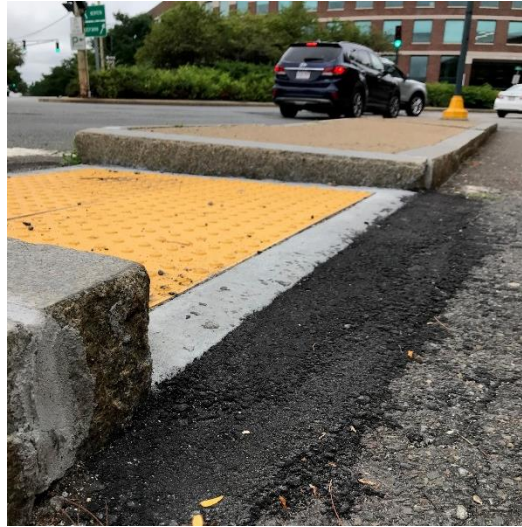


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FY21-FY25 CONSOLIDATED PLAN and CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

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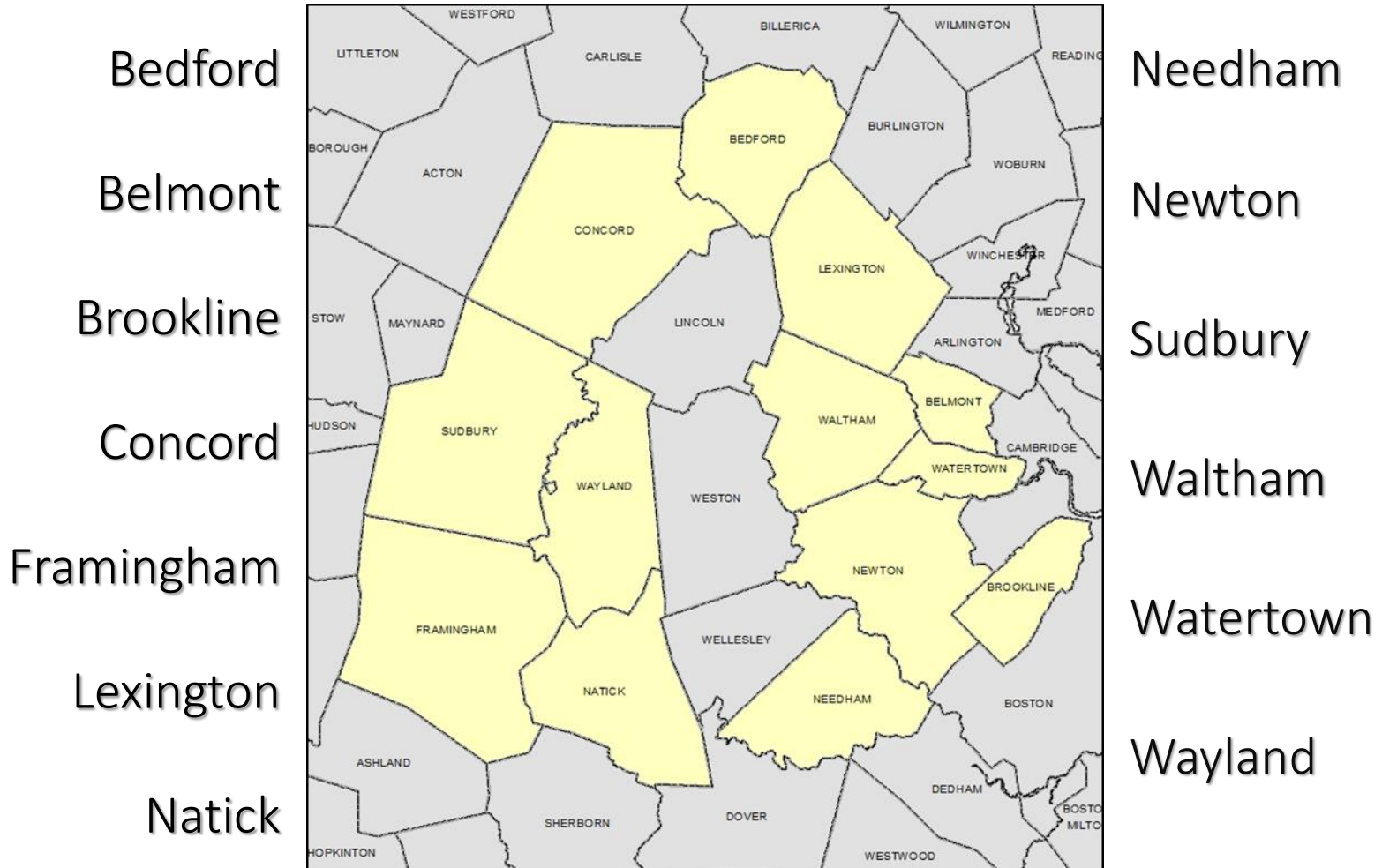
Consolidated Plan Timeline

