



# Department of Housing and Community Development

Division of Community  
Development and Housing  
2025-2026 Annual Action Plan



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# Guiding the Future: Regional Input for Virginia's Consolidated Plan



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# Today's Agenda

- I. Consolidated Plan Overview
- II. Your Feedback on Federal Programs
- III. HOME-ARP Update
- IV. Comments, Questions, & Next Steps!



# The Consolidated Planning Process





# What is the Consolidated Plan?

- Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirement
- Every 5 years DHCD asks “What needs are present in Virginia?”
  - Affordable Housing
  - Homelessness
  - Non-Homeless Special Needs Housing
  - Non-Housing Community Development
- **Every year DHCD submits an Annual Action Plan**



## DHCD submitted the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan in May 2023

- Completed by the state or localities that receive funds directly from HUD
- DHCD completes the Virginia plan for these federal resources



## What's included?

- A needs assessment, a strategic plan, and annual goals
- Focuses on housing, homelessness, and community development
- Includes public input and feedback from service providers, housing developers, other state agencies, localities and continua of care



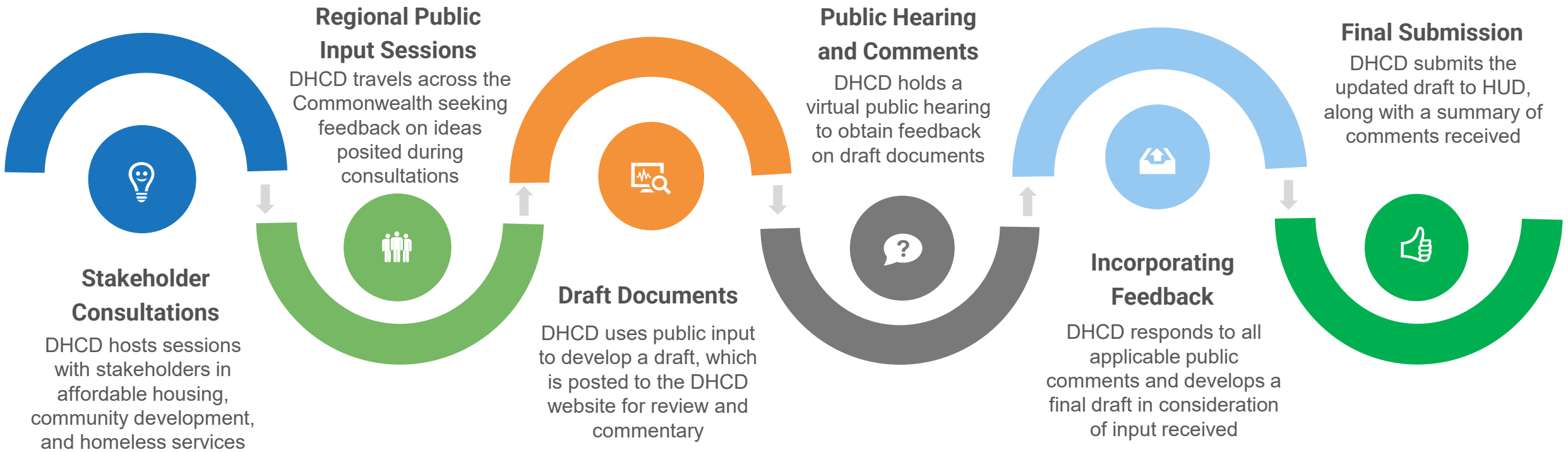


# DHCD needs your help in developing the third Annual Action Plan

- Program Year: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
- Covers the funds DHCD spends from:
  - HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
  - National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)
  - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
  - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
  - Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

# Public Participation Process

How does your feedback become part of DHCD policy?





# Annual Action Plan Participation Timeline





# What We've Heard So Far

**Stakeholder consultation sessions highlighted the following:**

- Increasing the CDBG project caps for 2024-2025 was positive
- Need for increased information regarding Public Service projects
- 2024 CDBG application revision was useful and reduced redundancies
- Need for technical assistance in program applications and implementation
- Challenges with providing services due to rising costs







***What other needs are present in your community?***



# 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan





***Which parts of the CDBG program are working well?***

***What improvements would you suggest?***





***If you are in an area impacted by Hurricane Helene, are there still unmet needs that DHCD resources could be utilized for assistance?***





***We are interested in hearing from partners regarding Homeless and Special Needs Housing (HSNH)'s current guidelines.***

***What is working in your community?***

***Are there areas that we should consider exploring for future implementation of our homeless services programs?***



***Data shows that Rapid Re-housing service numbers are decreasing while the rate of individuals experiencing homelessness is increasing.***

***In the wake of increasing costs, what strategies can DHCD utilize to address this unmet need?***





***Which parts of the Affordable and Special Needs Housing program are working well?***

***What improvements would you suggest?***



# Administrative Improvements

*DHCD is examining internal processes to identify ways to streamline grant management for our partners.*

- What challenges does your organization face in federal grant management?
- How can DHCD make it easier for your organization to apply for funding and complete projects?
- How can DHCD assist your organization with reporting requirements and program compliance?





***What else should DHCD know about the needs in your community?***





# HOME-ARP Updates





# HOME-ARP: Overview

- In 2020, DHCD was allocated \$39,724,473 in HOME American Recovery Plan Act (HOME-ARP) funding
  - Funds must be expended by June 2030

Use	Allocated Funding Amount
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$21,765,803
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$8,100,000
Nonprofit Operating	\$1,950,000
Nonprofit Capacity Building	\$1,950,000
Administration and Planning	\$5,958,670



# HOME-ARP: Rental Development

- Developer Subsidies available as low-cost permanent financing for at least 5 HOME-ARP units
  - Eligible recipients: owners, developers, or sponsors of proposed affordable housing projects with a prior commitment of ASNH funds
- Recipients will pay 30% of their income towards rent, and DHCD will subsidize up to 100% of the eligible project costs for HOME-ARP-assisted units
  - Per-project maximum investment of \$2,000,000





# HOME-ARP: Rental Development

- Units must serve persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness, individuals fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, and/or those at risk of housing instability
  - Must use Coordinated Entry System

## ***Tentative Dates***

**How-to-Apply Webinar:** December 2024/January 2025

**Application deadline:** End of January 2025



***How can DHCD assist your organization in utilizing the new HOME-ARP funding?***



# Important Dates

- **2025-2026 Annual Action Plan**
  - March 2025: Draft documents available on DHCD website
  - April 2025: Public comment period closes
    - Submit feedback any time until then!



# Thank you for participating in today's input session!

## Interested in providing additional feedback?

- Submit Written Comments through April 25, 2025
  - Submit via email: [feedback.ppc@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:feedback.ppc@dhcd.virginia.gov)
  - Online at <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/consolidated-plan>
  - Scan the QR code to go submit comments







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