

# Five Years Stronger

**A Community Planning and Development Road Map**



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# **Office of Community and Neighborhood Services**

**A department dedicated to improving quality of life in City of Tuscaloosa communities and neighborhoods**

# Our Mission

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To advance social and economic justice through the creation of strong, sustainable and inclusive communities.

# Our Guiding Principles

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✓ Aligned to Priorities and Values

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✓ Citizen Participation

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✓ Human Centered

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✓ Compliant and Cost-Effective

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✓ Innovation through Best Practices

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✓ Evaluation and Refinement

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✓ Leverage Resources and Expertise

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✓ Data-Driven

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✓ Results-oriented

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# **2020-2024 Consolidated Plan**

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Our Consolidated Plan is the strategic planning document for all City of Tuscaloosa Community Planning and Development grant programs, projects, investments, and activities.

# Consolidated Plan Impact

up to

**\$6.39 Million**

over five years

# Consolidated Plan Impact

up to  
**\$4.1 Million**

in supporting funds over five years

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Emergency Solutions Grant

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Homeless Management Info. Systems

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Lead Abatement Grant

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# Consolidated Plan Resources

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✓ Affordable Housing Study

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✓ American Community Survey

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✓ Analysis of Impediments

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✓ Benchmarking Research

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✓ Continuum of Care

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✓ CNS Community Assessment

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✓ CNS Community Partner  
Recommendations

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✓ ELEVATE Tuscaloosa

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✓ FrameWork Comprehensive Plan  
Draft

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✓ Public Housing Authority  
Consultation

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✓ West Tuscaloosa Community  
Inventory



# **Our Consolidated Plan Components**

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✓ Housing

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✓ Homeless and Other Special Needs

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✓ Non Housing Community Development

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# **Our Five Consolidated Plan Priorities**

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# Increase and/or maintain affordable housing units

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## Priority in Action

- New construction
- Rehabilitation
- Acquisition (Down Payment Assistance)
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance



# Increase the community's ability to access and/or maintain affordable housing

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## Priority in Action

- Housing counseling (pre-purchase/post purchase foreclosure counseling rental counseling, etc.)
- Legal services
- Down Payment Assistance



Promote the development and stabilization of communities by addressing the needs of individuals and families to include youth, seniors, and other vulnerable populations

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### **Priority in Action**

- Mental Health Services
- Food Assistance
- Medical Assistance



Promote public infrastructure and facility investments that promote equitable access for underserved populations

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### Priority in Action

- Construction of parks and green space
- Cultural center construction
- Reconstruction of roads





# Promote access to employment training and educational opportunities

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## Priority in Action

- Apprenticeship programs
- Career Counseling
- Job skills training
- Academic support programs



# **Our Five Consolidated Plan Goals**

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- Quality Affordable Housing Units
  - Neighborhood Revitalization and Livability
  - Poverty Reduction and Self-Sufficiency
  - Public Services for Low to Moderate Income Individuals
  - Economic Development/Workforce Development
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# 2020 Community Development Allocation

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Community  
Development Block  
Grant  
&  
HOME Investment  
Partnerships

CPD FUNDING SOURCE	2019 FUNDING	2020 FUNDING	CHANGE
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$783,595.00	\$ 823,209.00	+39,614
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)	\$398,063.00	\$456,439.00	+58,376
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Program Income	\$275,388.40	\$335,942.64	+60,554.24
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,457,046.40</b>	<b>\$1,615,590.64</b>	<b>+158,544</b>

# **2020 Annual Action Plan**

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The Consolidated Plan in Action

# Elements of Our Action Plan

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✓ Competitive Application Process

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✓ Holistic Organizational Review

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✓ Standardized Assessments

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✓ Activity Alignment

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✓ Impact Oriented

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# National Objectives

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## CDBG

- 1** Benefit Low-to-Moderate Income Persons
- 2** Prevent Slums and Blight
- 3** Meet an Urgent Need

## HOME

- 1** Provide safe, decent housing to Low Income households
- 2** Leverage Private Sector participation
- 3** Shared Responsibility



# National Goals

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## CDBG

- 1** Create a Suitable Living Environment
- 2** Provide Decent, Affordable Housing
- 3** Expand Economic Opportunities

