

King County Consortium
Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan
2005 – 2009

Executive Summary

The “Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan” (Consolidated Plan) guides the investment of approximately \$12 million per year in federal housing and community development funds, and an additional \$9 million per year in other federal or related state and local funds, to address housing, homeless, and community development needs throughout the King County Consortium over the next five years, from 2005 through 2009.

The King County Consortium includes most of the suburban cities in the county, as well as the unincorporated areas of the county. It does not include the City of Seattle, which prepares its own Consolidated Plan.

The Consolidated Plan is a requirement of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through which King County receives the federal dollars. These HUD-funded housing and community development programs have a broad national goal: to “develop viable urban communities, by providing decent affordable housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons” (the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended).

Within that broad national goal, HUD requires the King County Consortium to consider its own needs and set its own goals, objectives, and strategies, as well as performance measures. The goals and objectives set forth in this Consolidated Plan for 2005 through 2009 are:

Goal 1: Ensure Decent, Affordable Housing

Objective 1: Rental Housing. Preserve and expand the supply of affordable rental housing available to low- and moderate-income households, including households with special needs.

Objective 2: Home Ownership. Preserve the housing of low- and moderate-income home owners, and provide home ownership assistance programs for low- and moderate-income households that are prepared to become first time home owners.

Objective 3: Fair Housing. Plan for and support fair housing strategies and initiatives designed to affirmatively further fair housing choice and to increase access to housing and housing programs and services.

Goal 2: End Homelessness (this goal, and its associated objectives and strategies, is intended to be consistent with the Plan to End Homelessness being prepared by the regional Committee to End Homelessness in King County)

Objective 1: Prevention. Support programs that prevent homelessness.

Objective 2: Permanent Housing. Support the creation of a range of permanent affordable housing options for homeless people.

Objective 3: Homeless Housing Programs. Provide programs and services to address the temporary housing needs and other needs of households when homelessness occurs.

Objective 4: Regional Planning and Coordination. Approach homeless planning and coordination as a regional issue. The Consortium will work with the Committee to End Homelessness, cities, mainstream systems, the Safe Harbors initiative, housing funders, community agencies, United Way, the private sector including business, and homeless people on various coordination efforts.

Goal 3: Establish and Maintain a Suitable Living Environment and Economic Opportunities for Low- and Moderate-Income Persons

Objective 1: Human Service Agencies. Improve the ability of health and human service agencies to serve our low- and moderate-income residents effectively and efficiently.

Objective 2: Low- and Moderate-Income Communities. Improve the living environment in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods/communities in accordance with jurisdictions' adopted Comprehensive Plans and the Countywide Planning policies.

Objective 3: Economic Opportunities. Expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

A more detailed description of the goals and objectives above, together with specific strategies and associated outcomes and performance measures, can be found in Chapter 3 of the Consolidated Plan.