



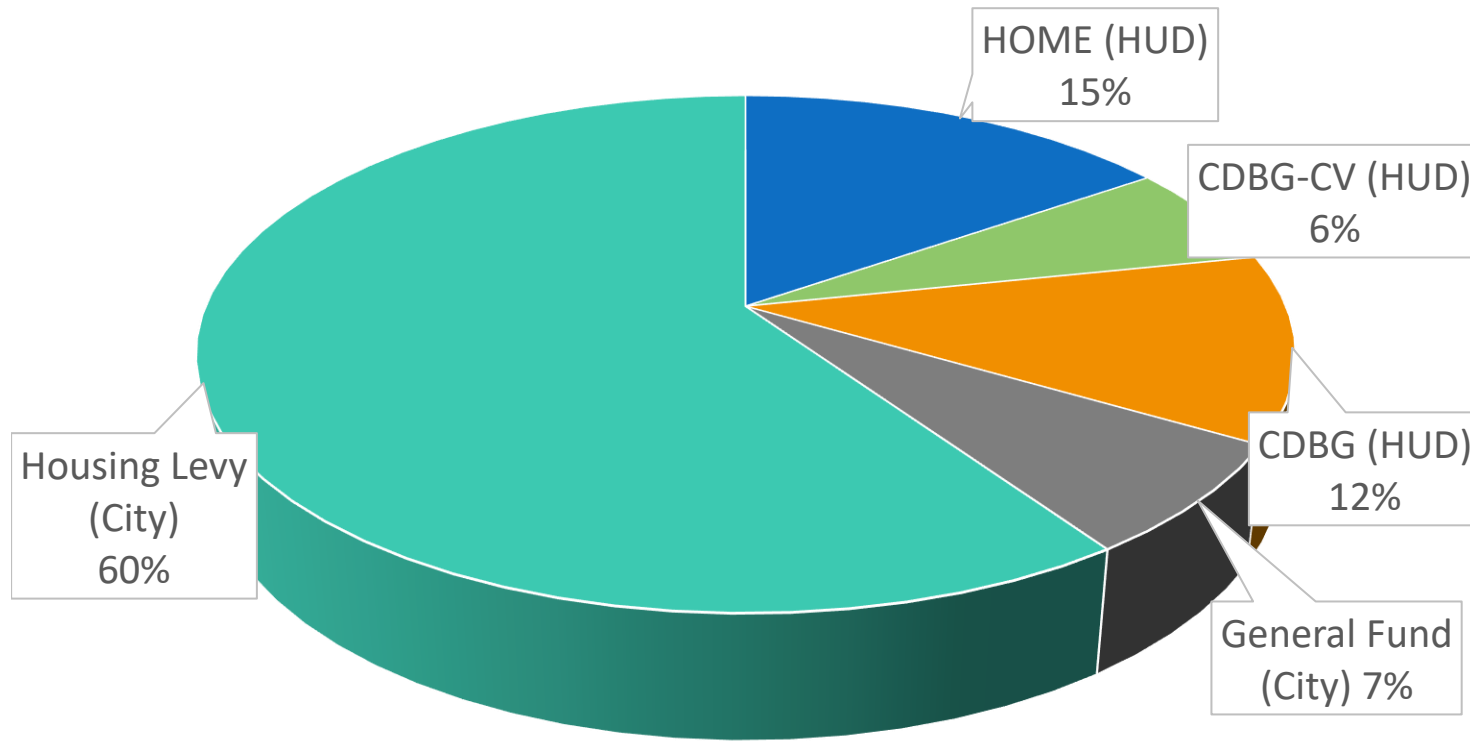
Draft Action Plan 2021

Community Development Advisory
Board

March 11, 2021



Funding Sources

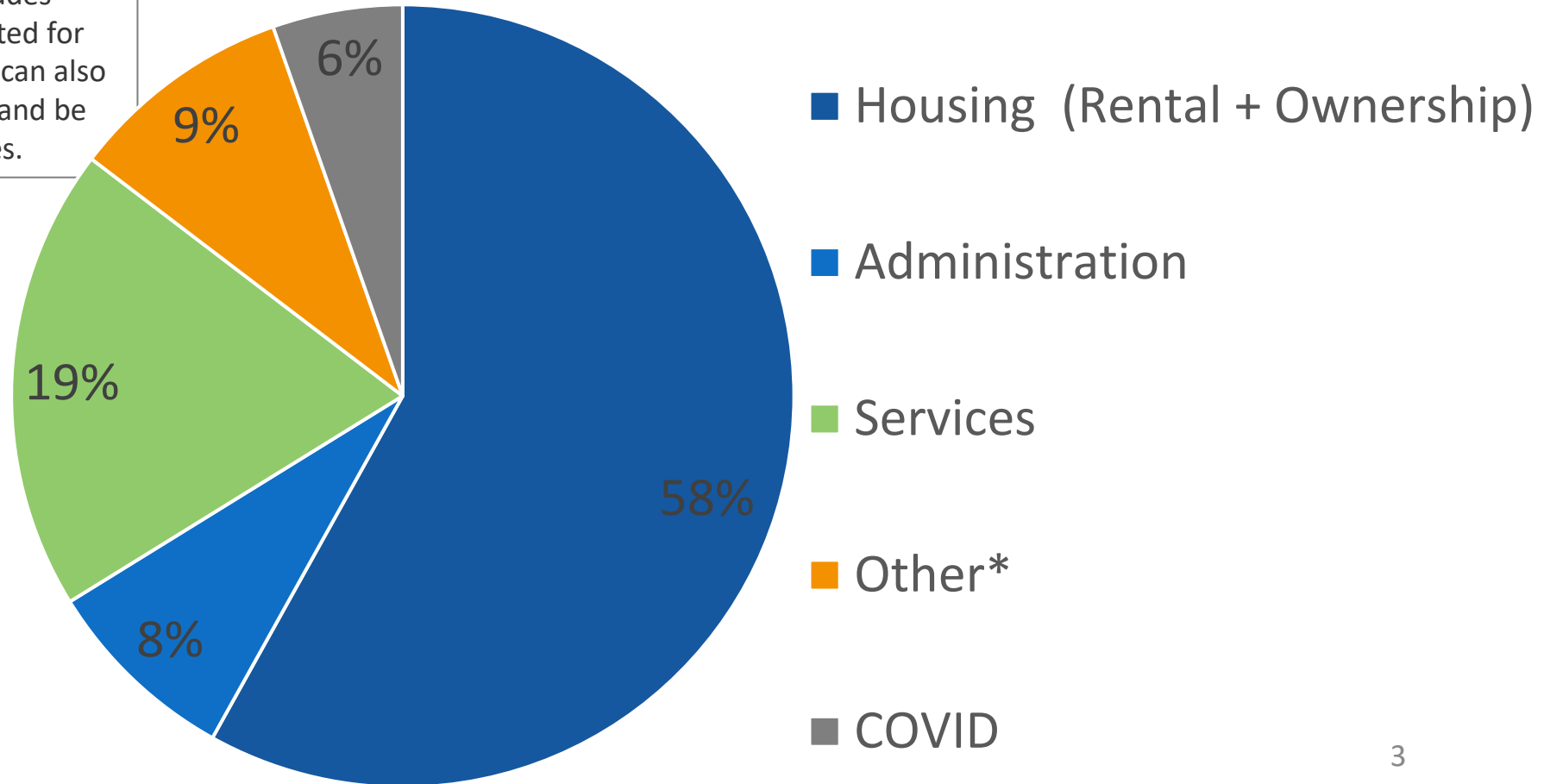


City Housing Levy new	\$4,000,000
City Levy carryover	\$6,320,822
City General Fund	\$1,211,962
HUD carryover	\$2,695,780
HUD new	\$3,092,360
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$17,320,924