## HOME

- 1** Provide safe, decent housing to Low Income households
- 2** Leverage Private Sector participation
- 3** Shared Responsibility

# National Outcomes

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## HOME

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- 1** Availability and/or Accessibility of Housing

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  - 2** Affordability of Housing

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  - 3** Sustainability of Affordable Housing

# Eligible Activity

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A combined **19** categories of eligible activities between **CDBG** and **HOME**

# Consolidated Plan Priorities

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# Core Beliefs

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**1** West Tuscaloosa Emphasis

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**2** Efficient, Effective and Customer-Friendly

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**3** Comprehensive Planning and Infrastructure Investments

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**4** Educational opportunities for at-risk children and youth

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**5** Safety in all areas of the City

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**6** Shared Responsibility

# **Project & Program Recommendations 2020**

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# Community Development Block Grant

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The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is used to support affordable housing initiatives, non-housing community programming, and neighborhood development projects.

# **Community Development Block Grant Funding**

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2020 CDBG FUNDING	CDBG BREAK DOWN
<b>2020 CDBG ALLOCATION</b>	<b>\$823,209.00</b>
Program Admin & Planning	-\$164,641.80
Section 108 Repayment	-\$107,321.25
<b>AMOUNT AVAILABLE for Projects and Programs</b>	<b>\$551,245.95</b>
<b>Public Service Allocation</b>	<b>\$115,249.26</b>
<b>Non Public Service Allocation</b>	<b>\$435,996.69</b>

# CDBG Program



## Administration and Planning

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**TOTAL AVAILABLE: \$164,641.80**

**PLANNING: \$50,000.00**

**ADMINISTRATION: \$114,641.80**

Used to pay salaries and expenses incurred by the City for administering CDBG and its programs

# Section 108 Loan Repayment

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**\$107,321.25**

Annual loan repayment (principal and interest) for the renovations to the Jemison Hardware Building now the Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center.

# Public Service Activities

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**TOTAL AVAILABLE for Public Service Activities**

**\$115,249.26**

# Adolescent Intervention Programs

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**Amount Requested: \$12,000.00**

**Amount Proposed: \$12,000.00**

## Family Counseling Service

Support for DOVE/CHOICES/INSIGHT Programs. Dove is for ages 11-17 who have committed domestic violence or other crimes and whose behavior is out of their parent's control. Choices helps teens with theft offenses to identify their thoughts/attitudes that led to the offense. Insight is a program for first time property offenders.

# Community Mentoring Program

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**Amount Requested: \$25,000.00**

**Amount Proposed: \$12,000.00**

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Program matches mentors with children to help achieve higher aspirations, greater confidence, better relationships, avoidance of risky behaviors and educational achievement.

# Meals on Wheels



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**Amount Requested: \$40,000.00**

**Amount Proposed: \$25,000.00**

Community Service Programs of West Alabama

Provide hot, home-delivered, and nutritiously sound meals to seniors and disabled persons, five times a week for one year

# Tuscaloosa Homeless Prevention Program

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**Amount Requested: \$60,000.00**

**Amount Proposed: \$25,000.00**

Legal Services Alabama

Provides legal assistance to individuals and families who are facing homelessness and provides community education and outreach.



# **City of Tuscaloosa Community Programs**

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**Programs administered by City of Tuscaloosa**

# EMS Prevention Services



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**Amount Requested: \$69,502.86**

**Amount Proposed: \$21,249.26**

In Partnership with Tuscaloosa Fire Rescue

Salary reimbursement for case management for EMS Prevention Program, a program aimed at connecting non-emergency 911 callers to health and safety providers

# Tuscaloosa WINS, A Neighborhood Initiative

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**Amount Requested: \$10,000.00**

**Amount Proposed: \$10,000.00**

An Office of Community and Neighborhood Services Initiative

A community action program to positively impact neighborhood quality of life through education, civic engagement, and effective residential and community partnerships.

