

# Inventory and Engage other Planning Processes

## **Objective**

The objective of this activity is to catalog concurrent planning processes ongoing in the community and region, and to coordinate and leverage these activities for the benefit of the Consolidated Plan.

## **Summary**

As part of the consultation process with public agencies and other stakeholders, the grantee can identify other planning processes that they are currently conducting. Examples of other planning processes include, but are not limited to:

- Master Plan
- Transportation Plan
- Neighborhood Plan
- Station Area Plan
- Parks and Recreation Plan

The first step is to create an inventory of these plans by identifying the goals and objectives for each. Once the list of plans is established, the grantee can identify plans that could align with the Consolidated Plan and meet with the plan's developers to accomplish two goals:

1. Identify shared goals and opportunities to leverage the activities of each plan with the other. For instance, if a transportation plan is proposing a new public transit stop or development, the grantee could leverage this and target affordable housing development in the same area.
2. Coordinate public outreach and input between the two plans. To maximize public participation in the planning process, the grantee can coordinate public outreach and public comment opportunities with other planning processes. By aligning outreach efforts, residents may be more likely to comment on both planning processes as opposed to only commenting on the plan that conducts outreach first.

State grantees can identify and collaborate with metropolitan and regional planning organizations to understand the needs in those regions and to coordinate goals and activities with those already identified by regional planning agencies.

## **Application to the Consolidated Plan**

Identifying and coordinating with other on-going planning efforts that focus on topics similar to those outlined in the Consolidated Plan (24 CFR Part 91.100 and 24 CFR Part 91.110) enhances the consultation and citizen participation processes by leveraging the efforts and resources of these complimentary activities.

## **Target Audience/Usage**

The target audience for this activity is primarily consultation partners (public and private agencies) who are developing or have developed plans that align with the Consolidated Plan. The process also targets residents, if the grantee coordinates public outreach with other planning processes' outreach efforts.

### **Logistics and Materials Needed**

The grantee may be aware of existing planning processes, and may readily identify others by meeting with other local agencies. To supplement this list, the grantee should include a question in all consultation interviews or surveys asking the relevant organization what planning processes they have conducted in the past and are currently conducting, or if they are aware of other planning processes that could be aligned with the Consolidated Plan.

Once these plans have been identified, the grantee should conduct a more detailed consultation meeting with the relevant planning organization to identify specific opportunities for coordination and/or alignment.