

## **SUMMARY OF THE CITY OF TUSCALOOSA'S PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, YEARS 2025-2029, AND THE ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2025**

As an Entitlement City under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs, funded through the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), the City of Tuscaloosa is required to prepare a Consolidated Plan for each five-year time period. The City of Tuscaloosa's Consolidated Plan for Community Planning & Development Programs for Program Years 2025-2029 comprehensive planning document that identifies housing and non-housing community development needs for low-income persons, prioritizes those needs and sets for the a strategy for addressing those needs during a five-year period beginning on September 1, 2025 and ending on August 31, 2030. The Consolidated Plan is the City's guide for the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment and economic opportunities for its citizens, principally those that are low to moderate income.

The City's proposed Consolidated Plan was developed after holding four public meetings to obtain comments and recommendations from city residents, providing a Community Assessment to obtain recommendations from citizens and community stakeholders, and after consulting with numerous public agencies and non-profit organizations that provide various services primarily to low to moderate-income Tuscaloosa residents. U.S. Census statistical data and data from the City's Consolidated Plan for 2025-2029 were also accessed. The contents of the proposed Consolidated Plan are summarized in the following paragraphs:

### **I. HOUSING AND HOME NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

This section of plan includes an analysis of needs for housing and supportive services for five years for the following groups of city residents: very low-income, low-income and moderate-income families, renters, homeowners, elderly persons, large families, persons with disabilities, and persons living in overcrowded or substandard housing conditions. The needs of homeless persons and others with special needs are also identified. The numbers of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards and those that are occupied by low- income families are estimated.

### **II. HOUSING MARKET ANALYSIS**

This section of the plan describes the following characteristics of the City's housing market: supply, demand, condition, cost and housing stock available for people with disabilities and/or HIV/AIDS. One map of the City and descriptions of areas indicate where the City's African American population is concentrated. Another map and descriptions indicate the concentration of the City's low-income population. The section also identifies public housing and other assisted units, including their number and condition, proposed improvement projects for those units and existing shelters for homeless persons.

It identifies public and private agencies and other entities that will assist in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan and coordination efforts among local governments and the State undertaken to develop the plan.

### **III. STRATEGIES, PRIORITY NEEDS AND OBJECTIVES**

This section identifies the City's housing and non-housing community development needs, which are eligible for funding under the CDBG and HOME Programs, establishes a priority for each need and the City's long and short-term objectives for meeting priority needs. The City's priorities for providing housing assistance and non-housing community development are as follows: Increase and/or maintain affordable housing units, increase the community's ability to access and/or maintain affordable housing, promote the development and stabilization of communities by addressing the needs of individuals and families to include youth, seniors, and other vulnerable populations, promote public infrastructure and facility investments that promote equitable access for underserved populations, and promote access to employment training and educational opportunities.

This section identifies Federal and other public and private resources that the City plans to access to address housing and non-housing community development needs. It also describes plans for involving public housing residents in homeownership programs, proposed actions to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards, the City's Anti-Poverty Strategy, and activities proposed to coordinate and improve housing assistance efforts by public and private agencies.

### **IV. PROGRAM YEAR 2025 ACTION PLAN**

For each year of the Consolidated Plan, an Action Plan must be developed to identify programs and projects which the City intends to undertake during each specific program year with funds received under the CDBG Program and HOME Program, which are funded through HUD.

The City will receive \$ 877,797.00 in 2025 CDBG funds and \$ 478,814.12 in 2025 HOME funds. In addition, the City has received \$183,223.84 in 2023 and 2024 HOME Program income funds bringing the total 2025 HOME allocation to \$662,037.96. The City also anticipates that during the 2025 program year, \$110,000.00 in program income will be generated from activities funded with CDBG and that \$110,000.00 in program income will be generated from HOME funded activities. The City will apply to the State of Alabama for funds under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program.

The Program Year 2025 Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan identifies the activities which the City proposes to be undertaken during the 2025 Program Year, which includes the time period from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. The Action Plan includes information about citizen participation, expected resources for funding, annual objectives, geographic distribution/allocation priorities, affordable housing goals, barriers to affordable housing, public housing, homeless and other special need activities, and other actions to be taken. In addition, program specific requirements are described for CDBG and HOME and descriptions of projects and anticipated accomplishment data to include alignment with priorities and goals. The Action Plan also includes HUD forms and certifications required for receiving the grants for CDBG and HOME.

Following is a summary list of activities which the City and other local agencies propose to undertake during the 2025 Program Year.

