



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT



CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VA
HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

June 16th, 2020



CDBG FUNDING

- Federally-funded grant administered by Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Awarded to entitlement communities on annual basis
- Amount determined by statutory formula

HUD Planning and Reporting

- Consolidated Plan (5 year Plan)
 - Citizen Participation Plan
 - Analysis of Fair Housing Impediments
- Annual Action Plan
- Consolidated Action Plan Evaluation Report (CAPER)



2005-2020

- Since 2005, the City has received **\$1,460,399** in CDBG funding and has been able to provide home repair grants to **159** low to moderate income owner-occupied households citywide.



Past Funding

- 2009 - \$111,021*
- 2010 - \$94,234
- 2011 - \$78,399
- 2012 - \$69,234
- 2013 - \$79,555
- 2014 - \$67,032
- 2015 - \$78,219
- 2016 - \$84,367
- 2017 - \$87,108
- 2018 - \$94,495
- 2019 - \$104,899
- 2020 - \$168,034**

*2009 the City received CDBG-R stimulus funding

**2020 the City received CBDG-CV stimulus funding

Project Year 2020-21 Funding

- CDBG Annual Funding \$105,797
- CDBG-CV Supplemental Funding \$62,237
- **Total CDBG funds \$168,034**

Proposed Use of Funds

50% \$84,639 Home Repair Grant

6.5% \$10,579 Annual Water Utility Grant

37% \$62,237 COVID Water Utility Grant

6.5% \$10,579 Administrative and Program Costs

100% \$168,034 CDBG funds

HUD Income Limits (80% AMI) Project Year 2020-21

FY 2020 Housing and Urban Development Income Limits

One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight
\$50,500	\$57,200	\$64,350	\$71,500	\$77,250	\$82,950	\$88,700	\$94,400

CONSOLIDATED PLAN

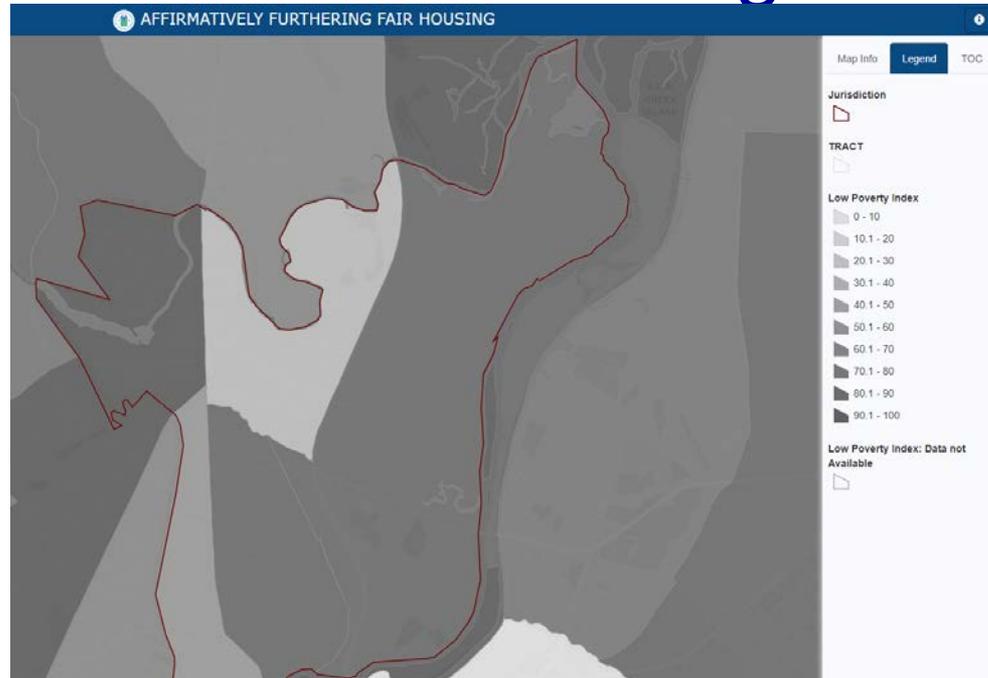
The Consolidated Plan is a five year update of how the annual CDBG funds will be used.

