

2025-2029 Consolidated Plan 1st Substantial Amendment


Virtual Public Hearing
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2:00 P.M.

California Department of Housing and Community
Development (HCD)
Division of Federal Financial Assistance (DFFA)





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Agenda

- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Background
- ▶ Purpose
- ▶ Goal Outcome Indicators and Funding
- ▶ HOME Method of Distribution
- ▶ HOME Preference Language
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Consolidated Plan Amendment: Introduction

What a Substantial Amendment is:

If the Department needs to make big changes to the Consolidated Plan (Con Plan), Annual Action Plan (AAP), Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), or other plans, we must make a substantial amendment. The types of change that require a substantial amendment are:

- to add or remove a goal that determines how money is distributed.
- to change how money is awarded if it's not already explained in the Con Plan.
- to change how we make information and opportunities for public comment available.



Consolidated Plan Amendment: Background

The State of California's 2025–2029 Federal Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) is a five-year plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that uses community input to identify housing and community development needs, analyzes market conditions, and sets goals for how federal funds will be used. HCD administers funding for non-entitlement jurisdictions in California for the following programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids (HOPWA)
- *administered by the Department of Public Health.*



Consolidated Plan Amendment: Purpose

Revise Goal Outcome Indicators & Funding Estimates

- Reflects rising costs, potential federal funding changes, and recent awards
- Provides more accurate projections of people served and units constructed

Update HOME Method of Distribution

- Allows prioritization of gap financing in the January 2026 NOFA
- Original version (Fall 2024) didn't include this due to evolving program needs
- Amendment must be submitted now to meet public comment and approval timelines

Clarify HOME Preferences Language

- Simplifies wording to avoid confusion and ensure regulatory clarity



Goal Outcome Indicators & Funding Estimates

- ▶ **Why Update?**

Reflects rising costs, recent awards, and more accurate projections.

- ▶ **What Changed?**

Adjusted targets for housing units, services, and funding across HUD programs.

- ▶ **Why It Matters:**

Ensures realistic planning, better alignment with community needs, and effective use of federal funds.



HOME Method of Distribution (MOD)

► Why Update?

To ensure HOME funds are expended within the statutory commitment deadline and to avoid returning funds to HUD.

► What Changed?

The following six (6) changes were made:

1. Expanded the use of Over the Counter (OTC) MODs beyond Native American Entities. This means that an OTC NOFA, Project Solicitation, or Direct Funding award may be used to fund any project or program.



HOME Method of Distribution (MOD)

2. Established conditions to prioritize OTC applications in cases where the demand is greater than funds available.
3. Gave HCD discretion to limit eligibility to projects with an existing HCD award that are unable to advance to construction due to funding gaps.
4. Removed the maximum funding limits for HOME awards. Instead, those will be established by the NOFA or Project Solicitation.



HOME Method of Distribution (MOD)

5. Eliminated maximum award amounts from previous NOFAs in cases where an existing HOME Project is awarded. However, the project is still subject to the maximum per-unit subsidy amount established by HUD.
6. Clarified that if there are not sufficient applications to claim all funds for a target or set-aside, those funds will revert to the general pool of applications.



HOME Method of Distribution (MOD)

➤ Why It Matters:

These changes ensure that HCD is better serving Californians by funding affordable housing projects and programs as quickly and efficiently as possible.



HOME Preferences Language

- ▶ **Why Update?**

To clarify the intent of the language.

- ▶ **What Changed?**

Clarified that both project and program activities may use preferences. Removed examples to eliminate confusion.

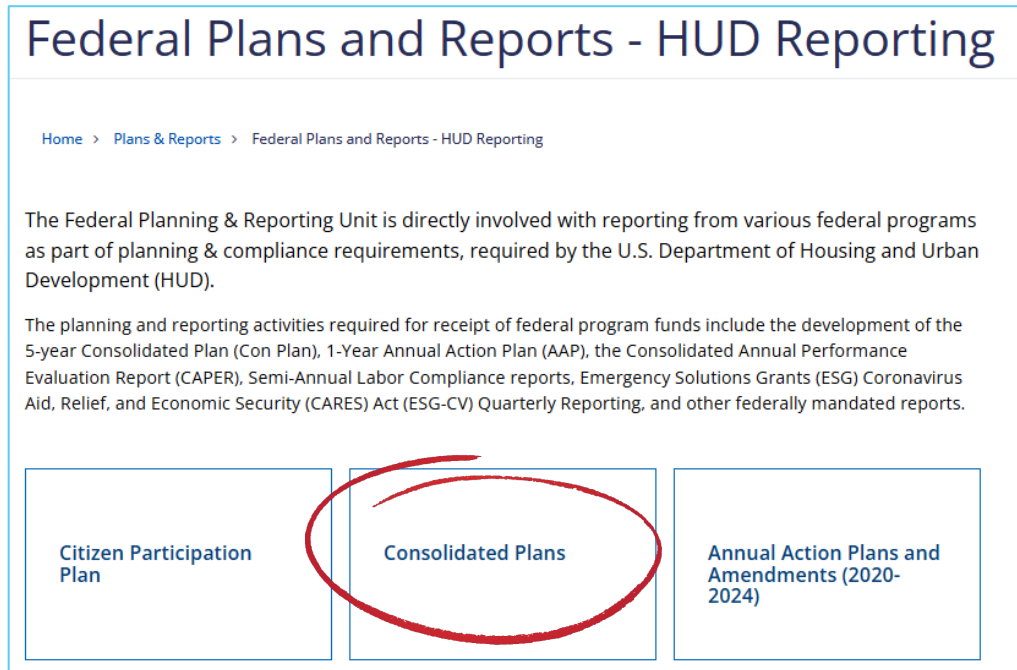
- ▶ **Why It Matters:**

Ensures that applicants easily understand that they may be able to establish a preference for any project or program activity.



Public Comment Period

This amendment can be found on the Federal Plans and Reports webpage located here: [Consolidated Plans](#)



The Consolidated Plan Amendment is available for public comment for 30 days.

The public comment period runs from November 4, 2025 – December 4, 2025.



How to Submit Comments

- ▶ Public Hearing

- ▶ In writing

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Thank you!

Thank you for your participation. Your feedback helps us in our efforts to promote safe, affordable homes and vibrant, inclusive, sustainable communities for all Californians.

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Questions, Comments, Feedback?





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