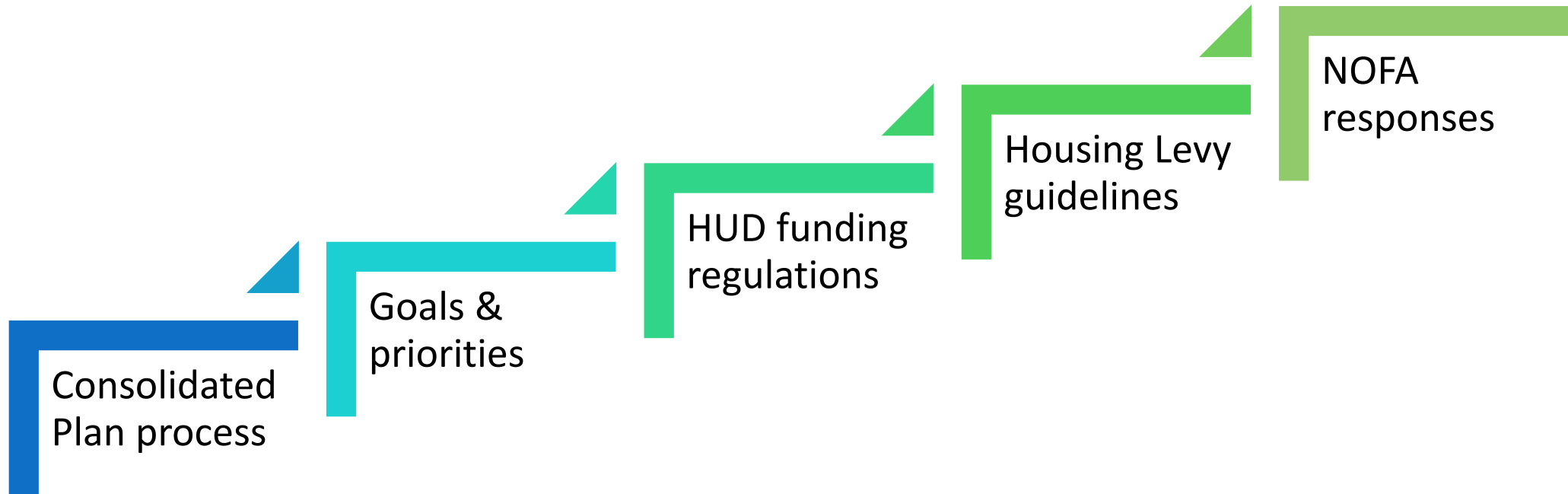
Note: all carryover funds include prior commitments to projects that are not yet either contracted or complete

Fund Source Restrictions for New Allocations

***Other portion** of budget includes funding that is typically restricted for facilities and capital costs, but can also fall into the COVID exemption and be used for COVID-related services.



Several steps in this process have informed our suggested funding allocation



The community's top priorities dictated our goals

Through the **Consolidated Plan** process and **Assessment of Fair Housing** the City, the public, and community partners identified many priorities that fit into five broad goals:

1. Increase the supply of affordable housing
2. Address and prevent homelessness
3. Preserve existing housing
4. Promote neighborhood equity
5. Coordinate effective delivery of services

Relationship between goals and programs

CONSOLIDATED PLAN GOAL

PROGRAM (Funding) CATEGORY

Increase the supply of affordable housing

- Rental housing development loans
- Low-income homebuyer assistance loans & homeownership development

Address & prevent homelessness

- Rental assistance and supportive services (rent, diversion, case management, basic needs, prevention, etc.)

Preserve existing housing

- Home rehabilitation loans
- Rental housing preservation loans

Promote neighborhood equity

- Address community & public infrastructure needs
- Administration (staff time for equity audit and proactive opportunities)

Coordinate effective delivery of services

- Administration (staff time for public education and coordination between agencies)

Agencies meeting needs with existing / carry-over City funding

Bellingham
Housing
Authority

Mercy Housing
NW

Lydia Place

Opportunity
Council

Catholic CS

Sun
Community
Services

NW Youth
Services

GRACE

LIHI / R2H

WSHFC

Kulshan CLT

N.O.F.A.

Notices of Funding Availability

- There were competitive funding announcements for these programs:
 1. Housing – Capital requests
 - A. Rental Housing Production
 - B. Preservation & Shelter
 - C. Homeownership Development
 2. Community & Public Facilities
 3. Housing & Human Services
- Funding is to support program delivery activities from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Housing – Capital Funding Requests

Funding requests for 2021 grant cycle

NOFAs Published:

- Housing Production
- Housing Preservation & Shelter
- Homeownership Development

Summary Production & Preservation Requests

- 4 applications received from 4 different organizations for development of an estimated 185 housing units
- Total funding requested = **\$7,360,000**
- Estimated available funding = **\$3,748,000** (or forward-commit more)

Agency	Project	Units
Bellingham Housing Authority	Samish Way Development – phase 3 (families)	49
Mercy Housing NW	Millworks	62
Opportunity Council	Laurel & Forest (seniors)	70
Kulshan CLT	Telegraph Townhomes – phase 1b	4

Increase the supply of
affordable housing

- **Rental housing development loans**
- Low-income homebuyer assistance loans & **homeownership development**

In line with these goals, applicants are seeking to:

- Construct new housing units for low-income residents (181)
- Develop new homeownership housing (4)

Community & Public Facility Funding Requests

Funding requests for 2021 grant cycle

One NOFA Published
• Community Facilities

Summary Community Facility Requests

- 1 application received
- Total funding requested =
\$200,000
- Estimated available funding =
over \$200,000

Agency	Program
YMCA	Childcare Facility Expansion (122 kids/23 LMI)