- Demographic shifts in the City
- Public comments
- Updated Citizen Participation Plan
- Analysis of Impediments Report
- Annual Action Plan



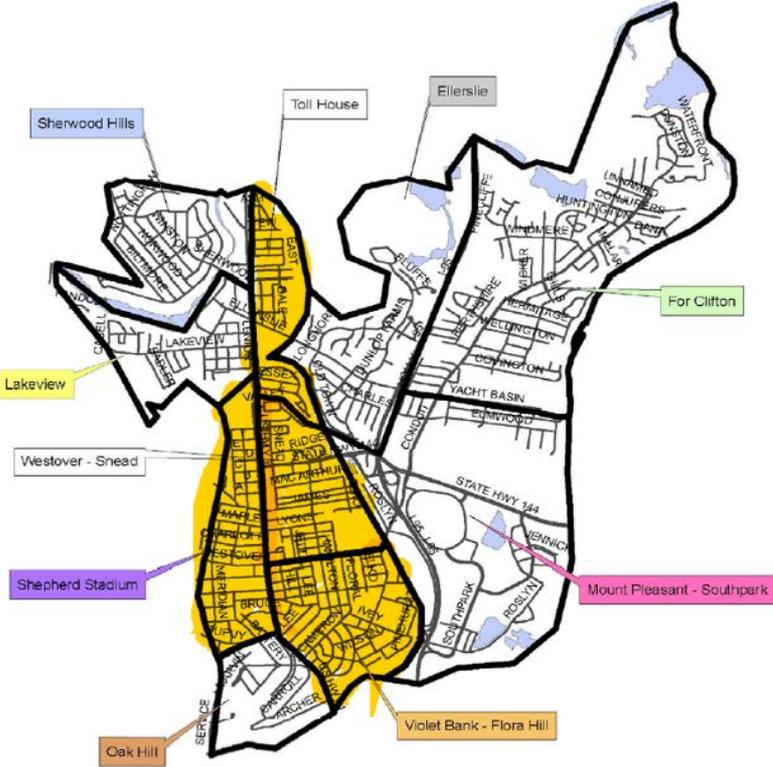
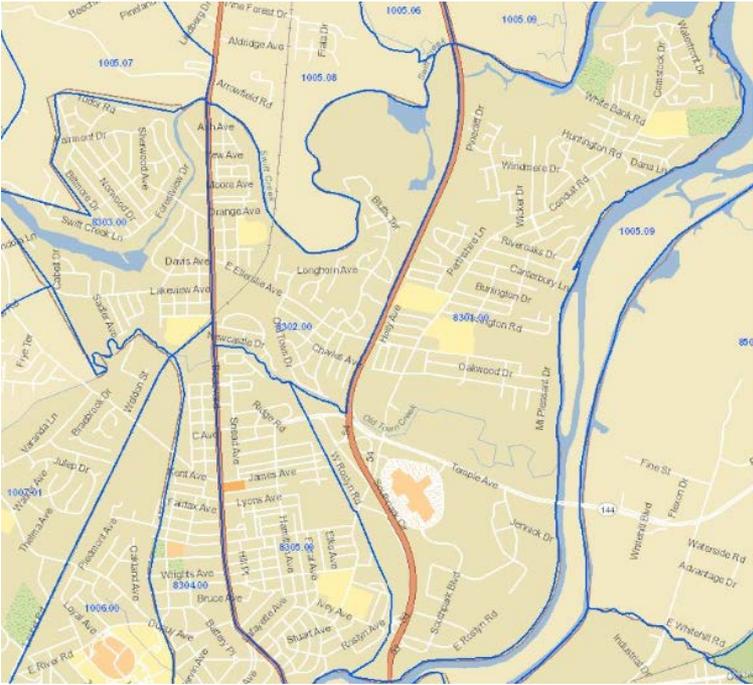
CONSOLIDATED PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

