

# The City of Abilene Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2015 - 2019

The Consolidated Planning Process is used to gather input in preparing the plan which includes:

Five Year  
Consolidated Plan  
2015 - 2019

Annual Action Plan  
Program Year  
2015

Analysis of Impediments  
2015

# CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2015 - 2019

Consolidated Plan is a strategic plan designed to identify and addresses community needs:

- Housing
- Economic Development
- Public Services
- Public Facilities and Public Infrastructure
- To receive grant funding from Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City must complete the Consolidated Plan every five years.
- HUD Regulation 24 CFR Part 21

# Elements of the Consolidated Plan



# Major Components of the Consolidated Plan

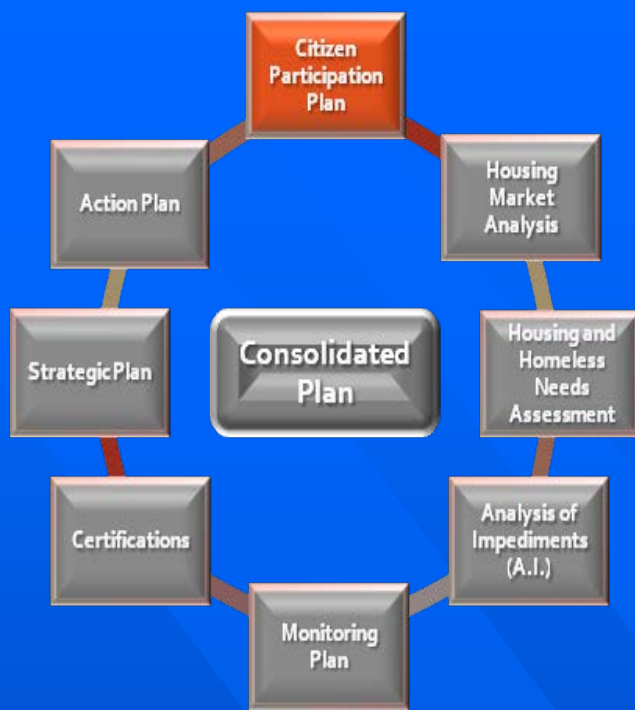
Citizen  
Participation Plan

Strategic Plan  
2015 - 2019

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Housing Market  
Analysis

Housing and  
Homeless Needs  
Assessments



# Citizen Participation Plan

Provides citizens an opportunity to participate in developing the Consolidated Plan:

- Community Forums and Public Input Survey
  - ✓ Input on Priority Needs
  - ✓ Applications for program funding
- City Council Review and Approval
  - ✓ Review of draft Consolidated Plan
  - ✓ 30-day comment period
  - ✓ Public Hearing / Council Approval

# Survey and Ranking of Priority Needs

Let Us Know About Your Needs for Services and Improvements in Your Neighborhood. Help Us Prioritize Our Spending!

Rank 1 (highest need) through 7 (lowest need)

## COMMUNITY NEED

- Community Facilities (e.g., parks, Fire Stations, Equipment)
- Community Services (e.g., childcare, recreation, senior programs)
- Economic Development (e.g., business assistance programs)
- Homeless Facilities and Services
- Housing (new affordable housing, rehabilitation, homeownership)
- Public Improvements - Infrastructure (streets, water, sewer)
- Homeless Assistance / Prevention Services (emergency financial assistance to pay housing expenses)

# Priority Needs Survey Results

## Rankings by Category

■ Public Improvements / Infrastructure	5.32
■ Economic Development	4.25
■ Public / Community Services	4.21
■ Community Facilities	4.07
■ Housing	3.71
■ Homeless Facilities / Services	3.36
■ Homeless Prevention / Emergency Assistance / Rapid Re-housing	3.13

125 Surveys

85.60% Owners    14.40% Renter    92.44 Residents

10.92% Business    8.40% Service Providers  
Nonprofit Agencies

# Significant Factors

Entitlement Funds decreasing – Community Needs increasing.

