

YONKERS, CITY OF

New York

- F&A assisted the City of Yonkers in preparing its **2015-2019 Consolidated Plan**, preparing the Needs Assessment, Housing Market Analysis and Strategic Plan sections. The Consolidated Plan is a HUD-mandated long range strategic plan that includes an analysis of the City's housing market, as well as housing, homeless, non-homeless special needs and non-housing community development needs analysis.



Yonkers receives \$4.35 million annually in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds.

The needs assessment and housing market analysis, which F&A conducted using demographic data and input from public and stakeholder meetings/hearings, inform the strategic plan. The strategic plan establishes priorities, funding allocations, long term goals, specific objectives and benchmarks for measuring progress. Yonkers Consolidated Plan was approved by HUD in the fall of 2015.

- F&A is currently working with the City of Yonkers to prepare its first ever **Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) Plan**. Despite uncertainties at the federal level on the future of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and HUD's commitment to fair housing enforcement, the City of Yonkers, one of the first in the country, has decided to forge ahead in its promise to affirmatively further fair housing. The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Rule, published July 16, 2015, is a legal requirement for federal agencies and grantees to further the purposes of the 1968 Fair Housing Act, with a streamlined process to analyze the local fair housing landscape and set fair housing priorities and goals through an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH). The AFH replaces the Assessment of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI).