

NCDA 2021 Winter Conference Best Practices in Consolidated Planning

Focus: Community Engagement

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### City of Arlington, TX Facts

**Population**: 398,462

**Poverty Rate**: 15.7%

Owner-Occupied: 55.2%

Renter-Occupied: 44.8%

**Total Occupied Units**: 134,984

Average Home Sale: \$228,942

Median Income per Household: \$58,502

**Program Year 2020 Entitlement Allocation** 

CDBG - \$3.82M

HOME - \$1.25M

ESG - \$287K

**CARES Act Funding** 

CDBG-CV- \$2M

CDBG-CV3 - \$2.7M

ESG-CV - \$993K

ESG-CV2 – \$2.98M

Source: 2018 ACS 5-Year Estimates and Texas A&M Real Estate Center

## Background

- >HUD requires City to submit a five-year strategic plan to receive federal funds:
  - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
  - HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)
  - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- City assesses affordable housing, community development needs and market conditions
- ➤ Plan builds on a public input process among citizens, businesses, organizations and other stakeholders
- ▶Plan represents Arlington's vision for improving quality of life and meeting priority needs of residents
- ➤ Plan includes specific goals and determines funding priorities

### The Consolidated Plan Process



### Required Components of Con Plan

#### Consultation and public participation

- **≻**Citizens
- Public and private agencies that provide housing, health, social, and fair housing services
- State or local health and child welfare agencies
- ➤ Regional planning groups and institutions

- ➤ City officials
- ➤ School districts and universities
- ➤ Housing Authority clients and landlords
- ➤ Businesses, developers, community and faith-based organizations
- ➤ Neighborhood groups
- **≻**Others

#### **Public Input**

Surveys and focus groups

Consultation with experts and residents

In-person and virtual public hearings due to (COVID-19)

**Public comment** 

#### **5-Year Strategic Plan**

Priority community needs

Anticipated resources

Goals and measures (5-year)

Target neighborhoods (e.g., NRSA, East Arlington)

#### **Data Collection**

**Housing Needs Assessment** 

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing

Review of City and Community Plans

Census, HUD and other data sources

2020-2024 Consolidated Plan

#### 1-Year Action Plan

CDBG, HOME, ESG allocations

Match and other resources

Planned activities

Goals and measures (1-year)

### Community Outreach Plan

- ➤ Housing Needs Survey
- ➤ Consolidated Plan Survey (also includes non-housing needs)
- ➤ Constituent Groups
  - > Asian Chamber
  - Faith in Texas
  - ➤ Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities
  - ► Arlington Resource Sharing Group
  - ► Arlington Ambassadors for Aging Well
  - ➤ Tarrant County Homeless Coalition continued support of the CoC overall goals related to preventing and reducing homelessness in Arlington and surrounding areas
  - Faith-based groups
  - ► Arlington NAACP
  - ➤ Industry experts and City staff focus groups

### Discussion Topics for Consultation Groups

- Discuss the **current standing and status** of services and accommodations for your constituency group.
  - What in Arlington is working well?
  - What needs to improve?
  - What services or accommodations are missing?
- Discuss the highest priority needs of your constituency group relative to Arlington.
- Discuss best practices that you believe would address some of the priority needs previously mentioned. If you can, please use examples that may have been successful in other cities.

Time: 5-10 minutes per each question

### Community Outreach Results

#### Persons 55+

- Affordable Housing
- City-wide transportation system
- Hotline for code and housing issues

#### **Asian Americans**

- Health clinic
- Community center
- Affordable housing
- Mixed-use facility, addressing all 3 needs

### Hispanic/Latino

- Affordable housing
- Improved communication & inclusion in decision making
- Improved public safety and police relations

### Community Outreach Results

## Persons with disabilities

- Affordable & accessible housing that promotes independence
- Affordable & accessible transportation

## Social Service providers

- Affordable housing
- Public transportation
- Mental health services
- Affordable child care

## Strategic Planning Staff

- Increase housing options
- Transportation options
- Improved streets and sidewalks
- Public safety

### Community Outreach Results

# Faith-based Community

- Transportation and marketing of services
- Food insecurity
- Affordable Housing
- Mental Health services
- Walkable community
- Public safety

### NAACP/African American Community

- Transitional housing
- Transportation
- Affordable housing (wide range)
- Community Centers
- Mental health & Special needs
- Education/Outreach and transparency

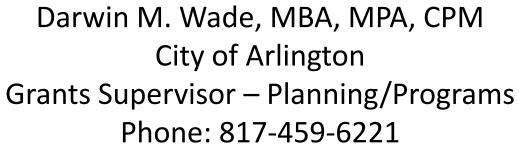
### Consolidated Plan Goals and Objectives

- Community engagement feedback is compiled into four key areas based on priorities, resources, and goals.
  - ➤ Community Development
  - **≻**Housing
  - ➤ Social Services
  - ➤ Homeless Services
- ➤ Public documents for review:

Goals and Objectives 4-page summary

**Con Plan Executive Summary** 





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