Spring 2019	FY21-25 Consolidated Plan Kick-off
Summer 2019	Needs Assessment – Data Collection
Fall 2019	Needs Assessment and Market Analysis – Public Meetings, Brown Bags, Focused Groups, etc.
Winter 2019-2020	Development of Strategic Plan
February 3 rd , 2020	P&D Board Public Hearing of Draft Consolidated Plan and Citizen Participation Plan
May 15 th , 2020	Submission of Consolidated Plan and FY21 Annual Action Plan

Purpose of Federal Funds

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):** Provision of decent housing, suitable living environments, and the expansion of economic opportunities for low-to-moderate income persons.
- **HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME):** Creation of affordable housing for low-income households, including building, acquiring, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance.
- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG):** Supports outreach, operations and improvements of shelters, and prevention/rapid rehousing services for homeless and at-risk individuals and families.

WestMetro HOME Consortium



Low- to Moderate-Income

Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) refers to a gross annual household income at or below 80% of the area median income (AMI).

FY2019 HUD Income Limits – Newton, MA					
Income Level	Household Size				
	1	2	3	4	5
30% AMI	\$24,900	\$28,450	\$32,000	\$35,550	\$38,400
50% AMI	\$41,500	\$47,400	\$53,350	\$59,250	\$64,000
65% AMI	\$51,552	\$58,916	\$66,281	\$73,645	\$79,537
80% AMI	\$62,450	\$71,400	\$80,300	\$89,200	\$96,350
100% AMI	\$79,310	\$90,640	\$101,970	\$113,300	\$122,364
110% AMI	\$87,241	\$99,704	\$112,167	\$124,630	\$134,600
120% AMI	\$95,172	\$108,768	\$122,364	\$135,960	\$146,837

