

Minutes
Vermont HUD Consolidated Plan Public Hearing
February 10, 2023
3:00 p.m.

DHCD, 1 National Life Dr
Dean Davis Bldg., 6th Floor Calvin Coolidge Mtg. Room, Montpelier VT
and by virtual Teams Meeting

Public Hearing Attendees: Ari Kisler (AHS), Ron Rupp (VHCB), Rachel Batterson (VT Legal Aid), Megan Roush (VHFA)

DHCD Staff: Shaun Gilpin (DHCD/Housing, in person), Nathan Cleveland (DHCD/VCDP), Patrick Scheld (DHCD/VCDP)

Shaun opened the Public Hearing at 3:30 p.m.

He noted the next public hearing will be held on April 3rd and would be followed by the advisory board meeting to consider public comments received on the annual update of the State's HUD Consolidated Plan (Con Plan).

It was noted that March 17 is when the draft of the annual update is due, this is the fourth of the 5 year Con Plan that covers the period from 2020 – 2024.

The plan guides the State's use of approximately \$11 million in funding that is provided annually to the state by HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development for the Community Development Block Grants (CBDG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and \$3 million from the National Housing Trust Fund (HTF). The plan covers a five-year period and is updated annually.

The priority needs identified in the plan are based on an extensive housing needs assessment, market analysis, and citizen and stakeholder input. The plan establishes goals for meeting these needs over a five-year period that reflect anticipated resources and past performance. Each goal is accompanied by an estimate of resources that will be used to meet it as well as outcome indicators that will be used to evaluate the State's performance.

The purpose of the hearing was to get input from Vermonters about the state's most pressing needs in

those areas, and ideas for any programs or priorities they wish the State to consider funding with the

Consolidated Plan money and get feedback on the programs funded this year.

Ari representing ESG funding for AHS. Sarah Phillips has been able to attend previous Advisory Board meetings and would like to attend future meetings.

Rachel noted that she has reviewed the HUD required equity plan and the requirements for this will need to be reviewed further to understand how the requirements impact our process in updating the Con Plan. DHCD will continue to work with HUD to understand and provide more information as soon as it becomes available.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.