affordable housing—through homeownership, preservation, or rental assistance.</p>	<p><b>15,000 people</b></p> <p>sheltered and counseled at low-barrier shelters.</p>	<p><b>25,000 people</b></p> <p>receiving critical assistance from our local service providers.</p>	<p><b>37,500 people</b></p> <p>benefitting from expanded public infrastructure and improved accessibility of public facilities.</p>	<p><b>5 businesses</b></p> <p>grown and supported by direct financial assistance.</p>

*Please refer to AP-38 and AP-55 for more annual outcome indicators.*

# 2020 Annual Action Plan

## First year of the Consolidated Plan

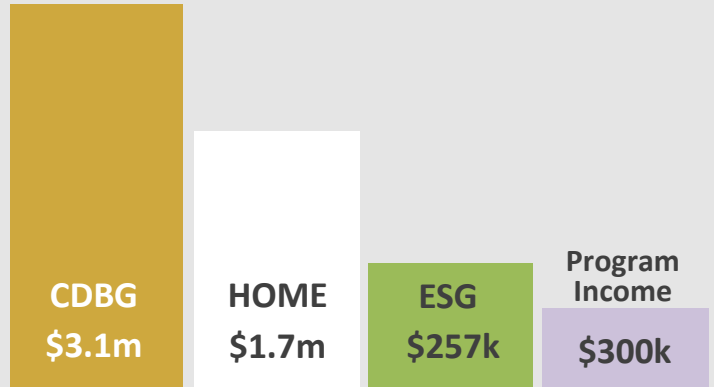
In 2020, the Division will receive

# \$5,469,368

in funds from two sources:

\$5.1 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) + \$300,000 from Program Income.

These funds were awarded through the regular 2020 Congressional budget and **do not** include additional funds from the CARES Act. Please check the News and Announcements page on [www.coloradosprings.gov/community-development](http://www.coloradosprings.gov/community-development) for updates on additional awards in 2020 meant to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Community Development is pleased to continue funding its well known, high impact programs, such as rapid rehousing (ESG), public facilities and infrastructure (CDBG), and down payment assistance (HOME). Starting in 2020, the Division will unveil some new programs to accomplish the community’s goals.

Housing Infill	Economic Development	Accessory Dwelling Units
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Colorado Springs is fortunate to have unused or vacant urban land for housing and other mixed uses. HOME funds allow us to fund infill construction for low-income housing purposes. In 2020 and beyond, we are excited to bring more affordable housing types to core neighborhoods.

CDD is pleased to start a CDBG Economic Development program to help entrepreneurs create sustainable jobs and provide critical services in their neighborhoods. The grant can fund technical assistance, professional services, equipment, among other items. Staff expects to roll out the program by the summer of 2020.

Ensuring affordable housing at different styles and price points across the city involves everyone. ADUs empower homeowners to build an additional unit on their property for affordable multigenerational living or supplemental income. HOME funds can subsidize ADU construction for the use of affordable rental housing.



Illustration by City of Portland’s [Infill Design Toolkit: Medium-Density Residential Development](#)



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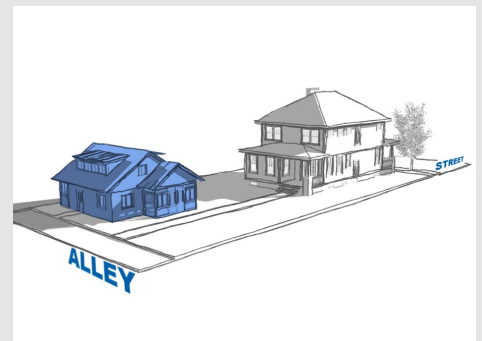


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# Community Engagement

## How the public shapes the plans

The Consolidated Plan and Action Plan are shaped by socioeconomic data, program regulations, and input from residents, service providers, and local advocates. Throughout the year, there have been a number of ways local residents could give their feedback on affordable housing or community development funding.

### SURVEYS

The Division launched the housing market experience survey in May 2019. It was open for six weeks and got over 3,600 responses. The majority of responses were online, but staff worked with 18 community partners throughout the city to distribute bilingual paper surveys to reach the most vulnerable households working with service providers. As a result, 4% of respondents were people experiencing homelessness. The survey sample was diverse in other ways, as well—age, location, and housing status.

### CONSULTATIONS

From September through December 2019, the Division met with over a dozen peer agencies and other key stakeholders to determine the needs of the communities they serve. Staff also conducted digital consultations with over thirty more agencies to get feedback on data findings and draft priorities.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS & PUBLIC REVIEW

In December 2019, the Division held three public meetings to get feedback on and shape the priorities and goals in the Consolidated Plan. The comment period for the draft plans was from January 1-31, 2020 with an additional meeting on January 22. City Council reviewed and approved the Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan on February 11, 2020. Staff incorporated comments from the public and Council in the final draft submitted to HUD. HUD accepted the plans on June 16, 2020.

Tuesday, Dec 3, 4:30-6:00pm The Independence Center 729 Tejon St.	Thursday, Dec 5, 6:00-7:30pm City Admin Building 30 S. Nevada Ave.
Friday, Dec 6, 2:00-3:30pm Colorado Springs Senior Center 1514 N. Hancock Ave.	Wednesday, Jan 22, 5:30-6:30pm City Hall—Pikes Peak Room 107 N. Nevada Ave.

### OTHER LOCAL PLANS

Staff is sensitive to the importance of listening to public input given to other planning initiatives. We have considered feedback given to other relevant projects conducted by the City and other public agencies. PlanCOS, the City’s Strategic Plan, and the El Paso County Community Health Improvement Plan are a few examples.