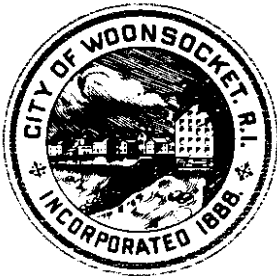


It's Time for the Consolidated Planning Process



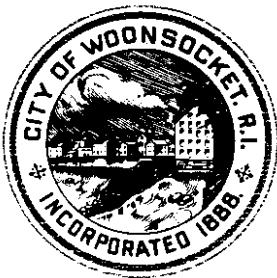
- The following presentation is designed to provide you with answers to questions about the annual planning and application process.
- The process is regulated by the US Department of Housing & Urban Development.
- Be sure to contact us if you have additional questions, comments, or suggestions!
- Together, we will keep Woonsocket healthy, sustainable, and prospering.
- Questions? Contact: Chris Carcifero 401-767-9232, ccarcifero@woonsocketri.org.



What is the Consolidated Plan?



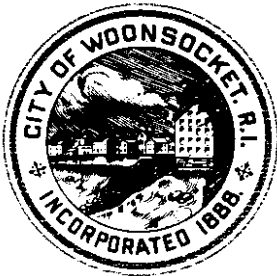
- The Consolidated Plan is a planning document required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which must be updated each year
 - The City completed and submitted its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan in September 2015, which included the initial Annual Plan
 - At this time, the Consolidated Plan 2015-2019 is completed and an Annual Plan will need to be developed.



What is included in the Consolidated Plan?



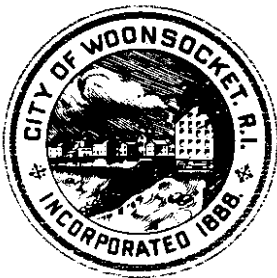
- Housing & market analysis
- Housing and homeless needs assessment
- A strategic plan that details strategies to be followed over a five-year period
- Barriers to affordable housing
- Monitoring procedures
- An action plan that details activities/projects the City will carry out during the next fiscal year
- Forms, tables, maps, certifications, citizens' participation agreement, and other support material



What is included in the Annual Plan?



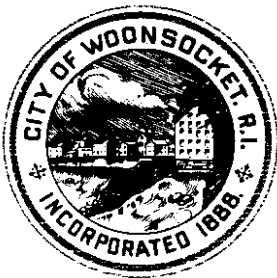
- Needs assessment
 - Housing
 - Homeless
 - Special needs
 - Community Development
- Process management
- Resources
- Proposed activities
- Anti-poverty strategies
- Program specific requirements
- Monitoring
- Geographic distribution of activities
- Certifications, maps, tables, forms
- Supporting information and examples



Where do the funds come from?



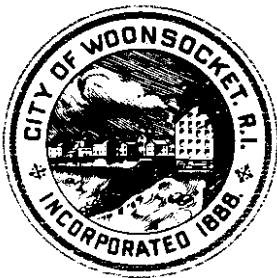
- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended
- **HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program** authorized by Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990
- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)** authorized by the Homeless Housing Act of 1986 and incorporated into subtitle B of title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987. The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH) revised the Emergency Shelter Grant Program and renamed it to the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. As a result of the HEARTH Act, the new ESG, expands the eligible activities for emergency shelter and homelessness prevention activities to include short-term and medium-term rental assistance and services to stabilize and rapidly re-house individuals and households who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.



For what can the funds be used?



- CDBG funds can be used for housing, community and economic development activities, which
 - assist low and moderate income households;
 - eliminate slum and blight; and
 - address urgent community needs
- HOME funds can be used only for housing activities to assist households with income less than 80% of the area median income.
- ESG funds can be used to operate emergency and transitional facilities for homeless people, provide support services to residents, and help prevent at-risk families or individuals from becoming homeless.

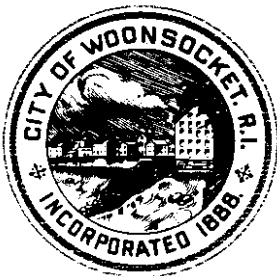


How much money is involved?



- As an “entitlement” community, Woonsocket should receive approximately \$1.5 million in new grant funds for the upcoming fiscal year

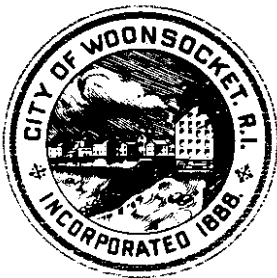
- \$1,159,611 CDBG
 - \$286,410 HOME
 - \$102,412 ESG
- 2015/2016 funding



When must the plan be completed?



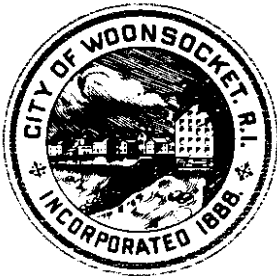
- Annual Action Plan must be submitted to HUD by May 15 for the program year July 1 – June 30.



