

INTRODUCTION

The City of Grand Junction was designated as an Entitlement Community by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1996 when the County's population reached 100,000. This designation entitles Grand Junction to an annual grant of funds under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). To be eligible for funding the City must submit a Consolidated Plan, which serves as a federally required planning document that guides community development efforts in Grand Junction.

The primary objective of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income. The content and structure of the Consolidated Plan follows regulations and guidelines promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

This 2001 Five-Year Plan marks the continuation of an on-going community development planning process for Grand Junction. The intent of the process is to develop a set of local priority needs and objectives through a coordinated effort with special emphasis on citizen participation and interagency involvement. The City of Grand Junction Community Development Department is the lead organization in the development of the City Consolidated Plan.