

**COUNTY OF DELAWARE  
PENNSYLVANIA**

**URBAN COUNTY  
CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

As a HUD entitlement community, Delaware County must prepare a Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) in order to implement Federal programs that fund housing, community development and economic development within the community. The Delaware County ConPlan is for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013 and covers all of the municipalities in Delaware County excluding the City of Chester, Haverford Township, and Upper Darby Township, which prepare their own ConPlans.

Under the Consolidated Plan regulations, HUD combined the applications and reporting requirements for three applicable formula-based Federal grant programs: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). By combining the process for the grant programs, HUD intended that communities develop a comprehensive vision that encompasses affordable housing, adequate infrastructure, fair housing, enhancement of civic design, vigorous economic development combined with human development and a continuum of care for helping the homeless.

The overall goals of the housing, and community development and planning programs covered by this ConPlan are to strengthen partnerships with other jurisdictions and to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector. This includes for-profit and non-profit organizations to enable them to provide decent housing, establish, and maintain a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities for every American.

### **A. Purpose of the Consolidated Plan**

The ConPlan process requires Delaware County to state in a single document its plan to pursue its goals for all housing, community development, and planning programs. It is these goals against which HUD will evaluate the ConPlan and Delaware County's performance. Consistency with the ConPlan is also a prerequisite to receiving funds under the following Federal programs.

- HOME Investment Partnerships Program
- Emergency Shelter Grant Program
- Family Unification Program
- Healthy Homes Demonstration Program
- Green and Healthy Homes Technical Studies
- Hope VI Revitalization Grants
- Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program
- Assisted Living Conversion Program for Eligible Multifamily Projects
- Fair Housing Initiatives Programs
- Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) programs
- Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP)
- Public Housing Family Self Sufficiency
- Housing Counseling Programs
- Housing Counseling Training
- Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program (LHRD)

- Lead –Based Paint Hazard Control (LHC)
- Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Coordinators
- Section 202 - Supportive Housing for the Elderly
- Section 811 - Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities
- Competitive HOPWA grants

In addition, the Delaware County Housing Authority is required to obtain a letter of consistency with the ConPlan as part of its Agency Plan submission to HUD.

Delaware County has developed a single, consolidated planning and application document in consultation with public and private agencies. This Delaware County ConPlan encompasses the application for the CDBG Program, the HOME Program, and the ESG Program. Delaware County is not an entitlement community under the HOPWA Program.

The ConPlan for Delaware County will serve the following functions.

- A planning document that enables Delaware County to view its HUD funding, not in isolation, but as one tool in a comprehensive strategy to address housing, community development, and economic development needs
- An application for CDBG Program funds, HOME Program funds, and ESG Program funds under HUD's formula grant
- A strategy document to be followed in carrying out HUD programs
- An action plan that provides a basis for assessing performance in carrying out use of CDBG Program funds, HOME Program funds, and ESG Program funds

## **B. Three Year Consolidated Plan Development Process**

This Consolidated Plan has been developed in accordance with Title I of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act and pursuant to the requirements of HUD. The Delaware County Office of Housing and Community Development is responsible for preparing the ConPlan under the direction of the County Council. Delaware County solicited input for the development of the ConPlan from numerous agencies and organizations in the County whose primary mission is homelessness, affordable housing and community development including:

### Homelessness

The Homeless Services Coalition (HSC) of Delaware County is a group of over 90 entities dedicated to assisting homeless individuals and families. HSC exists to assist homeless people in Delaware County to become self-sufficient and to secure safe, affordable housing. It promotes, coordinates and supports the development of homeless programs that provide comprehensive services including outreach, shelter, supportive services and housing to the homeless population. Members of HSC are committed to the development of close collaboration and cooperation among service providers, homeless persons, funding sources, religious groups, business, government and interested members of the community. County employees who represent the Offices of Housing and Community Development, Behavioral Health and Adult Services lead the Coalition.

### Non Homeless Special Needs

The Delaware County Local Housing Option Team (LHOT) was formed to address the issue of limited resources for people with disabilities in the community. Prominent organizations in the disability and housing community as well as the community at large combine their existing resources to more effectively serve the community. There are currently over 17 agency members.

The mission of the Delaware County LHOT is to assist persons with disabilities in coordinating a comprehensive array of services and resources essential in reaching their individual housing goals.

#### Public Participation

In agreement with 24 CFR 91.115(e) Delaware County has adopted a Citizen Participation Plan describing the citizen participation requirements of its CDBG program, HOME program, and ESG program. The Citizen Participation Plan is on file at the Delaware County Office of Housing and Community Development.

A second Public Hearing to hear comment on the Proposed Plan was held on **April 6, 2010** at the Delaware County Courthouse in the Borough of Media. The public hearings were advertised in the *Delaware County Daily Times* and promoted on the County's website.

In agreement with 24 CFR 91.100(4), Delaware County notified the adjacent units of government that it was completing this ConPlan. Copies of the letters are contained in **Appendix 3** of this document. Delaware County also has sent a copy of its ConPlan to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

**On March 24, 2010** a summary of the ConPlan was published in the *Delaware County Times* alerting interested persons as to the availability of the ConPlan. In addition, an Executive Summary was posted on the County's website at [www.co.delaware.pa.us](http://www.co.delaware.pa.us) and a copy of the ConPlan was made available for review at the Office of Housing and Community Development.

The public review and comment period was **from March 25 through April 23, 2010**. County Council approved the submittal of the ConPlan to HUD on **May 11, 2010**. **Documentation of the Citizen Participation process is included in Appendix C.**

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