

# City of Santa Rosa 2004-2009 Consolidated Plan

## Amendment No. 1

In compliance with Federal regulations, the City of Santa Rosa's Five-Year Consolidated Plan 2004-2009 is being amended to include changes to the following requirements:

1. Chronic Homelessness
2. Consultation and Citizen Participation
3. Executive Summary
4. Vacant and Abandoned Buildings
5. Objectives
6. Strategic Plan
7. Performance Measurement

### 1. Chronic Homelessness

Section V. Special Needs Populations is amended to include Chronic Homelessness.

Section V, Page II Characteristics of persons experiencing homelessness now includes the following:

***Chronically Homeless Persons*** – HUD defines chronically homeless persons as unaccompanied individuals with a disabling condition who have been continuously homeless for a year or more, or have had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years. To be considered chronically homeless, a person must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets) and/or in an emergency shelter at the time.

*The Sonoma County Continuum of Care 10-Year Homeless Action Plan identifies chronically homeless individuals as a group that is severely underserved in Sonoma County shelters and transitional housing. Information available on this sub-population indicates that they comprise almost half the unsheltered population.*

### 2. Citizen Participation

Section I, Page 3 of the City of Santa Rosa's Consolidated Plan addresses citizen participation and includes copies of correspondence that was received when the plan was being developed. The following language is being added:

*“The Annual Action Plan is made available to residents of Santa Rosa on the City’s website, and at several public locations in the City. Residents are provided a 30-day comment period prior to the Santa Rosa City Council approving the submittal of the Annual Action Plan.”*

3. Executive Summary

No Change - The Consolidated Plan provides an Executive Summary that addresses the areas highlighted in the Plan.

4. Vacant and Abandoned Buildings

Section IV. Housing Market Analysis is amended to include Vacant and Abandoned Buildings.

*“The City of Santa Rosa’s Department of Community Development is responsible for administering the General Plan, Zoning Code, and conducting code enforcement; as a result of this, vacant and abandoned buildings are referred to the Community Development’s Building Division. Santa Rosa has not had a large number of vacant and abandoned buildings that have needed to be addressed, as reflected in the 2005 American Community Survey Housing data provided by the U.S. Census.”*

5. Objectives

The Consolidated Plan addresses the rationale for the allocation priorities for the income categories that are assisted with CDBG and HOME funds. The City strives to address the needs of the underserved, which is why the Public Services funding is prioritized to homeless services. The following will be added to Section VI, Page 4:

**Objectives**

*“In reviewing applications for affordable housing developments targeted to households at or below low income, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) numbers are used as a gauge to assess the current need within the City.”*

6. Strategic Plan

The Consolidated Plan includes a Five-Year Strategic Plan that is included in the Executive Summary.

## 7. Performance Measurement

The following is added to Section VI, Page 4:

### **Performance Measurement**

*“HUD has developed a performance measurement system for the CDBG and HOME programs which has three overarching objectives: 1) Creating Suitable Living Environments; 2) Providing Decent Affordable Housing; and 3) Creating Economic Opportunities. There are also three outcomes under each objective: 1) Availability/Accessibility; 2) Affordability; and 3) Sustainability. These measurement tools will be incorporated into projects that are funded with CDBG and HOME dollars to contribute to HUD’s nationwide assessment of the programs.”*