



# 5 Year Strategic Plan

This document includes Narrative Responses to specific questions that grantees of the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS and Emergency

Shelter Grants Programs must respond to in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations.

## GENERAL

### Executive Summary

The Executive Summary is required. Include the objectives and outcomes identified in the plan and an evaluation of past performance.

5 Year Strategic Plan Executive Summary:

The Town of Gilbert is a rapidly growing suburban community located in the southeast part of the Maricopa County metropolitan area.

Gilbert's Consolidated Plan or Strategic Plan for 2010-2015 was developed in consultation with the Maricopa HOME Consortium of Entitlement Communities, the Gilbert Town Council, Redevelopment Commission and Human Relations Commission, Gilbert Community Action Network, social service providers and other interested persons. The Gilbert Plan includes an analysis of needs, priorities, and obstacles and identifies strategies for addressing these issues and problems.

Key components of the plan include:

- Service area description
- Needs assessment
- Planning process and consultation
- Accountability and performance measurement
- Strategic goals

**Key Strategic Objectives include:**

- Preserve neighborhoods, health and safety through emergency home repair and minor rehabilitation assistance to qualified homeowners.
- Increase home ownership through gap financing, counseling, and other services.
- Increase the supply of quality affordable rental housing by assisting nonprofit organizations to purchase existing housing and make it available as affordable rental housing.
- Support regional Continuum of Care efforts to serve the homeless including support for homeless shelters, transitional living programs and other services for chronically homeless and seriously mentally ill individuals.
- Support neighborhood revitalization activities in distressed low income areas such as the Sonora Town neighborhood.
- Provide funding to nonprofit service providers assisting low and moderate income families, the homeless, the elderly, disabled persons, children in foster care, behavioral health clients and other special needs populations.

- Create low income jobs through providing technical assistance and funding for job training to for profit organizations.

Primary categories of need addressed in the plan are:

Housing

A complete description of area housing activities is included in the 2010/2015 Consolidated Plan for Maricopa HOME Consortium. Based on an analysis of the Gilbert housing market and needs, the following specific housing activities are planned to increase the number of quality affordable housing units in Gilbert.

- Single family owner occupied housing emergency repair and minor rehabilitation
- First time home buyer assistance
- Acquisition and /or rehabilitation of rental housing

Homelessness

The Town of Gilbert supports the Maricopa Association of Governments Continuum of Care Task Force to address regional solutions to homelessness. Local Gilbert funds support:

- Shelter services
- Transitional housing
- Case management
- Emergency assistance
- Nutrition programs
- Substance abuse treatment
- Day treatment and other services for chronically homeless, mentally ill persons

Community Development - Short term objectives include:

Public Facilities

- Support regional facilities for homeless and special needs populations

Public Services

- Support the Gilbert Senior Center, information and referral, and emergency financial assistance programs
- Support regional food, shelter, and other service providers
- Provide technical assistance to service providers

Accessibility through Barrier Removal

- Barrier removal through housing rehabilitation
- Education and technical assistance related to accessibility

Neighborhood Redevelopment and Revitalization

- Create strategies and fund activities to address problems in the Sonora Town neighborhood and other older, low income neighborhoods in Gilbert

Economic Development

- Create or retain low income jobs by providing technical assistance that help for profit companies in Gilbert grow their business and by providing funding for job training to companies that are expanding in Gilbert.

### Antipoverty Strategy

The Town of Gilbert supports programs to prevent or end homelessness and promote self sufficiency such as job training, counseling, programs for at-risk youth, home ownership assistance and counseling, emergency financial assistance and information and referral services.

### Special Needs

Non-homeless special needs populations with a high priority include seniors, disabled persons, victims of domestic violence, children and youth and low and moderate income households. Services to be provided with local funds include:

- Senior housing
- Nutrition programs
- Substance abuse treatment
- Homeless prevention
- Youth prevention programs
- Foster care support services
- Counseling and case management

### Other Narratives

- Fair Housing
- Performance Measurement System