



**COMMUNITY
REINVESTMENT**
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

The logo features three square icons: a teal house with a thought bubble, an orange handshake, and a red tree with a bench. Below the icons, the text "COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT" is written in large, bold, black letters, with "COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT" in smaller letters underneath.

Columbus 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan, Fair Housing Study and NRSA

July 2021



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COLUMBUS 2021-2025

**CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND
2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

JUNE 2021

CONSOLIDATED PLAN & ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

HOUSING NEEDS

- Affordability is the most common housing problem for low to moderate income households.

**2 out of every 3
low-to-moderate
income households
are cost burdened.**

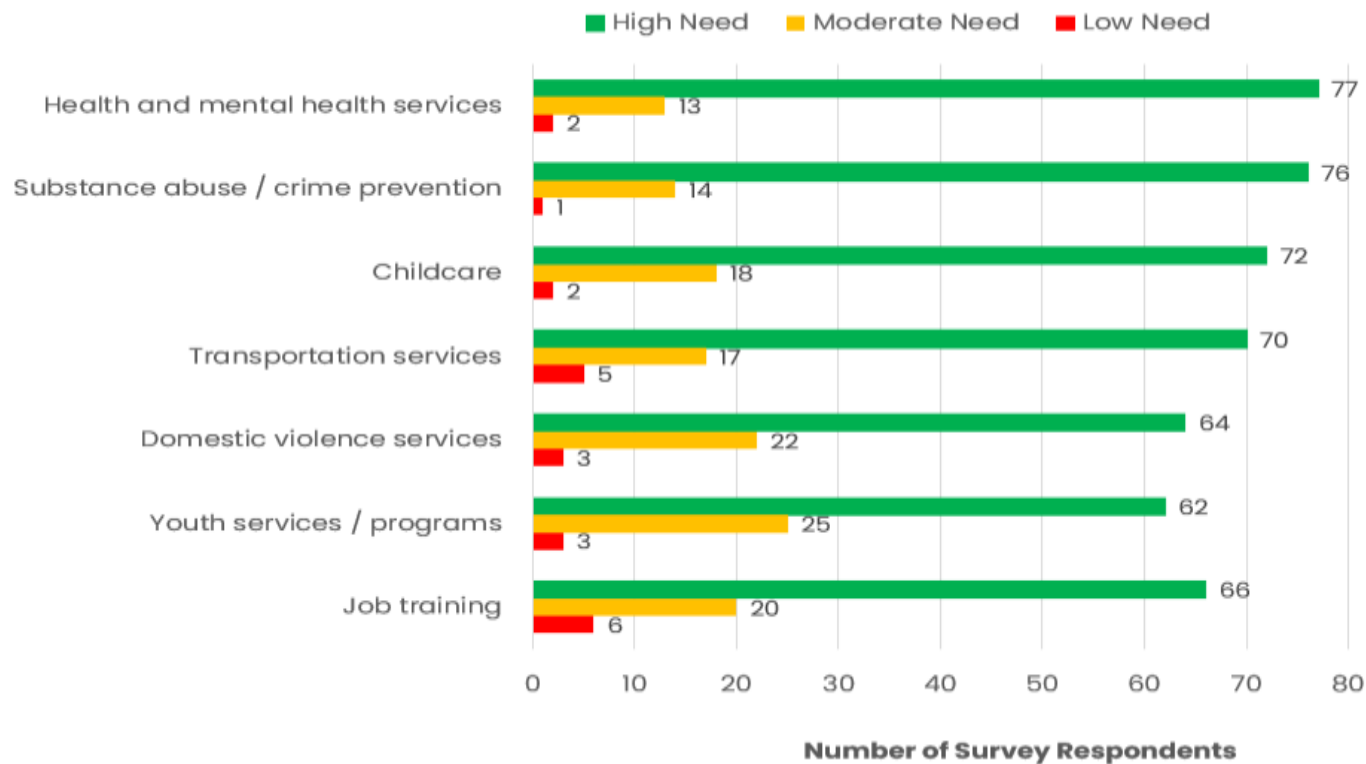
**Renters are nearly 3
times as likely to be
cost burdened as
homeowners**

- Other housing needs include improved **housing quality and blight removal, home rehab/repair** for homeowners (especially for seniors), and **rental and utility assistance.**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

- Public Service Needs

Health and mental health services, substance abuse and crime prevention and childcare were the top public service needs.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

- Public Infrastructure and Facility Needs
 - Participants in the community survey identified **high speed internet access, street and road improvements and sidewalk improvements** as the top infrastructure needs.
 - Public facility needs include **childcare centers, community centers and homeless centers**.



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**ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS
TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE**

JUNE 2021

ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING

Any action, omission, or decision that restricts, or has the effect of restricting, the availability of housing choices, based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or familial status

A HOUSING IMPEDIMENT IS...

IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

1. Low labor market engagement and limited incomes restrict housing choice and access to opportunity among protected classes
2. Continued need for neighborhood investment in South, Central and East Columbus
3. Housing options for some protected classes are limited by poor housing conditions

IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

4. Publicly supported housing options are concentrated outside of areas of opportunity
5. Insufficient housing options for people with disabilities
6. Need for enhanced fair housing education and enforcement activity



SOUTH COLUMBUS

REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

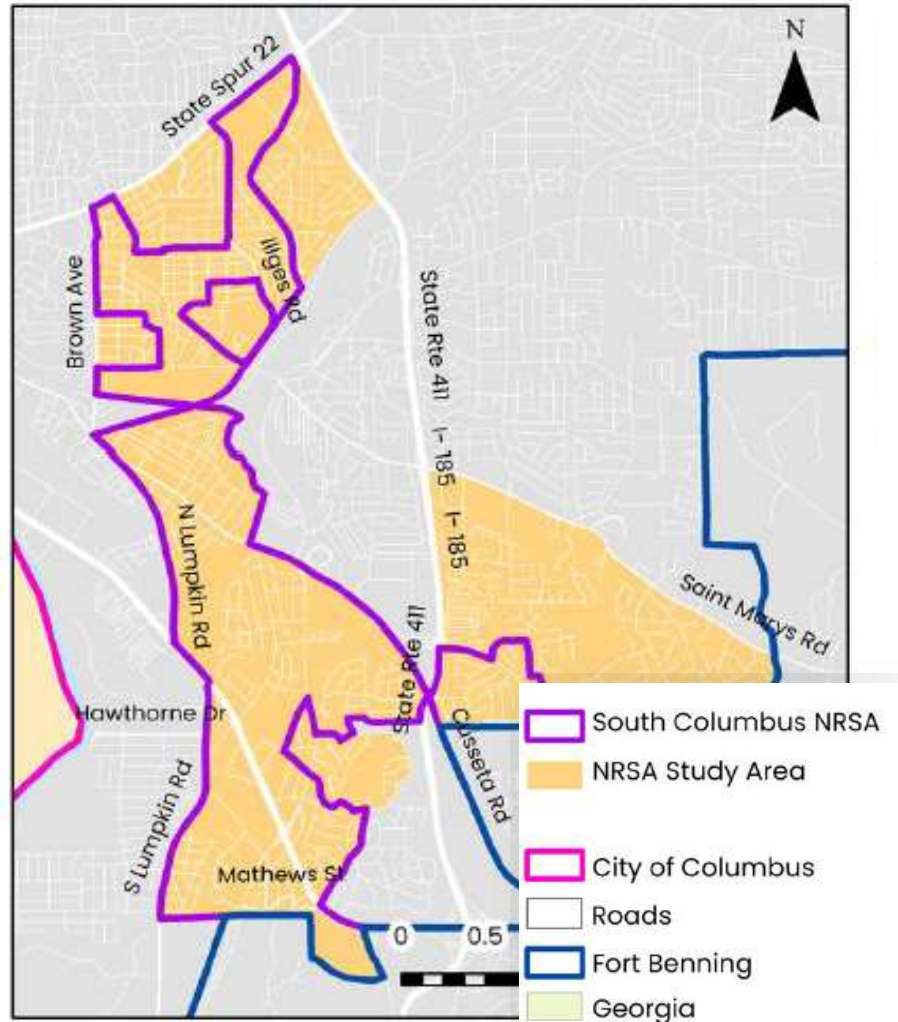
AUGUST 2021

COLUMBUS COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA

NRSA STUDY

South Columbus NRSA and Study Area



Source: TIGER/Line Shapefiles, 2019

- 91% of residents are Black
- 36% of residents are below poverty level
- The median household income is \$21,542 (compared to \$46,408 for the city as a whole)
- Nearly one-third of residents in the study area are unemployed.



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Community Reinvestment Priorities

CRD CONSOLIDATED PLAN PRIORITIES

1. Expansion of Affordable Housing Supply

- Invest in new housing supply serving low to moderate income households
- Provide down payment and closing cost assistance, as well as housing counseling

2. Housing Rehabilitation

- Preserve housing by assisting income-eligible homeowners with housing repairs and accessibility improvements.

CRD CONSOLIDATED PLAN PRIORITIES

3. Blight Removal

- Demolish blighted properties

4. Infrastructure and Public Facility Improvements

- Fund improvements for sidewalks, streets, park and recreation facilities, ADA accessibility, etc.

5. Public Services

- Increase access to employment and training programs, youth programs and childcare.

CRD CONSOLIDATED PLAN PRIORITIES

6. Fair Housing

- Provide fair housing education to help residents, landlords and other providers understand fair housing rights.

7. COVID-19 Response

- Respond to the COVID-19 pandemic through rent and utility assistance, small business assistance, food access, medical supplies, etc.

8. Program Administration

- Provide administration of the CDBG and HOME programs.

CRD FAIR HOUSING GOALS

- Establish a dedicated page on the city's website with information about fair housing.
- Develop community education around the concept of affordable housing and its value to the community.
- Give priority consideration to new affordable housing developments in areas of opportunity.

CRD FAIR HOUSING GOALS

- Develop a rental rehabilitation program that incentivizes landlords to keep their properties in good repair.
- Support programs that assist people with disabilities with the cost of accessibility modifications to their homes.

CRD NRSA GOALS

- Support neighborhood revitalization; clean up and beautify blighted commercial areas.
- Encourage commercial infill and mixed-use development.
- Launch adult education initiatives for individuals who did not complete high school, as well as promote access for those who wish to complete post secondary certification and education
- Work to ensure residents have the skills and connections needed to obtain employment with living wages.

CRD NRSA GOALS

- Host workshops that promote life skills for households such as tenant's rights, credit counseling and case management and other supportive services that lead toward upward mobility and an improved quality of life.
- Support the development of high-quality, affordable, for-rent and for-sale housing.
- Rehabilitate existing single-family housing for affordable homeownership
- Improve recreational facilities in low-to-moderate income census tracts.



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