Who prepares the plan?



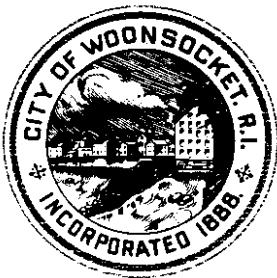
- The City's Department of Planning & Development is responsible for plan preparation and implementation:
 - **consults** with agencies and the public to collect feedback and suggestions on perceived needs.
 - **facilitates meetings** of the Community Development Advisory Board. The Board reviews applications and makes funding recommendations to the City administration.
 - **organizes and controls** the preparation, submission, implementation, and monitoring of the plan.



What are the basic steps?



- Public notice of funding availability and application process
- Public hearing on planning and application process
- CDAB installation
- Application deadline
- Applicant interviews & board meetings
- Recommendations to administration

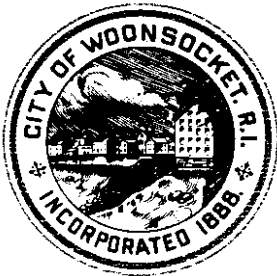


What are the basic steps?



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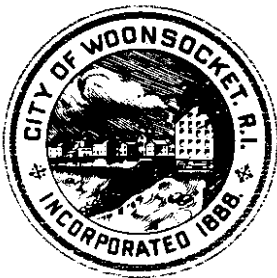
- Public notice on plan availability and council public hearing
- Public hearing and vote on resolution to make application as proposed
- Environment review of records (ERR) and public notice
- ERR and HUD Request for ERR release
- Plan due HUD
- Subrecipient award letters & contracts
- Subrecipient monitoring



What is the selection criteria for activities and projects?



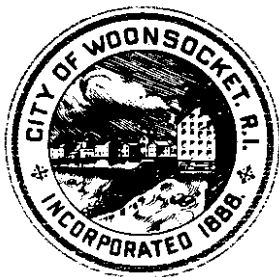
- Established need
- 51% of beneficiaries are at or below 80% of median income
- Non-profit status
- Woonsocket delivery of services
- Affirmative action, equal opportunity compliance
- Necessary insurance & licenses
- Reasonable budget
- Eligible expenditures
- Complete and accurate application submission by deadline



What are some eligible activity examples?



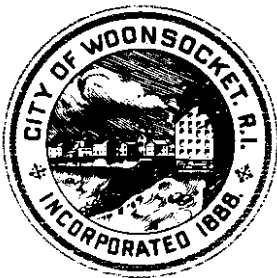
- Child care
- Health care
- Job training
(Excludes wages & Stipends)
- Recreation programs
- Education programs
- Public safety
- Services for homeless persons
- Reading programs
- Adult Day Care
- Drug abuse counseling & treatment
- Housing rehab
- Job creation
- Removal of architectural barriers
- Public facility improvement
- Meals on Wheels



What are some eligible expenses?



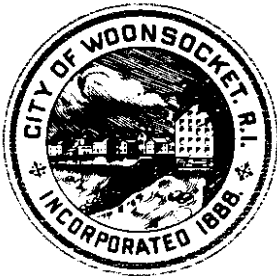
- Operating and maintenance of a public facility associated with public service delivery
- Staff salaries & consultant fees
- Material and supply costs
- Downpayment & closing costs
- Rehab costs



When are CDBG & HOME CHDO applications due?

- For fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, applications are due

January 8 at 2 PM



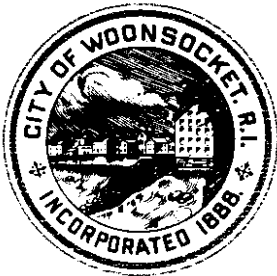
Where can I get an application and instructions?



- Visit the Woonsocket Website

www.ci.woonsocket.ri.us

- Stop by the Planning Department, City Hall
- Contact ccarcifero@woonsocketri.org for email delivery

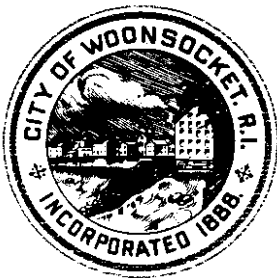


Is there Equal Opportunity?



It's the Law

The Federal Fair Housing Law and the Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act are designed to prevent discrimination in the purchase and rental of housing. Refusal to rent, lease, or sell property to anyone due to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, marital status, age, or family composition is in violation of the Fair Housing Law. The City of Woonsocket enforces the Fair Housing Act and other civil rights laws to ensure the right of equal housing opportunity and free and fair housing choice without discrimination.



Who should I call for more information?



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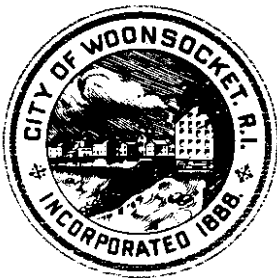
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