



Department of Housing and Community Development

Division of Community
Development and Housing
2024-2025 Annual Action Plan



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Guiding the Future: Regional Input for Virginia's Consolidated Plan



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Today's Agenda

- I. Consolidated Plan Overview
- II. Public Participation Plan
- III. Your Feedback on Federal Programs
- IV. HOME-ARP Updates
- V. Comments, Questions, & Feedback!



The Consolidated Planning Process



What is the Consolidated Plan?

- Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirement
- Every 5 years DHCD asks “What needs are present in Virginia?”
 - Affordable Housing
 - Homelessness
 - Non-Homeless Special Needs Housing
 - Non-Housing Community Development
- **Every year DHCD submits an Annual Action Plan**



DHCD submitted the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan in May 2023

- Completed by the state or localities that receive funds directly from HUD
- DHCD completes the Virginia plan for these federal resources



What's included?

- A needs assessment, a strategic plan, and annual goals
- Focuses on housing, homelessness, and community development
- Includes public input and feedback from service providers, housing developers, other state agencies, localities and continua of care



DHCD needs your help in developing:

- **Public Participation Plan**
- **Second Annual Action Plan**
 - July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
 - Covers the funds DHCD spends from:
 - HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
 - National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
 - Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)



Planning for Public Participation



DHCD's Public Participation Plan

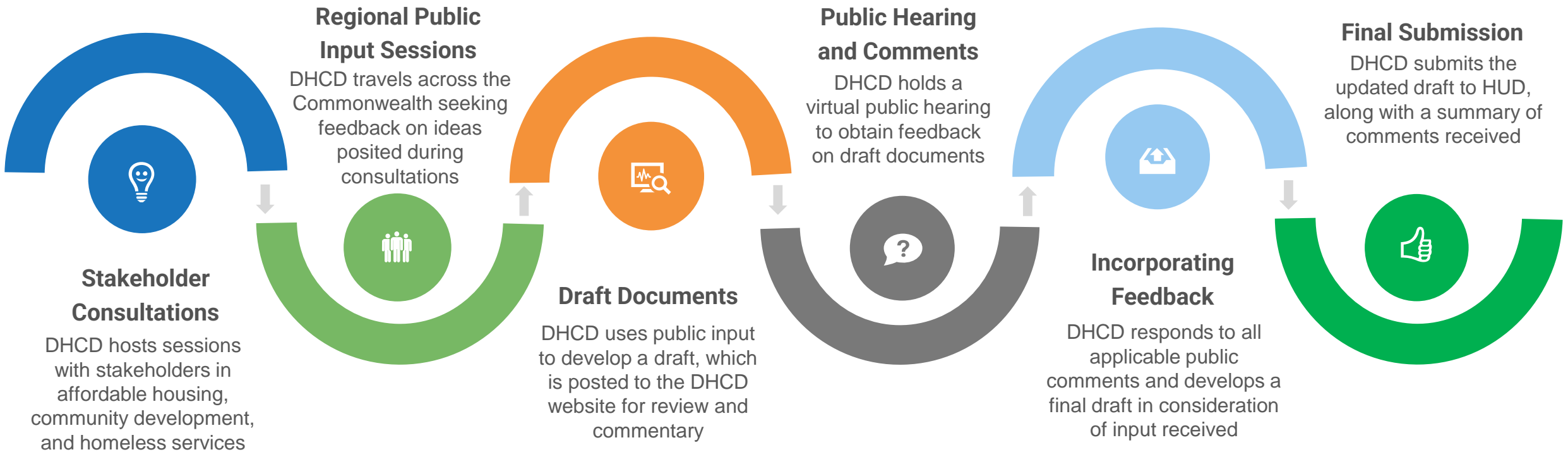
Establishing a framework for community engagement throughout the Consolidated Planning Process

- HUD requires DHCD to consult with stakeholders in developing plans and reports
- DHCD seeks to encourage participation from:
 - Low- and moderate-income persons
 - Minorities and non-English speaking persons
 - Persons with disabilities



Proposed Participation Process

How does your feedback become part of DHCD policy?



