

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK PROGRAM (CDBG) Informational Presentation



## City of Meriden, CT



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# Stakeholder Session Agenda

- Introductions
- CDBG Presentation
- Discussion of Community Needs
- Stakeholder Survey



# Why are we here?

- To provide an overview of our federal funding available each year and eligible uses of each fund.
- To hear from you about the housing and community development needs and priorities within the county.



# What is a Consolidated Plan?

- 5-year Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) describes a jurisdiction's community development priorities and multiyear goals based on an assessment of housing and community development needs, an analysis of housing and economic market conditions and available resources.
- Required to be completed by all HUD entitlement communities.



# Consolidated Plan Process/Requirements

The Consolidated Plan is designed to help jurisdictions to **assess their affordable housing and community development needs** and market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based **investment decisions**.

## Consolidated Plan

- HUD entitlement grant programs are administered through the Consolidated Plan (ConPlan)
  - Managed through HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) Online
- Helps grantees determine activities and organizations to fund in the coming years.
- Describes community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities to be undertaken under certain HUD program for the following five years.

## Annual Action Plan

- The Annual Action Plan (AP) is submitted to HUD every year during the five-year ConPlan cycle.
- Describes the specific planned uses for HUD programs, and other program requirements.

## Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

- Grantees report on accomplishments and progress toward Consolidated Plan goals in the prior year.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program

Flexible funding source that can be used for a variety of activities targeted towards low to moderate income individuals, households and neighborhoods (80% Area Median Income and below). Eligible uses include:

- Public Infrastructure Improvements
- Public Facilities Improvements
- Rehabilitation of residential and non-residential buildings
- Acquisition of land or real property to be used for eligible purposes
- Economic Development Activities
- Public Services (15%)
- Planning and Administration (20%)

# CDBG National Objectives

- The authorizing statute of the CDBG program:
  1. Benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons;
  2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and
  3. Meet a particular urgency (referred to as urgent need).

*\*Primary National Objective is LMI  
70% of CDBG funds to benefit LMI persons*



# Low/Mod Limited Clientele Benefit

- Activities that benefit specific populations
- Options for meeting limited clientele:
  1. Presumed clientele
    - See next slide
  2. Requires 51% of participants are documented as LMI
    - Example: Public services targeting Low/Mod
  3. Activity participation limited to LMI only
    - Example: Community Health clinic offering free or reduced fee services
  4. Nature and location indicate low/mod benefit
    - Example: Soup kitchen / Day shelter for homeless



# Presumed Clientele (Special Needs)

- Elderly
- Severely Disabled Adults
- Battered Spouses
- Abused Children
- Homeless Persons
- Migrant Farm Workers
- Persons with AIDS
- Illiterate Adults