Planning Process

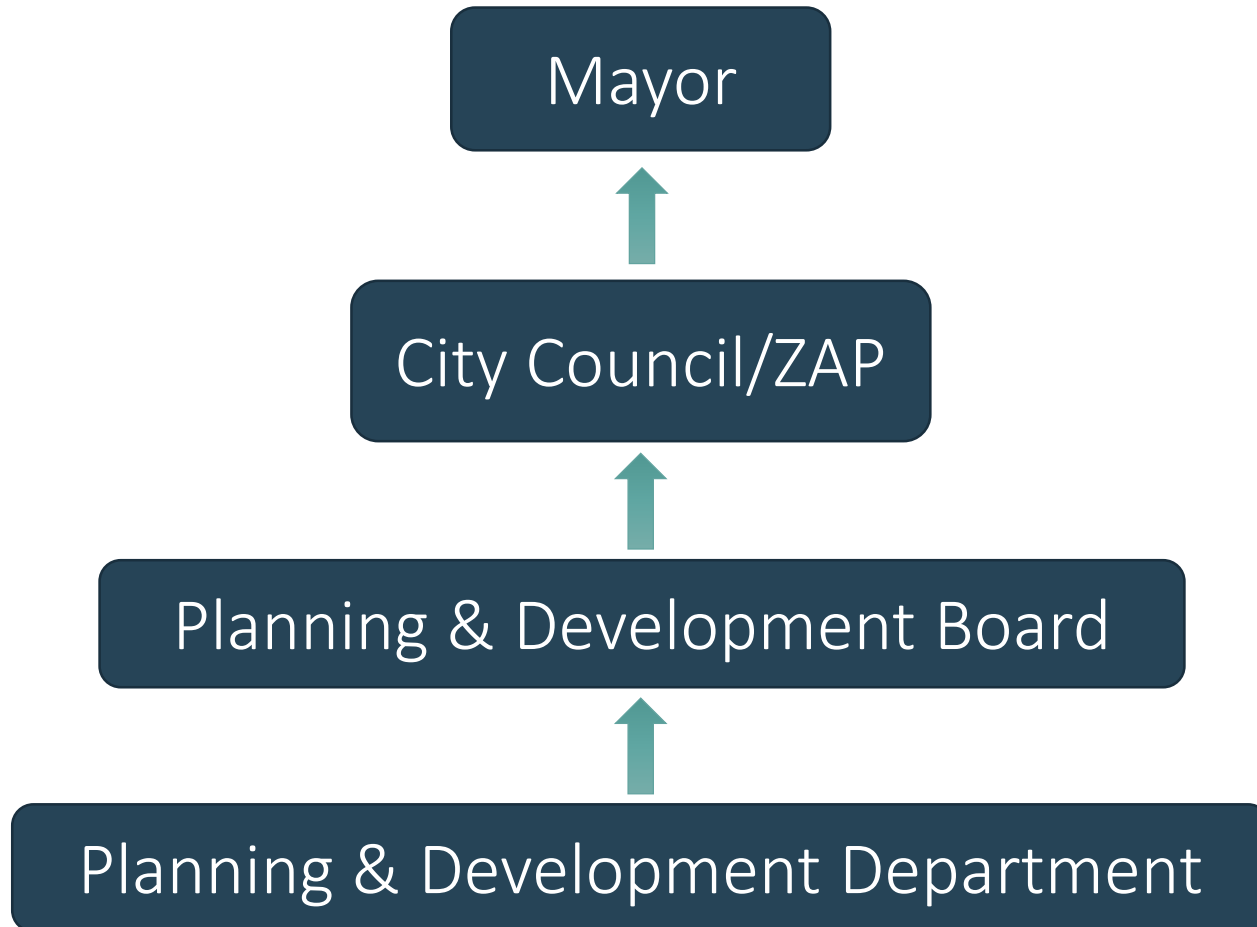


Citizen Participation Plan

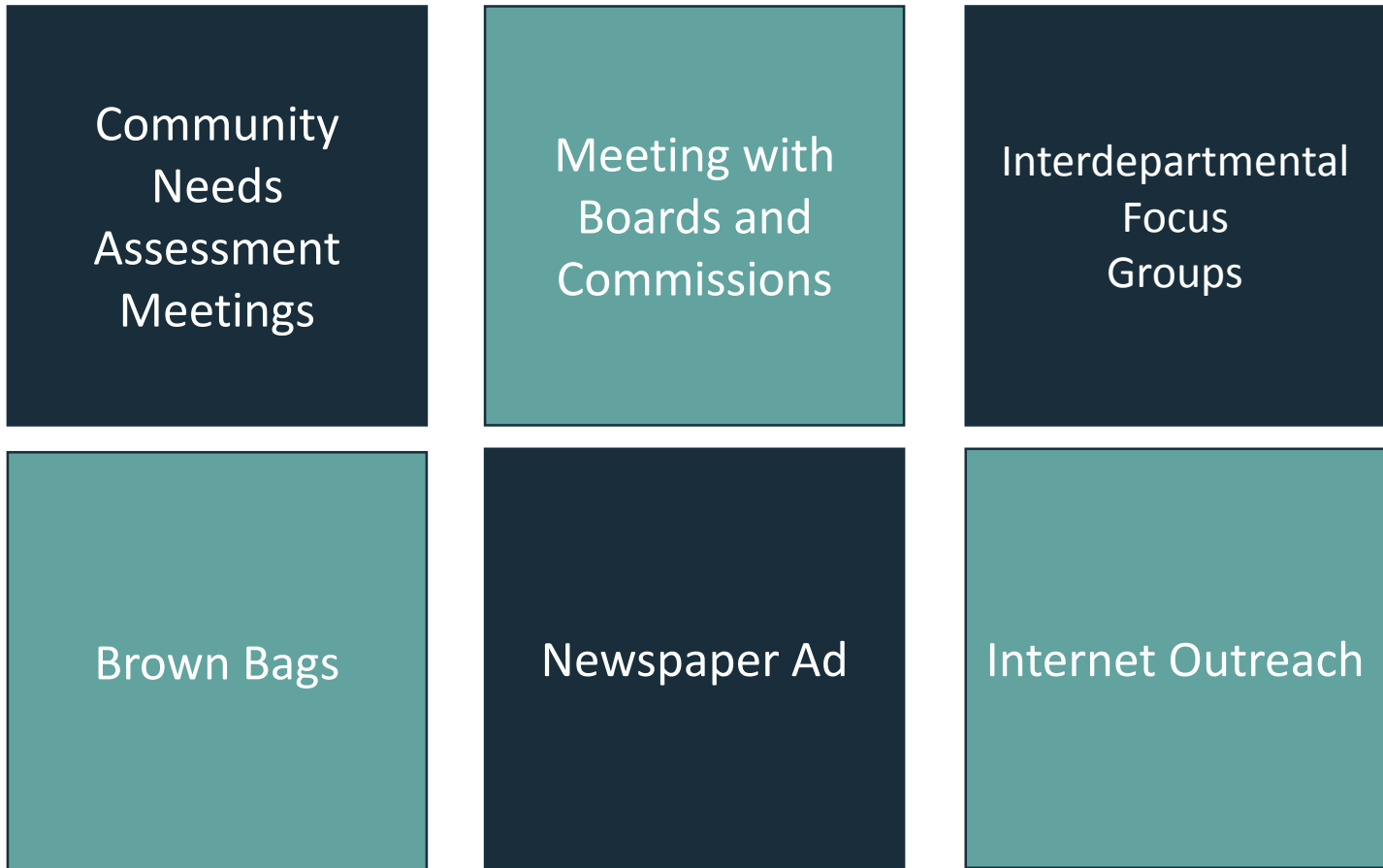
To solicit feedback from the public, regarding the use of the City's federal funds and the development of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and CAPER, the Planning and Development employs the Citizen Participation Plan.