## Strategic Needs:

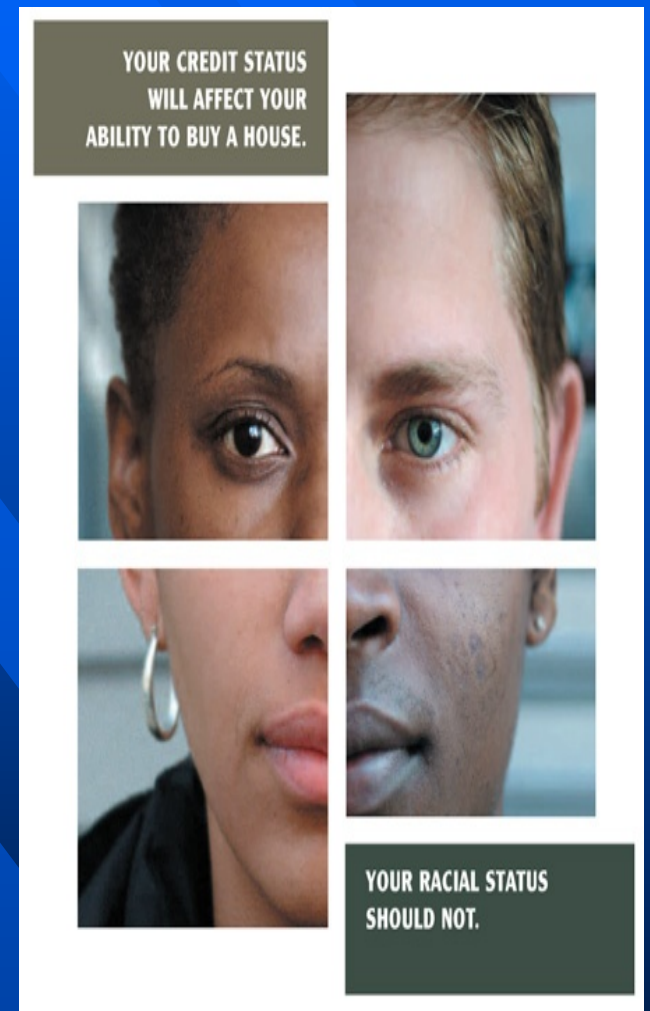
- Among all 7 categories of needs.
- Housing affordability, conditions, and maintenance highest priority.
- Aging infrastructure / new infrastructure supporting housing essential.
- Increasing housing concern for seniors, disabled, working poor and special needs populations.
- Incomes not keeping pace with housing cost.



# Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

## Protected Classes Under the 1968 Federal Fair Housing Act

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Sex
- Disability
- Familial Status
- National Origin



# Fair Housing Impediment Analysis

42 U.S.C. 3601 Fair Housing Act

- In 1995 the U.S. Department of HUD announced that “entitlement communities” must conduct an analysis of existing barriers to housing choice and certify that they are affirmatively furthering fair housing.
- Jurisdictions / Entitlement Communities –City, County, and State Governments receiving Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Grants and Emergency Shelter Grant.
- Public Housing Authorities receiving Section 8 Voucher and Low Rent Public Housing Funding.
- Proposed HUD Regulation Changes to the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)

# Fair Housing Impediment Analysis

Jurisdictions/Entitlement Entities receiving federal funds must certify that it is affirmatively furthering fair housing by:

- Conducting an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the state or local jurisdiction.
- Taking appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis.
- Maintaining records reflecting actions taken.

➤ **Fair Housing Act 42 U.S.C. 3601**

# Major Impediments for Abilene

## Real Estate / Market Impediments

- Housing Affordability, Insufficient Income
- Job Creation, Unemployment

## Public Policy Impediments

- Fair Housing Rights Awareness, Outreach, Education

## Neighborhood Conditions as Impediments

- Limited resources for home repair/maintenance, amenities, public facilities and infrastructure

## Banking, Finance, Insurance Impediments

- Mortgage and Home Repair Financing
- Financial Literacy and Predatory Lending

## Socio-Economic Impediments

- Disparate Impact on Minority and Lower Income Persons
- Lower incomes, poverty

