

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE DU PAGE COUNTY CONSORTIUM**

DuPage County expects to receive \$4.2 million in funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program, \$157,766 from the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, and \$2.2 million from the HOME Investment Partnerships Act Program for FY2010. The overall goal of these three programs is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low and moderate income persons. It is estimated that at least 95% of the DuPage County funds received from these three programs, and covered by the Consolidated Plan, will benefit persons of low and moderate income.

A draft Consolidated Plan describing the use of these funds in the next program year, and describing the strategies for the use of these funds over the next five years, has been prepared for public comment. A public hearing regarding the consolidated plan will be held:

Thursday, January 14th, 6:30p.m.
421 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, Illinois
Room 3-500b, (third floor, north end of building)

The location of the public hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. Anyone requiring special accommodation should contact the DuPage County Department of Community Services, Community Development Office at (630) 407-6600.

Complete copies of the draft Consolidated Plan are available for review beginning January 4, 2010, at the Community Development Office, and online at

http://www.dupageco.org/cdc/generic.cfm?doc_id=4362. A CD version will be available at municipal buildings, township offices and public libraries throughout the DuPage County Consortium area, which includes any municipality wholly or partly in DuPage County. Additional free copies are available to interested organizations or individuals, and may be obtained by contacting the DuPage County Community Development Office. The primary elements of the Consolidated Plan are summarized as follows:

1. **Housing Market Analysis** - Housing availability, cost, and condition are described. Also included are a description of barriers to affordable housing, and strategies for meeting affordable housing needs.

2. **Homeless Needs Assessment, Resources, and Strategies** - A profile of homelessness in DuPage County is provided. An inventory of homeless facilities and services, and strategies for ending homelessness are provided.
3. **Non-Housing Community Development Needs** - Needs, resources, and priorities for supportive services for special populations are outlined. Populations identified include seniors, persons with disabilities, and low to moderate income families.
4. **Action Plan** - The primary emphasis of the Action Plan is the list of activities that will be funded with the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Act and Emergency Shelter Grant dollars in the next program year. An appendix to the document includes a summary description of each funded activity.
5. **Certifications** - The County certifies that it is following, and will follow, federal laws and regulations applicable to the four federal programs covered by the Consolidated Plan.
6. **Monitoring** - This part describes how implementation of the Consolidated Plan will be reviewed and evaluated.

Written comments on the Consolidated Plan will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on February 5, 2010. Written comments may be sent to: DuPage County Department of Community Services, Community Development Office, 421 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.