Structure of Approval of Consolidated Plan



Citizen Participation Process for Consolidated Plan



Citizen Participation Process

- 2Life Communities
- Balance of State Continuum of Care
- Brookline Community Mental Health Agency
- Community Day Center of Waltham
- Economic Mobility Pathways
- Family ACCESS of Newton
- Horace Cousens Industrial Fund
- Jewish Family and Children's Services
- John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club
- Metropolitan Area Planning Council
- Middlesex Human Service Agency
- Newton Commission on Disability
- Newton Community Development Foundation
- Newton Dept. of Health and Human Service
- Newton Dept. of Public Works
- Newton Dept. of Public Buildings
- Newton Dept. of Senior Services
- Newton Fair Housing Committee
- Newton Housing Authority
- Newton Housing Partnership
- Metro West Collaborative Development
- Pine Street Inn
- REACH Beyond Domestic Violence
- Riverside Community Care
- The Second Step
- United Citizens for Housing Affordability in Newton

& Newton residents!

Anticipated Resources for FY21

Funding Source	<u>Anticipated Amount</u>	% from FY20 Allocation
CDBG	\$1,957,000	↑ 3%
HOME	\$1,512,000	↑ 8%
ESG	\$163,620	↑ 1%
Total	\$3,632,620	

Goals for FY21-25 Consolidated Plan



1. Affordable Housing
2. Fair Housing
3. Human Services
4. Supportive Services for Homeless and At-Risk of Homelessness
5. Architectural Access

Goal #1: Affordable Housing

Create, preserve, and rehabilitate safe, decent, and affordable rental and ownership housing and provide financial support to income-eligible first-time homebuyers.



Goal #1: Affordable Housing

The Need

- Affordable rental units with appropriate supportive services for individuals and families at or below 60% AMI, 50% AMI and those at or below 30% AMI, including unit types and sizes appropriate for single-person households up to large family households.
- Affordable rental units with affordable and sustainable support services for extremely low-income to moderate-income seniors looking to age in community.
- A greater number of affordable, fully-accessible units for persons with disabilities at or below 50% AMI and those at or below 30% AMI.
- Affordable housing that is accessible to employment centers and transit options

Goal #1: Affordable Housing

Strategies

- **Production of Affordable Units:** To increase affordable rental and homeowner housing units
- **Rehabilitation of Existing Units:** To support the rehabilitation of affordable homeowner and rental units, including public housing
- **Preservation of Affordable Units:** To preserve the affordability of housing units
- **Support Affordable Homeownership:** To provide financial support for low- to moderate-income first-time homebuyers purchasing deed-restricted affordable units
- **Tenant-Based Assistance for Rental Housing:** To assist low- to moderate-income households with security deposit and rental assistance to move-in and maintain affordable rental housing

WestMetro HOME Consortium Goals

Tenant-Based Assistance for Rental Housing

- Bedford
- Framingham
- Natick
- Waltham
- Wayland

Rehabilitation of Existing Units

- Bedford
- Brookline
- Concord
- Framingham
- Lexington
- Needham
- Newton
- Waltham

Production of Affordable Units

- Bedford
- Brookline
- Concord
- Framingham
- Lexington
- Natick
- Needham
- Newton
- Sudbury
- Watertown
- Wayland

Preservation of Affordable Units

- Brookline
- Newton

Goal #2: Fair Housing

Continue to collaborate with the Newton Fair Housing Committee to help Newton to be a diverse community and to educate developers, landlords and key stakeholders to help subside housing discrimination.

The goal is to ensure every person has equal opportunity and access to affordable housing.



Goal #2: Fair Housing

The Need

- Support and expand community diversity
- Improve fair housing performance and compliance regarding the City's fair housing plans and applicable policies and laws
- Update Analysis of Impediments to outline the strategies to affirmatively further fair housing across Newton and the Consortium

Goal #2: Fair Housing

Strategies

- Ensure compliance with state/federal anti-discrimination and fair housing laws in project development and programming
- Ensure all units are affirmatively marketed
- Continue fair housing education/outreach/training/advocacy



Goal #3: Human Services



Financial support for programs that directly benefit low- and moderate-income youth, families, seniors, and persons with disabilities.



**Above (clockwise): Dept. of Senior Services, Newton Community Development Foundation, and Newton Housing Authority*

Goal #3: Human Services

The Need



Goal #3: Human Services

Strategies

- Revise RFP to better highlight human service needs and solicit proposals to close those gaps
- Continue to collaborate with Newton Health and Human Service Department to share resources
- Host quarterly meetings among homeless and human service providers to provide opportunity for collaboration and coordination

Goal #4: Supportive Services for Homeless and At-Risk of Homelessness



Provide supportive services for individuals and families that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, including financial support for existing emergency and transitional housing.



**Above (clockwise): Middlesex Human Service Agency, Brookline Community Mental Health Center, and Community Day Center of Waltham.*

Goal #4: Supportive Services for Homeless and At-Risk of Homelessness

The Needs

- According to the 2019 Point-In-Time Count, conducted by the Massachusetts Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC), 1,737 were housed through a combination of emergency shelter and transitional housing across the CoC.
 - 181 homeless individuals were found unsheltered.

2019 Point-In-Time Count in BNWW Region by Community	
Newton	35 sheltered; 0 unsheltered individuals
Waltham	210 sheltered; 45 unsheltered individuals
Watertown	0 sheltered; 0 unsheltered individuals
Brookline	11 sheltered; 0 unsheltered individuals
Total	256 sheltered; 45 unsheltered individuals

Goal #4: Supportive Services for Homeless and At-Risk of Homelessness

The Need



Goal #4: Supportive Services for Homeless and At-Risk of Homelessness

Strategies

- Continue to target a percentage of ESG funds to support emergency shelters and transitional housing programs, which will stabilize homeless individuals and families who would otherwise be unsheltered
- Continue to target ESG funds towards homelessness prevention and rapid-housing programs
- Host quarterly meetings among homeless and human service providers to provide opportunity for collaboration and coordination

Goal #5: Architectural Access



Remove architectural barriers throughout the City, from public thoroughfares, public buildings, parks, and recreational facilities, and increase accessibility and mobility for persons with disabilities.

Goal #5: Architectural Access

The Need

- Automatic door openers, accessible toilet rooms, and ramps at neighborhood libraries, community centers, and field houses
- Proper signage on the interior and exterior of all public buildings
- Improved signage for accessible parking spaces
- Accessible pathways to park amenities and building entrances
- Sidewalk improvements
- Curb cuts
- Mid-block signals

Goal #5: Architectural Access

Strategies

- Continue to collaborate with the Commission on Disability to identify and prioritize access projects across the City
- Update the ADA Transition Plan with ADA/Section 504 Coordinator, Commission on Disability, and City departments

Next Steps

February 2020	Deadline for FY21 Human Service and ESG Request for Proposals
Feb. – April 2020	Development of FY21 Annual Action Plan (AAP)
March 2020	Kick-off meeting with consultants for FY21-25 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)
April 6, 2020	Public Hearing on Draft of FY21 AAP and Draft of AI
May 15, 2020	Submission of FY21-25 Consolidated Plan and FY21 AAP to HUD
July 1, 2020	Program Year Begins

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 - 1000 Commonwealth Avenue
 - Newton, MA 02459
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