Low-Moderate Income Neighborhoods



Census Tract	Individuals in poverty	Percentage
8301	334	7%
8302	472	15%
8303	207	8%
8304	713	27%
8305	615	13.8%

CONSOLIDATED PLAN HIGHLIGHTS



CONSOLIDATED PLAN FEEDBACK

- The majority of low-moderate income (LMI) residents in the City are renters.
- All recipients of the program have been homeowners.
- Most LMI residents live along the Boulevard corridor with the majority being in the area of North Elementary School.
- The CDBG program has had minor impact on the exterior appearance of homes in LMI or historical neighborhoods.
- Many of the CDBG home repairs have been due to failed attempts from homeowners trying to repair issues in their home with limited funds or scam artists preying on a vulnerable population.

CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Citizen Participation Plan

The Citizen Participation Plan is required by HUD.

- It has been more than 5 years since the last update
- Increase outreach to active neighborhood committees
- Increase communication with Colonial Heights-Chesterfield Co. Dept. of Social Services and the Colonial Heights Youth and Social Services Dept.





CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Analysis of Impediments Report

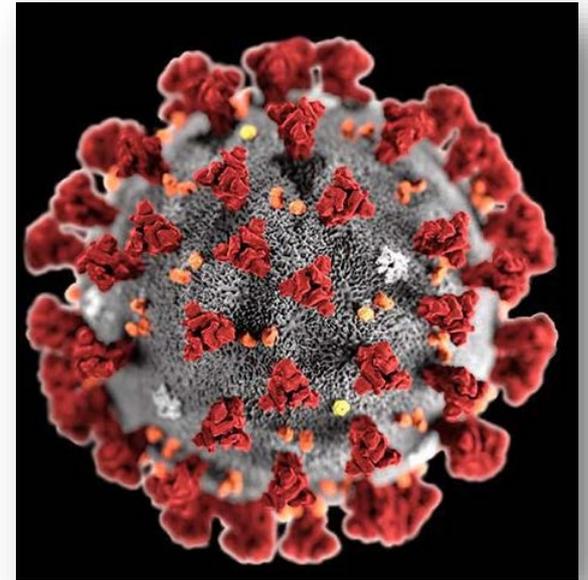
The Analysis of Impediments is a report required by HUD as part of the Consolidated Plan.

- The plan should identify impediments to fair housing in the City and steps to reduce those barriers.
- Best practices by HUD recommend taking a regional approach to reviewing fair housing.
- Richmond Region is doing a regional plan with the following localities: City of Colonial Heights, City of Richmond, City of Hopewell, City of Petersburg, Henrico County and Chesterfield County
- Root Policy firm was hired to conduct research on the region and provide specific feedback to each locality.

Consolidated Plan

HUD CDBG-CV Requirements

- Funds should be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus.
- Funds should still be prioritized for low-moderate income individuals.
- 100% of CDBG-CV funds can be used for Public Service Activities (maximum of three months).
- The City of Colonial Heights received \$62,237 supplemental CDBG-CV funds.



Consolidated Plan HUD CDBG-CV

Colonial Heights Community First Water Utility Grant

- Residents who have experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19 can apply for a grant to help pay their water bill in full.
- The maximum grant amount is \$300.
- Priority points will be given for
 - LMI neighborhoods: Violet Bank, Flora Hill, Shepherd Stadium, Westover-Snead, Toll House, or Eilerslie/Dunlop
 - Households with disabilities
 - Households with income loss



**Colonial Heights
Community First
Water Utility Grant**

**Have you experienced loss of income due to COVID-19?
Are you *past due* on your water bill?**

- Apply today for a grant to bring your water bill current!
- **The application period is from June 17th-July 17th 2020.**
- Applications are available online at www.colonialheightsva.gov
- The CDBG Home Repair program for owner-occupied homes starts July 1st 2020.

