

Get the Facts on Consolidated Planning

By the Department of Housing and Community Development



About DHCD

The Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is comprised of the Office of the Director and the Division of Community Planning and Development. DHCD serves as the voice for the County's housing and community development interest and administers the application and distribution of federal entitlement grants to the County.

Our Vision

Our vision is for every household in Prince George's County has a decent and safe place to live, that is located in a viable neighborhood which provides for its socio-economic, educational, recreational and service needs.

Our Mission

The mission of the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development and its Housing Authority is to expand access to a broad range of quality housing; create safe, well planned, attractive residential communities and enable families to become self-sufficient and community to become stable.

The beneficiaries of our efforts are individuals and families with housing or community improvement needs. Special emphasis is given to low and moderate income people who live or work in the County. We carry out our mission through aggressive grantsmanship; creative financing; innovative planning; and productive partnerships with public, private and community based organizations.



What is a Consolidated Plan?

The Consolidated Plan is a collaborative process whereby a community establishes a unified vision for community development actions. It must estimate housing and community development needs for the next five years.

Why is a Consolidated Plan necessary?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) require communities that receive the following federal entitlement grants to complete a Consolidated Plan: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

Grantees of these four HUD entitlement programs must estimate the various types of housing (homeownership and rental), various categories of low- and moderate-income households, and various housing needs (including persons residing in public housing and families on public housing and Section 8 waiting lists, victims of domestic violence, persons with HIV/AIDS, mental or physical disabilities, and elderly seeking supportive housing). A Consolidated Plan completed by the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) provides local grantees with that necessary information.

Each year, DHCD prepares an Annual Action Plan, which shows how all available resources will be used to fund housing programs that achieve the goals established in the Consolidated Plan.

What information is needed?

To estimate housing and community development needs, data must be based on the census, a local study, and other reliable data sources. Additionally, through public outreach, DHCD is soliciting county residents for ideas on priority housing and community development needs.

How will information be used?

The data and community comments will be analyzed, housing needs will be estimated, and a strategic plan will detail Prince George's County's goals and strategies for housing and community development activities and priorities for allocating funds.

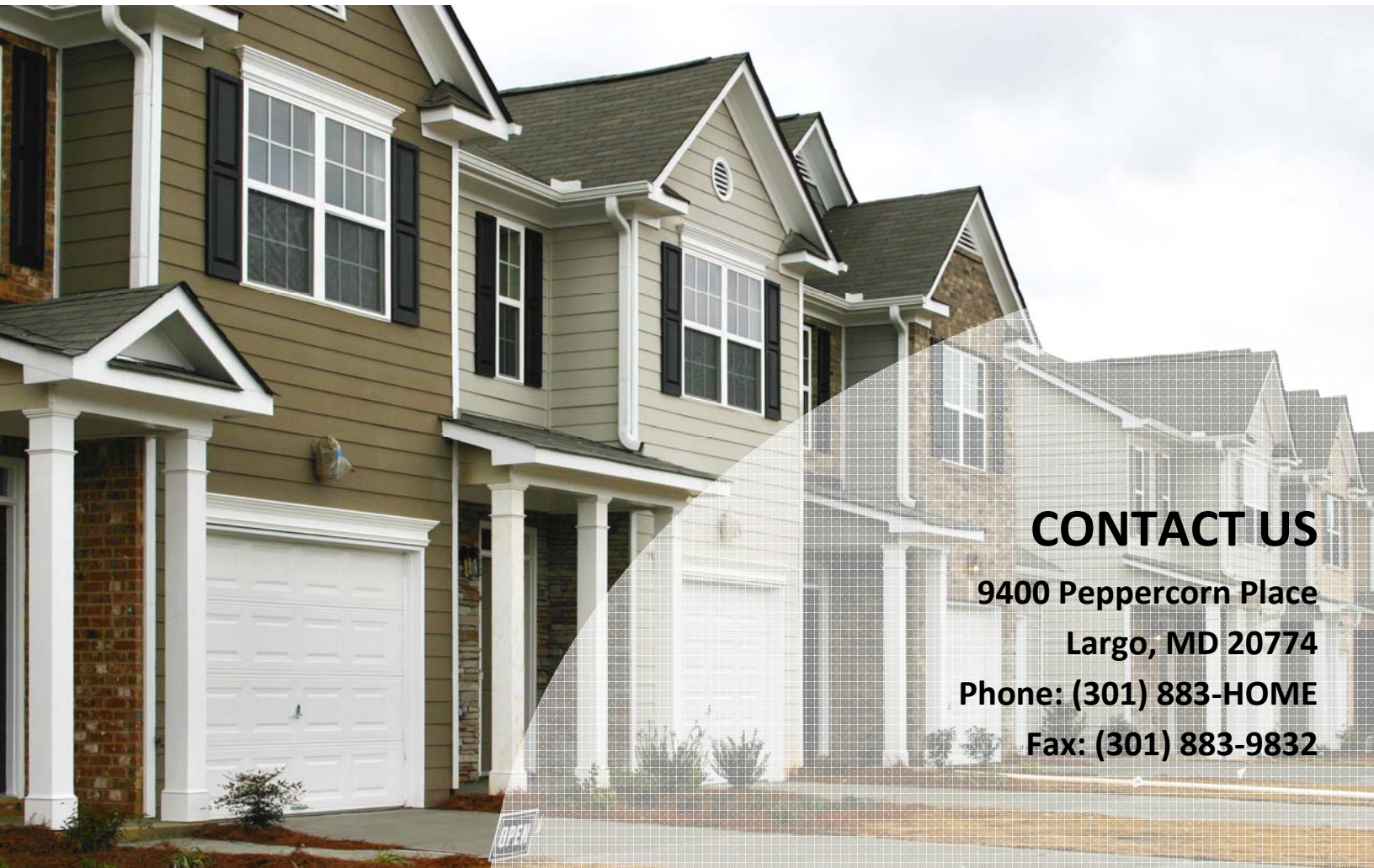
How can I participate?

The Consolidated Plan offers local jurisdictions the opportunity to shape the various housing and community development programs into effective, coordinated neighborhood and community development strategies. Here are a few ways you can participate:

- Attend one of the community forums scheduled over the next few months
- Online survey for Prince George's County citizens is being developed to assist DHCD in identifying general areas of need for using funds from HUD. Please check back on this website for the survey and further details.

How can I get more information?

Visit our website at www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/dhcd/ or contact Lloyd Baskin at 301-883-5570, TDD 301-883-5428 or Lbaskin@co.pg.md.us.



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