



What is the Consolidated Plan?

As a recipient of federal grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Santa Ana is required to ascertain and prioritize the housing, social and infrastructure needs of the community. The primary purpose of this assessment is to prepare a strategic planning document known as the *Consolidated Plan*. The Consolidated Plan is a five-year investment strategy for the use of HUD grant funds.

There are four HUD grants received by the City that require the preparation of the Consolidated Plan. These include:

- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG):** Funds to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment & opportunities to expand economic opportunities, for low- & moderate-income persons
- **HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS GRANT (HOME):** Preserve and expand supply of housing affordable to low- & moderate-income homeowners and tenants
- **EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG):** Homelessness prevention, emergency and transitional housing and support services for homeless persons
- **HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA):** Housing and support services for individuals and households living with HIV/AIDS

Together, these grants may be used to meet a wide variety of housing, social service, economic and infrastructure needs of the City. Services, programs and improvements must primarily benefit low- & moderate-income persons or households (as defined by HUD), or other special need populations such as the homeless or persons living with HIV or AIDS.

The Consolidated Plan is comprised of the following components:

- **Housing Needs Assessment:** evaluates type & number of families, homeless & special needs populations needing housing
- **Housing Market Analysis:** reviews supply, demand & condition of existing housing stock
- **Strategic Plan:** outlines steps used to identify & establish priority housing & community needs; identifies resources; establishes five-year goals
- **One-Year Action Plan:** identifies specific activities the City will undertake each year to accomplish goals established in the five-year plan
- **Citizen Participation Plan:** encourages participation from residents in the preparation of the Five- Year Consolidated Plan, One-Year Action Plans & year-end reports

The Consolidated Plan must be submitted to HUD by mid-May 2010. Subsequent One-Year Action Plans will be due at the same time each subsequent year.

Federal Funding Needs Survey

The City of Santa Ana welcomes your input in prioritizing housing and community needs as part of preparing the Consolidated Plan. Your participation will help direct federal funds to meet a variety of housing, service and infrastructure needs in Santa Ana. *The Federal Funding Needs Survey* can be completed online at <http://www.santa-ana.org/cda/default.asp> or by contacting (714) 667-2280 for a paper copy and prepaid return envelope. Surveys must be received by January 15, 2010.

Questions pertaining to the City's current or new Consolidated Plan, Federal Funding Needs Survey or HUD related documents can be sent to us at: consolidatedplan@santa-ana.org. You may also view our website at <http://santa-ana/cda/default.asp>.