# Comprehensive Housing Counseling

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**Amount Requested: \$10,000.00**

**Amount Proposed: \$10,000.00**

An Office of Community and Neighborhood Services Initiative

Program will assist city residents experiencing housing issues such as eviction, credit issues, or other impediments to housing

# **Non-Public Service Activities**

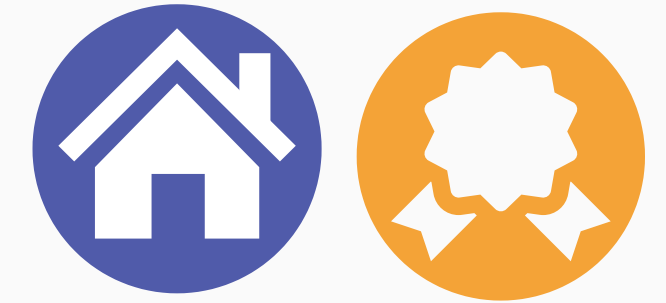
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**TOTAL AVAILABLE for Non Public Services Activities**

**\$ 435,996.69**

# Home Renovation and Repair

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**Amount Requested: \$100,000.00**

**Amount Proposed: \$100,000.00**

Habitat for Humanity Tuscaloosa

Program makes critical repairs to City residents' homes whose income falls at or below 80% of the area median income.

# Springer Estates Infrastructure



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**Amount Requested: \$300,000.00    Amount Proposed: \$300,000.00**

Tuscaloosa Housing Authority

Program provides site and infrastructure work to support the construction of affordable single-family homes for eligible first-time homebuyers.

# **City of Tuscaloosa Neighborhood Development Programs**

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**Programs administered by the City of Tuscaloosa**



# Neighborhoods United

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**Amount Proposed:     \$35,996.69**

An Office of Community and Neighborhood Services Initiative

A community maintenance program to improve quality of life and reduce residential blight by providing micro-grants to neighborhood associations to clean, restore, and/or maintain neighborhoods

# HOME Investment Partnerships Program

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The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) focuses on the provision of affordable housing: single family home and multifamily construction, rental assistance, and homeownership assistance.

# **HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funding**

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## 2020 HOME FUNDING

## HOME BREAK DOWN

**2020 HOME ALLOCATION and PROGRAM  
INCOME**

**\$792,381.64**

Program Administration

\$114,109.75

CHDO Set- Aside

\$68,465.85

CHDO Operating Expenses

\$22,821.95

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**AMOUNT AVAILABLE for Projects and Programs**

**\$586,984.09**



HOME

# Program Administration

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**\$114,109.75**

Used to pay salaries and expenses incurred by the City of Tuscaloosa for the administration of the HOME Program

# CHDO Operating Costs

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**Amount Requested: \$22,821.95**

**Amount Proposed: \$22,821.95**

Habitat for Humanity Tuscaloosa

HOME funds to assist Habitat, a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), with administrative costs associated with the construction of affordable housing.

# CHDO Set Aside



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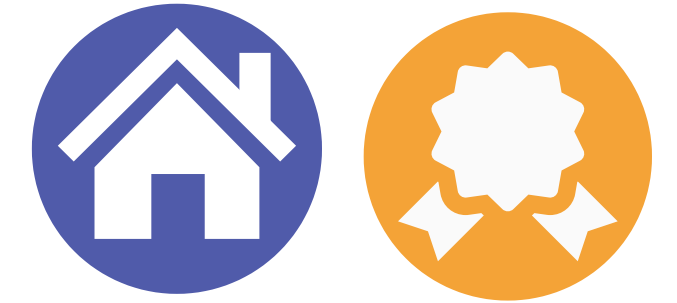
**Amount Requested: \$68,465.15**

**Amount Proposed: \$68,465.15**

Habitat for Humanity Tuscaloosa

HOME requires 15% of the annual allocation be awarded to a CHDO for the development of affordable housing.

# Affordable Housing Construction



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**Amount Requested: \$200,000.00**

**Amount Proposed: \$31,534.15\***

\*Combined with CHDO Set Aside, Total Funded Amount equals \$100,000.00

Habitat for Humanity Tuscaloosa

Build three single family homes for eligible City residents.



# Affordable Housing Construction Springer Estates

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**Amount Requested: \$750,000.00**

**Amount Proposed: \$555,449.94**

Tuscaloosa Housing Authority

Construct an additional five to seven affordable single-family homes\* for eligible first-time homebuyers