1 Community Facilities Application

(Statement of Intent submitted last year)

Whatcom Family YMCA

New Barkley Early Learning Center - partnership with Mercy Housing Northwest and the Barkley Company - will increase capacity by 20%, and will serve 23 (18%) low-income families

Request of \$200,000 from the City out of \$1.8M total project cost (11%)

Services Funding Requests

Funding requests for 2021 grant cycle

One NOFA Published

- Combined Housing Services & Human/Social Services

Summary Services Requests

- 27 applications received
- Total funding requested =
\$2,237,990
- Estimated available funding =
approx. \$1,760,255

Source	Amount
CDBG Services Cap 15%	\$166,646
General Fund (GF)	\$583,100
GF - Housing (Council)	\$250,000
Housing Levy	\$296,978
CDBG-COVID	\$412,564
CDBG add'l COVID	\$50,967+
TOTAL	\$1,760,255

27 Services Applications

Housing Services

\$1,583,096 in adjusted requests

5 agencies submitted 8 program applications

Human & Social Services

\$654,894 in adjusted requests

17 agencies submitted 19 program applications

Draft Action Plan – available online at:

- <https://cob.org/services/housing/action-plan>
- <https://engagebellingham.org/hud-action-plan>

Comments accepted through Thursday, April 1, 2021

Housing Action Plans and Performance

Each year an **Action Plan** is created to detail the activities and funding allocation for the coming year. The plan is also the application to HUD for federal grant funds, and is the basis for assessing performance as reported in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The **Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)** is an annual report for the City of Bellingham's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME investment Partnership Program (HOME) programs, as well as the Housing Levy. It describes the year end status of all activities proposed by the City in the annual Action Plan component of the Consolidated Plan. The report covers activities between July 1st and June 30th for the annual Action Plan, and evaluates accomplishments proposed by the Strategic Plan section of the Consolidated Plan, as well as the goals outlined in the Housing Levy Administrative and Financial Plan.

2021

- **2021 Action Plan (PDF) – draft for public comment:** The draft 2021 HUD Action Plan is currently open for public comment through April 1. Please submit comments via email to cd@cob.org or verbally at the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) Public Hearing Thursday 3/11 during the 6 PM CDAB meeting (Zoom Meeting ID: 996 9684 1975 / Password: 21 – direct link is <https://cob.zoom.us/j/99696841975>).



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We want your input!

Provide comments on the **draft Action Plan** by clicking on the "Tell Us What You Think" tab below!

PROJECT SUMMARY

The City develops a Consolidated Plan every 5 years that guides the housing and services funding targeted at low-income community members (those who earn less than 80% of the area median income (AMI), and primarily at those earning less than 30% of the AMI). This is required by the federal department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), triggered by Bellingham's status as an Entitlement Community with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and a Participating Jurisdiction in the HOME Investment Partnership program (HOME). The Housing Levy and any other funding made available to serve low-income households is also wrapped into this process.

Each year, the City receives about \$1.5m in new federal funding from the HOME and CDBG programs, and budgets \$4m in Housing Levy funding through the development of the Annual Action Plan. Each Action Plan is considered a component of the 5-year Consolidated Plan, and must be consistent with the goals and priorities laid out in that plan. The process is also guided by our [Community Participation Plan](#).

We are over half-way through our current Consolidated Plan period, which goes through June of 2023. We will begin the process of developing another Consolidated Plan this coming winter. Developing the plan is a robust process that takes about a year, and incorporates data analysis and public input in a variety of ways. Please keep an eye out for opportunities to be involved with the formation of the next 5-year plan!

In the meantime, the **Action Plan** that will guide the use of funds during the July 2021 – June 2022 period is available in draft form, and we would love to hear your comments and questions about it! The public comment period is open through April 1.

PURPOSE

- Implement the City's Consolidated Plan
- Address the City's housing and human services priorities

Explore the tools below to learn more and provide feedback!



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Key Dates



MARCH 2, 2021

HUD Annual Action Plan for the July 2021-June 2022 period published as a draft for comments



MARCH 8, 2021

Presentation 1 of 4 with Bellingham City Council, Committee of the Whole on the HUD Action Plan, focused on the overall planning process, and capital projects. [See Recording](#)



MARCH 11, 2021

CDAB Meeting and Public Hearing to take verbal comments and questions about the HUD Action Plan.

6PM - [Zoom Link](#) - Password: 21



MARCH 22, 2021

Presentation 2 of 4 with Bellingham City Council, Committee of the Whole on the HUD Action Plan