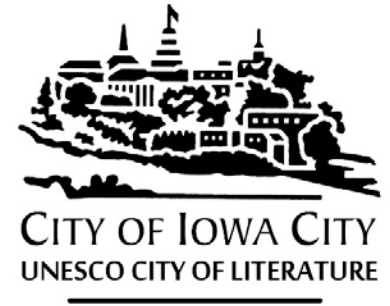


# FAQ SHEET



The City of Iowa City invites you to participate in the development of City Steps 2025: Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025, and the 2021 Action Plan.

## ***What is City Steps 2025?***

City Steps 2025 is planning document that identifies the affordable housing, community development, and economic development needs in Iowa City over the next five years.

## ***Why is the City preparing this plan?***

Annually, the City receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). To continue receiving these funds, the City must identify and prioritize its needs, then explain how it will address these needs through local projects.

## ***What type of projects has the City used these funds for in the past?***

The City has allocated over \$4.0 million CDBG and \$2.8 million HOME funds since the past plan, with projects including: \$3.4 million for affordable housing, including Shelter House's permanent supportive housing at Cross Park Place; \$1.6 million for the City's Homeowner Rehabilitation Program; \$711,000 in public facilities projects such as the expansion of the Crisis Center Food Bank; \$621,000 in operating support for nonprofits; \$375,000 in streetscape and park improvements; \$250,000 to businesses in economic development assistance; and planning & administrative activities.

## ***Who benefits from these projects?***

CDBG and HOME funds assist low- and moderate-income community members. Eligibility is based on income and household size. For example, a household of four persons must have an income below \$75,500 to qualify for one of the projects or programs offered. However, those who benefit from CDBG and HOME funds often have much lower income levels.

## ***How can I participate in this process?***

Beginning June 17, 2019 you can complete an [online survey](#) and let the City know what the needs are in your neighborhood. You can also attend Stakeholder Workshops and Public Meetings June 18-20<sup>th</sup> at the Broadway/Pheasant Ridge Neighborhood Centers and City Hall.

## ***Who can I contact for more information?***

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