Annual Action Plan Participation Timeline





What We've Heard So Far

Stakeholder consultation sessions highlighted the following concerns:

- Lack of affordable housing
- Need for preservation of well and sewer infrastructure
- Construction delays and shortages
- Incompatible timing of CDBG grant cycles with VDOT Revenue Sharing Program
- Need for technical assistance in program applications and implementation
- Planning grant utilization





What other needs are present in your community?



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Which parts of the CDBG program are working well?

What improvements would you suggest?





The per project cap for CDBG infrastructure projects is currently set at \$1.5M...

How much should DHCD increase this cap, knowing that by doing so, we will likely fund fewer projects?



Last program year, DHCD received zero CDBG applications for public services....

How can DHCD support your organization in accessing this funding for services?



As part of Business District Revitalization grants, façade renewal projects have historically required extended project timelines...

Would it be beneficial to your organization if façade improvements became standalone projects?



We currently have 7 types of CDBG Open Submission projects: public service, scattered site housing rehab, local innovation, community economic development, construction ready W/S, regional water/wastewater, and urgent need.

What questions do you have about this list?

Do we need to add to or delete from this list?



We are interested in hearing from partners regarding Homeless and Special Needs Housing (HSNH)'s current guidelines.

What is working in your community?

Are there areas that we should consider exploring for future implementation of our homeless services programs?



Which parts of the Affordable and Special Needs Housing program are working well?

What improvements would you suggest?



ASNH Program Proposed Changes

- Eliminating CHDO Operating Assistance Grants
 - Due to overall reduction in federal funds, we are proposing putting as much funding as possible into rental unit development
 - Currently allocating \$100,000 to the CHDO operating program, which serves three CHDOs a year

Please share your thoughts with us on the CHDO Operating Assistance Grants!



Administrative Improvements

DHCD is examining internal processes to identify ways to streamline grant management for our partners.

- What challenges does your organization face in federal grant management?
- How can DHCD make it easier for your organization to apply for funding and complete projects?
- How can DHCD assist your organization with reporting requirements and program compliance?





What else should DHCD know about the needs in your community?



HOME-ARP Updates





HOME-ARP: Overview

- In 2020, DHCD was allocated \$39,724,473 in HOME American Recovery Plan Act (HOME-ARP) funding
 - Funds must be expended by June 2030

Use	Allocated Funding Amount
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$21,765,803
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$8,100,000
Nonprofit Operating	\$1,950,000
Nonprofit Capacity Building	\$1,950,000
Administration and Planning	\$5,958,670



HOME-ARP: TBRA

- Funds will be available to nonprofits and units of local government that demonstrate experience and capacity
- Eligible activities
 - Rental Assistance
 - Including security deposits and utility deposits
 - Project delivery costs
 - Including staff costs associated with determining household eligibility and unit inspections
- Must benefit persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness, individuals fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, and/or those at risk of housing instability
 - Must use Coordinated Entry System



HOME-ARP: TBRA

- Application released 11/20/23
- How to Apply Webinars— login information to come!
 - December 11th 2:30-3:30pm (Virtual)
 - December 12th 1:00-2:00pm (Virtual)
- Application closes in CAMS on 1/16/24





HOME-ARP: Rental Development

- Developer Subsidies available as low-cost permanent financing for at least 5 HOME-ARP units
 - Eligible recipients: owners, developers, or sponsors of proposed affordable housing projects with a prior commitment of ASNH funds
- Recipients will pay 30% of their income towards rent, and DHCD will subsidize up to 100% of the eligible project costs for HOME-ARP-assisted units
 - Per-project maximum investment of \$1,000,000
 - 30-year affordability period
- Units must serve persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness, individuals fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, and/or those at risk of housing instability
 - Must use Coordinated Entry System
- **Application dates TBD**



How can DHCD assist your organization in utilizing the new HOME-ARP funding?



Important Dates

- **HOME-ARP TBRA**
 - December 11-12th, 2023: How-to-Apply Webinars
 - January 16th, 2024: Applications due in CAMS
- **2024-2025 Annual Action Plan**
 - March 2024: Draft documents available on DHCD website
 - April 2024: Public comment period closes
 - Submit feedback any time until then!



Thank you for participating in today's input session!

Interested in providing additional feedback?

- Submit Written Comments through
 - Submit via email: catherine.farnsler@dhcd.virginia.gov
 - Online at <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/consolidated-plan>
 - Scan the QR code to go submit comments





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