#### **PROPOSED HOUSING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE PROGRAM YEAR 2025 ACTION PLAN**

##### **CDBG PROGRAM HOUSING ACTIVITIES:**

Tuscaloosa Homeless Prevention Project (Legal Services of Alabama)	\$ 27,000.00
Street Outreach (Temporary Emergency Services)	\$ 27,000.00
Comprehensive Housing Counseling (COT-Community & Neighborhood Services)	\$ 50,669.55
Critical Home Repair (Habitat for Humanity- Tuscaloosa)	\$ 100,000.00
Let's Paint Let's Renovate (COT-CNS)	\$ 100,000.00
Westgrove Design and Infrastructure Installation (Habitat for Humanity-Tuscaloosa)	\$ 279,270.55

#### **HOME PROGRAM HOUSING ACTIVITIES:**

Construction of Affordable Housing (Habitat for Humanity)	\$ 118,393.72
Construction of Affordable Housing (Tuscaloosa Housing Authority)	\$ 400,000.00
Project CHDO Set-Aside (Habitat for Humanity)	\$ 71,822.12
CHDO Operating Expenses (Habitat for Humanity)	\$ 23,940.71
City HOME Program Administration Costs	\$ 47,881.41

#### **ESG AND OTHER FEDERALLY FUNDED HOUSING ACTIVITIES:**

Operating Costs for Shelters for Homeless Persons and Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Funds (The Salvation Army)	\$ 99,000.00
Operating Costs and Furnishings for the Spouse Abuse Shelter & Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Funds (Turning Point)	\$ 46,200.00
Operating Costs for Homeless Prevention Funds (Temporary Emergency Services)	\$ 55,000.00
ESG Administration & HMIS Cost	\$ 19,800.00
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$ 44,400.00

#### **PROPOSED NON-HOUSING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE PROGRAM** **YEAR 2025 ACTION PLAN** **(ALL WILL BE CDBG FUNDED)**

Community Based Mentoring (Big Brothers Big Sisters)	\$ 27,000.00
Section 108 Loan Payment-Principal and Interest	\$ 91,297.50
CDBG Program Administration and Comprehensive Planning	\$ 175,559.40

#### **V. CERTIFICATIONS**

This section contains certifications required to be submitted to HUD for the CDBG and HOME Programs.

#### **VI. MONITORING**

This section describes the standards and procedures that the City will use to monitor activities carried out under the plan to ensure compliance with CDBG and HOME Program requirements.

Public meetings were held on the following dates to develop and to discuss Five-Year Consolidated Plan, Program Year 2025 Action Plan, and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and to accept comments.

<b>Plan Type Discussed</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room Location</b>
Consolidated Plan	March 20, 2025	5:00 pm -7:00 pm	Daugherty Conference Room
Consolidated Plan	March 26, 2025	5:00 pm- 7:00 pm	Daugherty Conference Room

Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan	April 16, 2025	10:00 am -12 noon	Daugherty Conference Room
Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan/Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	April 21, 2025	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Daugherty Conference Room
Annual Action Plan	May 1, 2025	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Daugherty Conference Room
Annual Action Plan	May 7, 2025	10:00 am – 12 noon	Sister Cities Conference Room

The City also engaged the Tuscaloosa community through an online community assessment, which allowed citizens, and the community as whole to make comments and recommendations. This assessment was announced in the Community Development Committee Public meeting, e-mailed to the department's mailing list, distributed at various community events, and could be found on the City's website at [www.tuscaloosa.com/live-play/housing](http://www.tuscaloosa.com/live-play/housing).

The City of Tuscaloosa welcomes citizen comments concerning the proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Community Planning and Development Programs and the One-Year Action Plan for Program Year 2025. Summaries of the proposed Five-Year Plan and the Program Year 2025 Action Plan are available for review at the City's Office of Community and Neighborhood Services (CNS), located on the second floor of the City Hall Annex Building located at 2201 University Boulevard Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. Summaries of the plans may also be reviewed at the City of Tuscaloosa's website at [www.tuscaloosa.com/live-play/housing](http://www.tuscaloosa.com/live-play/housing).

One consolidated public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 10:00 am in the Sister Cities Conference Room at Tuscaloosa City Hall located at 2201 University Boulevard Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 to discuss the Proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2025 Action Plan and to accept comments.

For convenience, citizens may submit public comments:

1. **In person** at the public hearings in various rooms at Tuscaloosa City Hall, located at 2201 University Boulevard, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
2. **Mail** written comments to the City's Office of Community and Neighborhood Services at P. O. Box 2089, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
3. **Call** the Office of Community and Neighborhood Services at 205-248-5080 and leave a comment with a staff member
4. **Email** comments to [cnservices@tuscaloosa.com](mailto:cnservices@tuscaloosa.com)

Comments on the Proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2025 Action Plan should be received by the Office of Community and Neighborhood Services no later than 5:00 pm (CST) on August 6, 2025. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Program Year 2025 Action Plan and comments concerning the plans will be submitted to HUD on or before August 16, 2025, pending City Council Approval.

If people with disabilities need special accommodations or auxiliary assistance for participation at this hearing, please contact the Office of Community and Neighborhood Services at 205-248-5080 at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance.