

# Mapping Community Resources

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## **Objective**

The objective of this activity is to create maps that depict the location of all available resources and investments in the community.

## **Summary**

Mapping the location of existing Consolidated Plan grant investments, public housing, and other community assets can assist grantees in understanding and communicating the geographic distribution of past investments. The maps can help determine geographic coverage and gaps when planning for future investment activities.

## **Application to Consolidated Plan**

Understanding the geographic distribution of existing community investments and resources is a key component of the self-assessment process outlined in this guide. Maps that depict the location of existing resources can help grantees identify underserved areas, and can provide a framework for conducting citizen participation and consultation outreach.

## **Target Audience/Usage**

The target use is primarily promoting a grantee's understanding of the geographic distribution of past investments and coverage gaps, and to provide resource maps to share this information with consultation partners, in community meetings and presentations, on community-facing websites and blogs, and within the Consolidated Plan document narrative.

## **Logistics and Materials Needed**

Maps depicting HUD funded community assets are easily created using [CPD Maps](#), a Consolidated Plan mapping tool developed by HUD that includes data on:

- CDBG funded activities and property locations—housing, economic development, public improvement, and public services projects, etc.
- HOME funded activities—homebuyer and rental assistance, multifamily development, etc.
- Public Housing—including the name and total number of units, occupancy rate, etc.
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program activities
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit properties
- HUD Multifamily Properties
- Additionally, grantees may add geographic points within CPD maps that depict custom locations (e.g., project locations funded by local resources or other key sites).

Alternatively, many state and local governments have implemented web-based mapping resources that allow for mapping of locally funded programs such as public transportation, neighborhood revitalization zones, home buyer and development opportunity areas, etc.

## **Examples of Resource Mapping**

- The city of Los Angeles, CA Commission on Community and Family Services produced a [series of maps](#) depicting community resources, along with Consolidated Plan goals, transportation resources, and community amenities (such as grocery stores, senior and youth centers, job centers, etc.) as part of its Consolidated Plan outreach.

- Washington County, OR produced an online [Opportunity Mapping tool](#) that allows the public to interactively map addresses against a variety of community resources including proximity to hospitals, care clinics, and grocery stores, as well as access to services such as child care, senior and youth centers, and job training.
- King County Consortium in King County, WA created a [series of maps](#) depicting the locations of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Properties and Housing Authority Properties as part of its Consolidated Plan.
- Saint Louis County, MO produced a [series of CDBG activity maps](#) as part of their Consolidated Plan depicting participating municipalities with CDBG funded projects in public facilities, parks and recreation, private property rehabilitation, and street improvements.