

**CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO
CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2003 – 2007**

DEFINITIONS

Definitions

The *Consolidated Plan* is both a planning document and a funding application as it relates to the City of Lancaster's Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program.

Generally the *Consolidated Plan* is a complete plan which the city has elected to cover a five year period. The Action Plan is submitted annually. The *Consolidated Plan* and Action Plan must be approved by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to be eligible to received funding. Furthermore, non-governmental applicants for certain HUD funding must provide a certification their applications are consistent with the city's *Consolidated Plan*. The *Consolidated Plan* incorporates the planning activities of the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy, enacted by the Cranston-Gonzalez Nation Affordable Housing Act of 1990.

It is necessary to define the meaning of several key terms as used within the context of the *Consolidated Plan*.

CDBG: Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program

HUD: U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

CD: Community Development Department, City of Lancaster, Ohio

FY: Fiscal Year

FY 2003: Fiscal program year for the City of Lancaster, which begins on September 1, 2003, and ends on August 31, 2004

FY 2003 - FY 2007: Fiscal program years in the Consolidated Plan, each beginning on September 1st and ending on August 31st

MSA: Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area

FMHA: Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority

LFCAC: Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency

LSS: Lutheran Social Services

LM: Low and Moderate Income

MRDD: Mental retardation and developmental disabilities