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HOME REPAIR PROGRAM: ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Eligible activities or repairs include but are not limited to the following:

- Unsafe electrical, heating or plumbing systems
- Faulty roofs
- Faulty porches and steps that present a safety risk
- Accessibility needs
- Lead-based paint testing
- NEW eligible activity:
 - Security upgrades such as deadbolts and floodlights



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Home Repair Program: Eligible Households

Must...

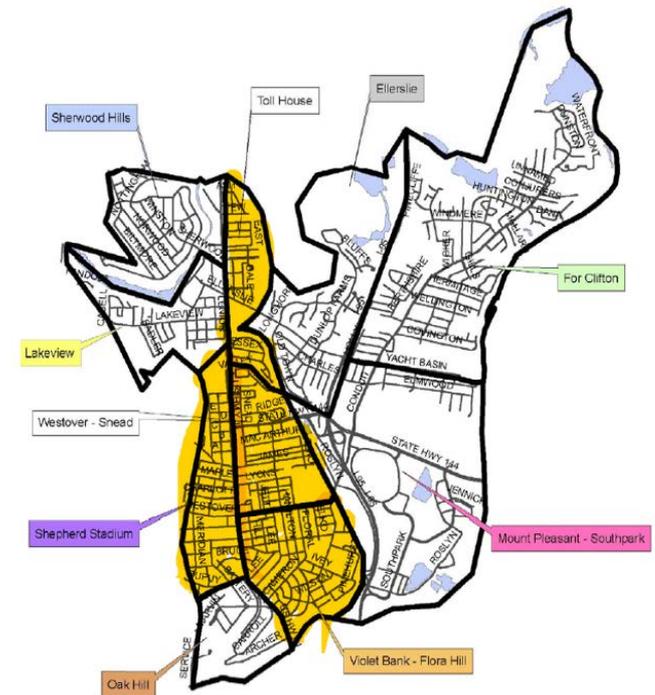
- Be a single-family homeowner
- NEW: Be a renter with a disability
- Have active home insurance
- Current on property taxes
- At or below 80% of the area median income
- Not have received the grant in the last 5 years



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Home Repair Program: Priorities

- Homeowners
- Neighborhoods: Violet Bank-Flora Hill, Shepherd Stadium, Westover-Snead, Toll House and Ellerslie/Dunlop
- First-time applicants
- Elderly residents
- People with disabilities
- Lower income and larger households
- Those needing repairs that threaten the safety or well-being of the household members.



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Home Repair Program: Application Process

The application will be available on June 28th, 2020.

- Website
- Social Media
- The City Focus

Assistance is available for individuals who may need help filling out the application.



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NEW: Public Service Activity

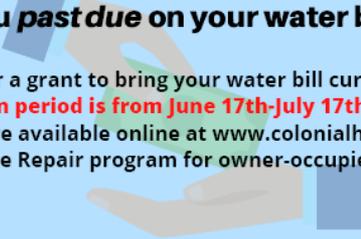
- 100% CDBG-CV funds are being used for overdue water bills due to COVID-19.
- Continue using a portion of CDBG funds annually to assist with the long-term impact of COVID-19.
- 10% of the funds will be used to help residents pay their water utility bill in full. (15% cap for Public Service Activities)
- Approximately 50-60 households can be served annually.



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NEW: Diversify use of funds for Administrative and Program activities

- Funds have typically been used to post required advertisements in the Progress Index newspaper.
- Expand outreach and education to residents about home maintenance and savings:
 - Selecting a qualified contractor for home repair
 - Recognizing home repair scams
 - Applying for property tax relief
 - Water conservation tips





Annual Action Plan

NEW: Diversify use of funds for Administrative and Project activities

Project Year 2020-21

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Subgrantee - Project:HOMES



In 2010 the City hired Project: HOMES to run the day-to-day business of the Home Repair Program.