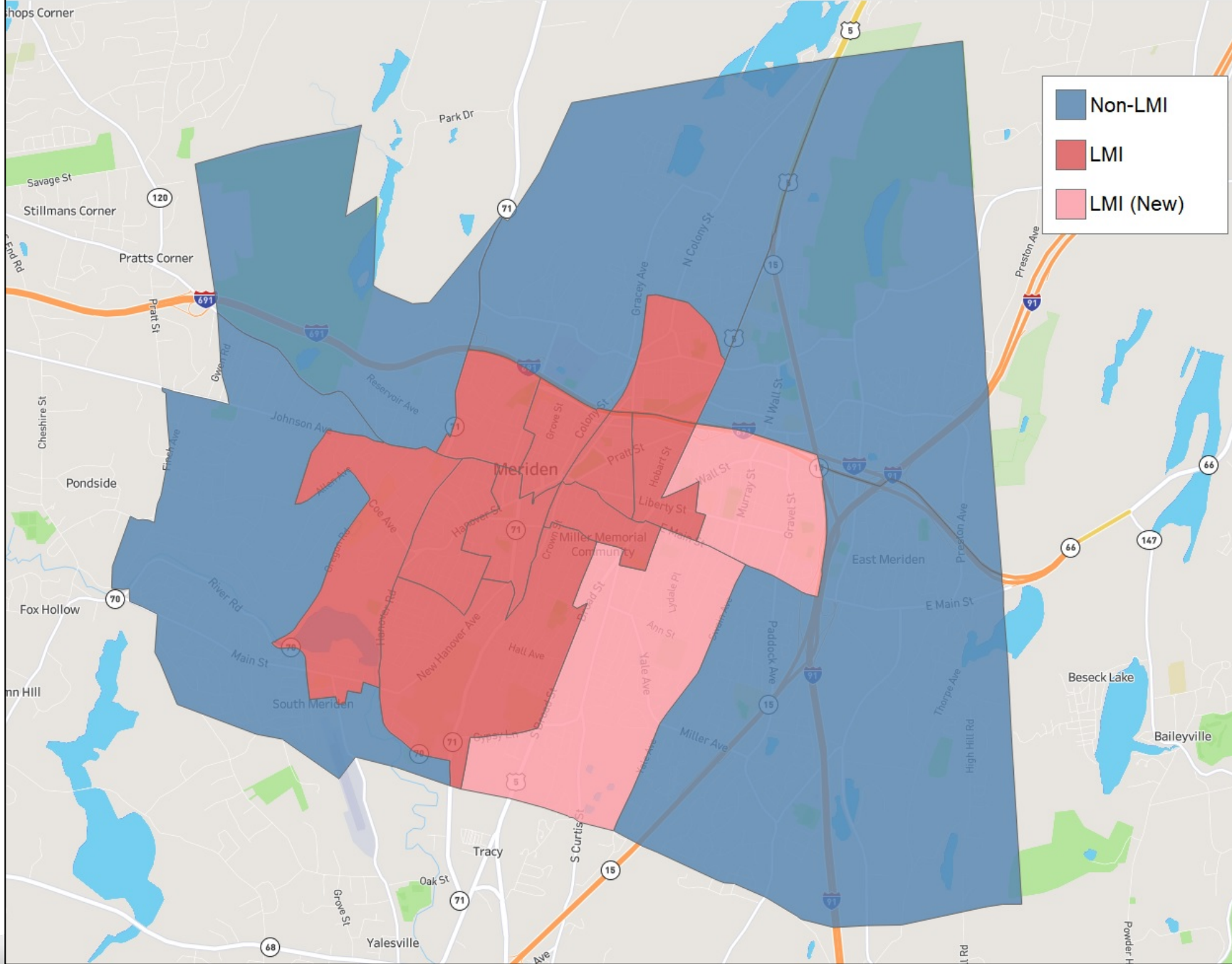


# Area Benefit

- Area census tract must be primarily low/mod income
- Activities that benefit all residents of area
- Typical activities: water/sewer lines, parks, community centers
- Area must be primarily residential



# Meriden LMI Census Tracts



# Examples of Infrastructure Projects

Clean Water / Sewer / Drainage / Sidewalk



# Examples of Housing Projects

## Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation



# Examples of Public Service Projects

## Services for Special Needs



# Examples of Economic Development Projects

## Microenterprise Business Development Training / Education



# Citizen Participation

- Citizens have a voice in determining the Priority Needs to be addressed using or CDBG funds
- Regulations stipulate that grantees must meet citizen participation requirements:
  - Grantee must hold at least two public hearings a year to obtain citizens' feedback
  - A summary of the proposed plan will be published
  - 30-day period for citizen review and comment
  - Public comments must be given consideration

- Organization:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MeridenStakeholder2020>



# CDBG Resources

- <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basically-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>
- Community Development Block Grant Program: Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for Entitlement Communities
- “A Guidebook for Grantees on Subrecipient Oversight: Managing CDBG.” (Revised March 2005) Available on HUD web site and via Community Connections
- Some of the resources listed above as well as other documents and information may be found on the One CPD Resources Exchange: <http://www.onecpd.info>