

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 14, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **HUD Consolidated Plan for FY 2019-20 through FY 2023-24  
Responses to Questions**

On December 5, staff from the Office of Budget briefed the City Council on the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan for FY 2019-20 through FY 2023-24. The briefing covered recommendations for developing the City's new five-year Consolidated Plan. Below are responses to comments and questions the City Council posed.

1. *Please provide a copy of racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty (R/ECAP) maps and market value analysis (MVA) maps. How will funds be deployed?*

Links to MVA maps and the fair housing assessment study that include R/ECAP maps are provided below. Comparative data for the MVA and R/ECAP starts on page 125 of the fair housing assessment study. Maps detailing how funds will be deployed are not available.

<https://dallasgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=62917471a8a34ab7aef7d843fe7ed70>

[https://dallascityhall.com/departments/fairhousing/PublishingImages/Pages/default/Dallas\\_Draft%20Assessment%20of%20Fair%20Housing\\_C.pdf](https://dallascityhall.com/departments/fairhousing/PublishingImages/Pages/default/Dallas_Draft%20Assessment%20of%20Fair%20Housing_C.pdf)

2. *Please prepare an agenda item for the City Council to consider amending or rescinding the current public improvement policy.*

Staff will work with the Community Development Commission (CDC) to develop a recommendation. Following CDC approval, we will schedule an item for City Council consideration.

3. *What has caused the increase in the number of R/ECAPs from 18 to 36?*

HUD defines a R/ECAP as a census tract that has a non-white population of 50 percent or more and a poverty rate of 40 percent or more. Based on the definition, the growth was a result of the growth in poverty in the city.

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4. *Please request a new memo from the Community Development Commission (CDC) that addresses their concerns with the current policy on how non-profits receive CDBG Public Improvement funding.*

We notified the CDC of the City Council's request. The CDC indicated it would submit the requested memo.

5. *Can parameters be added to proposals that would limit the amount of time a non-profit agency can be approved to receive CDBG Public Services' funding (i.e. multi-year contracts, limit renewal options, and/or reduce funding annually until \$0).*

Yes, we can add parameters to requests for proposals. Staff is researching best practices and the CDC has scheduled a meeting to prepare a recommendation for City Council consideration.

6. *How much is being leveraged with our CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG programs?*

Leveraging varies from grant to grant. It may include cash as well as non-cash sources, such as in-kind donations, pro-bono services, and volunteer hours. For FY 2017-18, leveraging from all sources has been valued at approximately \$8.6 million.

7. *Please provide a strategy to address infrastructure in R/ECAP areas.*

Infrastructure improvements are allowed only with CDBG funds. The City Manager's recommendation is to use CDBG public improvement funds to address infrastructure needs in R/ECAP areas. The amount may vary each year based on the annual CDBG grant. Historically, the City has budgeted approximately 10-15 percent for these types of improvements.

8. *Please provide a list of certified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).*

There are three certified CHDOs: East Dallas Community Organization (EDCO), Citywide Community Development Corporation, and Southfair Community Development Corporation.

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9. *Can the name of day care and afterschool type programs be change to include education?*

Yes. We will reflect the name changes in the upcoming budget.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

  
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