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2025-2029 WEST HAVEN

Consolidated Plan for Housing
& Community Development



COMMUNITY MEETING

March 19, 2025

Thank you for participating!



WHAT IS A CONSOLIDATED PLAN?

The Consolidated Plan is designed to help communities:

- Assess their affordable housing and community development needs
- Identify current community and market conditions
- Make data-driven, place-based investment decisions.

All communities receiving funding on an annual basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are required to prepare a full Consolidated Plan every five years. (24 CFR Part91)

West Haven currently receives an annual allocation of CDBG funding. Recently, the allocation has been approximately \$667,000 each year.

West Haven’s 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan will describe the City’s housing and community development needs and provide a strategy that describes how its grant funds will be spent.

THE PLANNING PROCESS:

Over the next several months, the City of West Haven will be preparing a Consolidated Plan that covers the Five-Year Period, 2025-2029. The process will include the following:



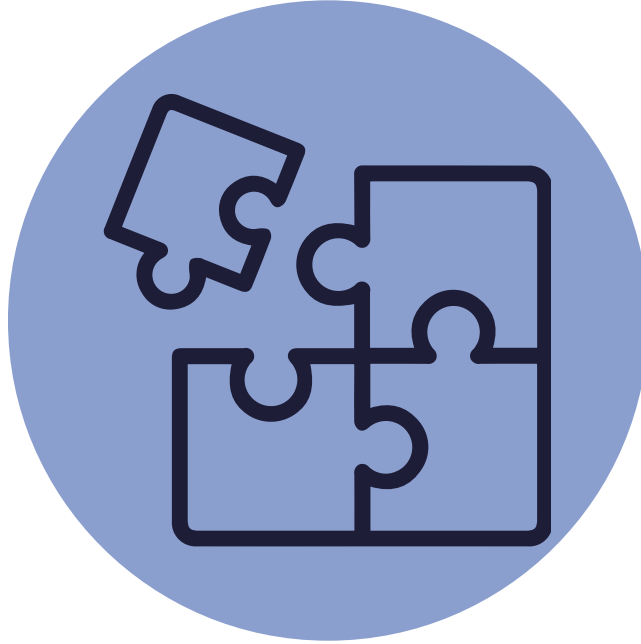
NEEDS ANALYSIS

Review and analyze data



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Consult stakeholders



STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Identify funding priorities and goals



ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Outline funding actions for the year

West Haven has used its CDBG funding to:

- Rehab single-family owner-occupied units
- Rehab multi-family owner-occupied structures
- Improve accessibility (ramps and stair lifts)
- Support code enforcement activity in low/mod target neighborhood (Allingtown)
- Purchase and install CDA smoke detectors in income eligible units
- Support program delivery expenses of CDA Rehab Specialist

What are the greatest housing needs in West Haven?

- Affordable housing (x3)
- Need for supportive housing
- Housing and rents that are affordable
- Affordable housing for individuals living on SS and have disabilities
- Housing is vey much needed in West Haven for veterans, special needs populations and equipment for the Police Force.
- Smoke detectors in eligible units are so important now since government grants are in danger.
- Continue to improve accessibility

Are there housing needs in the community that are not being met? What? Where?



PUBLIC SERVICES HOMELESS | AT-RISK

West Haven has used its CDBG funding to:

- Support a variety of public services to benefit low income and troubled youth, the elderly, victims of domestic violence, persons with physical and intellectual disabilities, rape and violence crisis victims, and persons with mental health needs.
- Provide emergency basic needs (food, utilities, shelter), health care for low/mod populations, and child care.

What are the greatest public service needs in West Haven?

- Emergency shelters year round!
- Food insecurity - need donations of food for schools food pantries.
- Food insecurity - expand support to local food pantries and school pantries.
- Create a directory that lists agencies that provide mental health and addiction services.
- Accessible youth programming during summer
- Additional services for hygiene for unhoused persons.
- Continued support (and increase) of child mental health and behavioral health needs.
- Elderly assistance (resources, guidance, residences, and mental health)
- Emergency shelter year round
- Counseling and rehab programs for people battling drug addiction
- Recreational activities and programming for disabled teens and adults that teach reading, math, job force training, and life skills.
- Food insecurity - expand food services especially for youth during the summer time

Are there public service needs in the community that are not being met? What? Where?

- Full service shelter for unhoused individuals
- Literacy programs for non-English speaking adults - we need this for our workforce.
- Shelter for homeless individuals
- More programs and support services for disabled persons.
- Respite care services for disabled populations (infant-adulthood)
- Shelters for our vets, respite for special needs, and our disability community is far to sparse. We have a few buildings that can be put to good use with rehab and all our program we have now are just meeting some requirements but we need more.
- How about Habitat for Humanity for West Haven?
- Early childhood education centers and affordable childcare



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PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

West Haven has used its CDBG funding to:

- Improve school recreation areas in low/mod neighborhoods
- Support the replacement of sanitary sewers in the Allintown neighborhood
- Improve parking at the public library and Marrakech
- Enhance security at the West Haven Community Center
- Renovate WHCH Group Home bathroom
- Support better ADA beach access
- Support the Beach Street elevation change improvements (paving, guardrails)

What are the greatest public facilities and community development needs in West Haven?

- Better property maintenance (x2)
- Business façade improvements and blight removal in commercial areas.
- Out of state landlords are not upkeeping their properties.
- Beach Street - Boat Ramp up keep and renovation.
- Good idea to move senior center to Molloy!
- Senior Center needs upgrade.

**What types of facility improvements, infrastructure, physical improvements, or neighborhood services are needed?
What? Where?**

- Fund a youth and young adult drop in center for disengaged youth to access to prevent crime and improve positive engagement of youth and young adults
- Add stop signs on 1st, to slow down traffic by Bungalow Lane.
- Better roads and less potholes
- WHINC: better programs and support for persons with disabilities.
- Public library needs an upgrade. It is an important educational resource for all community members.
- We need help with more better education for special needs, not just passing them and pushing them out. Some graduate that can't read or write.
- More parking is needed at all facilities and special needs access and elderly access is needed.
- Rules about limiting shrub height on city land between sidewalk and street - 2 feet.
- Senior Center needs to be moved to a 1st floor building.

Please review the following goals and funding priorities from the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and place a dot on the 3 you think are most relevant for West Haven today.

Support Single Family Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	4
Support Multi-Family Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	4
Support First-Time Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance	2
Provide Handicap Accessibility Improvements	8
Provide Community Services to Low and Moderate and Special Needs Populations	17
Support Business Façade Improvements	4
Support Public Facility Improvements	9
Provide Administrative Support for the Community Development Program	9

What suggestions do you have for additions or revisions to the 2020-2024 goals and funding priorities?

COMMENTS & IDEAS

- More funds for services and resources for special needs population.
- Continued financial support for individuals of special needs and abilities.
- Additional services for unhoused!
- Fix potholes and street signs.
- Renovation to boat ramp and extra security to late night activities and noise.
- Not selling off properties, devaluing homeowners homes.
- As the population of individuals with identified special needs continues to grow programs to support this population and their families needs to expand to meet the needs. Increase community support.
- Create a City wide monthly newsletter that highlights different programs and accomplishments so the public can be better informed.